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 83d 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.

1 Mar. 6, 1917, 66-Special Session, Record, pp. 3, 5, see Jan. 5, 1955, 84-1, Record, pp. 6-7. The Chaplain was not reelected but continued in office.
2 Dec. 19, 1882, 48-1, Record, p. 165.
4 Dec. 18, 1883, 48-1, Record, p. 156.
5 Feb. 16, 1855, 84-1, Record, pp. 1077-78.
6 Dec. 18, 1883, 48-1, Record, p. 156.
ONE DAY'S NOTICE FOR MODIFICATION OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT


ORDER OF THE SENATE

A unanimous consent agreement providing for a vote on the final passage of a bill on a specified day operates, under Rule XII, as an order of the Senate.¹

A unanimous consent agreement providing for a vote on a specified day upon a bill through the regular parliamentary stages to its final disposition operates as an order of the Senate.²

An order of the Senate (which results from the adoption of a resolution or the granting of a unanimous consent request) requiring Senators to vote from their desks, has the same force and effect as the provision of the Standing Rules of the Senate.³

It is not appropriate to adopt an order of the Senate to request a report by committee staff members.⁴

¹ Mar. 12, 1916, 64-1, Record, pp. 3992-93, 3998.