OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Continue in Office Until Replaced:

The officers of the Senate continue in their positions until their successors are appointed by the Senate, unless otherwise provided or specified. In the revision of the rules in 1884, a proposal by the Committee on Rules as a standing rule for the election of the officers of the Senate was rejected; it is now done by resolution.

Election of Officers:

A majority, and not a plurality, vote is required to elect a President pro tempore and other officers of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate is not elected by ballot, but by a resolution or order of the Senate.

Gratuity Payments Upon Death of Employees:

In the 83rd Congress, First Session, the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted a policy fixing a graduated scale of gratuity payments in connection with deaths of employees of the Senate.

Oath of Officers:

Certain officers are not required to take the oath in the presence of the Senate.

OFFICIAL REPORTERS—READ BACK TRANSCRIPT

Official reporters may be ordered to read back Senate proceedings in order to support the position of the Chair.

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1 Mar. 6, 1917, 66-Special Session, Record, pp. 3, 5; see Jan. 3, 1955, 84-1, Record, pp. 6-7. The Chaplain was not reelected but continued in office.
2 Dec. 19, 1883, 48-1, Record, p. 188.
4 Dec. 18, 1888, 48-1, Record, p. 156.
5 Feb. 16, 1933, 86-1, Record, pp. 1977-78.
6 Dec. 18, 1888, 48-1, Record, p. 156.