Paragraph 1 of Rule VI provides that a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Senators duly chosen and sworn, and under the rules and practices of the Senate, any Senator may suggest the absence of a quorum before the Senate is permitted to act on any business. However, under a unanimous consent agreement placing a limitation on the debate of a measure and assigning control of that time, while that matter is pending no Senator may suggest the absence of a quorum unless that Senator controls a sufficient amount of time (which has been held by the precedents to be 10 minutes). But, it has been equally well established by the precedents that any Senator has a right to call for a quorum before a vote begins even if that Senator controlled no time, or even if there was an order that a vote occur at a time certain. However, certain unanimous consent agreements have been interpreted to preclude quorum calls.

The Presiding Officer has no authority to count to see if a quorum is present when a Senator suggests the absence of a quorum unless the Senate is operating under cloture; the rules provide that once a Senator makes a point of no quorum, "the Presiding Officer shall forthwith direct the Secretary to call the roll" and the Presiding Officer "shall announce the result."

Until a point of no quorum has been raised, the Senate operates on the assumption that a quorum is present, and even if only a few Senators are present, a measure may be passed or a nomination agreed to. Any Senator in attendance can suggest the absence of a quorum, which would stay any action by the Senate until a quorum is ascertained. Voice votes may be taken on the passage of a bill and if no question of a quorum is raised, that action is final, even though a majority of the Senators did not participate; the Senate operates on the absolute assumption that a quorum is always present until a point of no quorum is made.

Once a point of no quorum has been raised, and the absence of a quorum established by the Chair announcing that a quorum is not present, the quorum call may not be called off, even by unanimous consent, and no business or debate is in order, until a quorum of the Senators has responded to the call. The Senate may in the absence of a quorum recess (if there is an order in place permitting such a recess), adjourn, or adopt motions to request or compel the attendance of absent Senators; it may not, however, proceed to take any further legislative action until a quorum is established.

If the Senate is finally forced to adjourn without a quorum being present, the first thing when the Senate reconvenes is to call a quorum to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

Rule VI

[Definition of a Quorum and Quorum Call Procedure]

- A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Senators duly chosen and sworn.
- No Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave.
- 3. If, at any time during the daily sessions of the Senate, a question shall be raised by any Senator as to the presence of a quorum, the Presiding Officer shall forthwith direct the Secretary to call the roll and shall announce the result, and these proceedings shall be without debate.
- 4. Whenever upon such rollcall it shall he ascertained that a quorum is not present, a majority of the Senators present may direct the Sergeant at Arms to request, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of the absent Senators, which order shall be determined without debate; and pending its execution, and until a quorum shall be present, no debate nor motion, except to adjourn, or to recess pursuant to a previous order entered by unanimous consent, shall be in order.

Rule XII, Paragraph 4

[Quorum Call Before Consent To Fix Time for Vote on Passage of Bills and Joint Resolutions]

No request by a Senator for unanimous consent for the taking of a final vote on a specified date upon the passage of a bill or joint resolution shall be submitted to the Senate for agreement thereto until after a quorum call ordered for the purpose by the Presiding Officer, it shall be disclosed that a quorum of the Senate is present; and when a unanimous consent is thus given the same shall operate as the order of the Senate, but any unanimous consent may be revoked by another unanimous consent granted in the manner prescribed above upon one day's notice.

Form:

Majority Leader:

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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Mr. President, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

Absence of Quorum Announced, Business Out of Order:

See "Quorum Call, Debate Out of Order Until Quorum Present," p. 767; "Business or Debate Out of Order in the Absence of a Quorum," pp. 1046-1049.

Absence of a Quorum Disclosed by:

See "Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order," pp. 1062-1065.

Absentees Called:

A quorum being absent, and the Chair having announced the absence of a quorum, the Secretary is directed to call the names of the absentees. For details see "Attendance of Senators," "Call of Absentees, a Quorum Being Absent," p. 216.

Adding of Names to Quorum Call After Call Is Completed:

A Senator under a strict interpretation of the rule must respond to a call in order to be recorded, if the question is raised.1

The Vice President, in 1913, instructed the Secretary not to record any Senator's name after such announcement unless he obtained permission of the Senate.2

The Vice President has made statements at different times against adding names after a quorum call has ended,3 as well as on adding names of Senators when they enter the Chamber after their names are called and before announcement of results.4

Adjourn:

See "Quorum Call Before Voting On," p. 7.

Adjournment in the Absence of a Quorum:

See also "Precedence of," p. 16; "Precedence of Motions," pp. 4-5; "Quorum, Absence of," pp. 5-7.

See Mar. 19, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 2264.
 Dec. 10, 1913, 63-2, Record, pp. 590-92.
 Apr. 5, 1949, 81-1, Record, pp. 3832-35; Apr. 6, 1949, 81-1, Record, pp. 3956-57.
 May 16, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 6203.

When the Senate convenes following an adjournment or recess (under a previous order) taken in the absence of a quorum, the Presiding Officer will direct a quorum to be called as soon as the Senate convenes,5 without any motion from the floor.6

Adjournment, May Not Interrupt Quorum Call **Until Established That Quorum Was Not Present:**

See also "When Motion Not in Order," p. 7.

After the Chair announces that a quorum is in progress, a motion to adjourn is not in order, until the quorum is called off or concluded, or the Chair announces that a quorum is not present.7

Announced by Chair:

When a quorum call discloses the presence of a quorum, the Chair will announce that a quorum is present, and on June 13, 1967 when a point of order was made following such announcement that there was no quorum present, the Presiding Officer assured the Senator that a quorum had responded to the rollcall from which there is no appeal.8

Arrest, Orders for During Absence of Quorum:

See "Compel or Request Attendance," pp. 217-222.

Assumption That Quorum Is Present, Unless **Question Raised:**

The Senate operates on the presumption that a quorum is present at all times,9 under all circumstances, unless

<sup>July 21, 1975, 94-1, Record, p. 23735; Apr. 30, 1971, 92-1, Record, pp. 12855-61; May 3, 1971, 92-1, Record, p. 13131; July 16, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 6225; Apr. 24 and 25, 1962, 87-2, Record, pp. 7139, 7141-43; July 28, 1962, 87-2, Record, pp. 14952-53; Aug. 14, 1962, 87-2, Record, p. 16416; Sept. 6, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 21651; Sept. 11, 1970, 91-2, Record, p. 31502; Aug. 21, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 29764. For several successive instances of daily adjournments because of a lack of a quorum, see Sept. 17, 1964, 88-2, Record, pp. 22333; Sept. 18, 1964, 88-2, Record, pp. 22354; Sept. 19, 1964, 88-2, Record, pp. 22354; Sept. 21, 1964, 88-2, Record, pp. 22354-55; Aug. 21, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 29764; Sept. 11, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 31502.
Sept. 20 and 23, 1968, Record, pp. 27793, 27815; Aug. 21, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 29764; Sept. 11, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 31502.
Sept. 30, 1971, 92-1, Record, pp. 34260, 34265.
June 13, 1967, 90-1, Record, pp. 15691.
Sept. 18, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 7582, 7584.</sup>

the question to the contrary is raised, 10 or the absence of a quorum is officially shown otherwise, 11 or until a point of no quorum is made even though a voice vote is taken and announced in the meantime. 12

Attendance of Senators, Request or Compel:

For precedents on, see "Call of Absentees, a Quorum Being Absent," p. 216; "Compel or Request Attendance," pp. 217-222.

Business After Quorum Calls Not Required if Quorum Call Is Incomplete:

If the Senate completes a quorum call, "another quorum call would not be in order if a point of order were made" until some business has been transacted, but this would not be true if the quorum call was called off by unanimous consent. 13

Business Between Calls—Definition of What Constitutes Business Since the Previous Quorum Call for the Purpose of Calling **Another Quorum:**

See also "Dilatory," pp. 1053-1054; "Cloture Procedure," pp. 282-

A quorum call is not in order unless business has intervened since a quorum was last established. 14 and the withdrawal of an amendment does not constitute business.15

Business must intervene before a second quorum call or between calls, 16 or a quorum call is not in order when there has been no business transacted since the previous

¹⁰ Apr. 22, 1910, 61-2, Record, pp. 5179-84; see also Sept. 30, 1977, 95-1, Record, pp.

<sup>31750-52.

11</sup> Dec. 2, 1907, 60-1, Record, p. 1; Apr. 4, 1911, 62-1, Record, pp. 1-2; Nov. 13, 1941, 77-1, Record, p. 8821; see also Aug. 6, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 6752.

12 See July 3, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 9150.

13 See Mar. 15, 1967, 90-1, Record, p. 6835.

14 Feb. 24, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 2341-42; Apr. 15, 1986, 99-2, Record, pp. 7479-80.

15 Apr. 15, 1986, 99-2, Record, pp. 12794-95; June 12, 1917, 65-1, Record, pp. 3500-01; Mar. 12, 1925, 69-Special Session, Record, pp. 174-75; June 12, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 434, Record, p. 9119; June 18, 1934, 73-2, Journal, p. 619, Record, p. 12401; May 25, 1928, 70-1, Journal, p. 179, Record, pp. 3828-29; Dec. 11, 1919, 66-2, Record, p. 404; May 29, 1908, 60-1, Journal, p. 514, Record, pp. 7195-96; Feb. 21, 1895, 53-3, Record, p. 2508; Nov. 18, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 7895.

call which was completed if a point of order is made. 17 and the suggestion of the absence of a quorum is not in order immediately following a yea and nay vote where the presence of a quorum was shown and no business has intervened; 18 but another quorum call is in order when business has intervened. 19 Where a motion to adjourn has been made, the suggestion of the absence of a quorum is in order.20 Likewise, it is always in order to suggest the absence of a quorum before a vote is taken on a proposition if a quorum has not just been established.21

Where a conference report has been adopted on a division vote, and a quorum call has been had, it is then too late to raise the question that a quorum was not present when the vote was taken, inasmuch as, on the record, a

quorum was officially presumed to be present.22

Where no intervening business has transpired, it is not in order, after the rollcall has started, to make a point of order that no business had intervened since the previous call.23

Precedents define the following transactions as business for the purpose of calling another quorum:

Adjourn, vote or action on motion to; 24

Amendment, offering of; 25

Amendment, consent to print and lie on table; 26 Appeal, vote, or action on: 27

¹⁷ Mar. 15, 1967, 90-1, Record, p. 6835; Oct. 14, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 37393-401; Nov. 6, 1963, 88-1, Record, p. 21238; Jan. 18, 1915, 63-3, Record, p. 1765; Jan. 29, 1915, 63-3, Record, pp. 2620-21; July 27, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 12794-95; June 18, 1959, 86-1, Record, pp. 11178-82; May 28, 1957, 85-1, Record, p. 7849; Mar. 19, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 2263; Jan. 18, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 696; see also June 18, 1959, 86-1, Record, p. 11193; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 22909.

18 Apr. 16, 1986, 99-2, Record, pp. 7744-45; Nov. 25, 1980, 96-2, Record, pp. 31037-39; Mar. 3, 1897, 54-2, Journal, p. 184, Record, pp. 2736-37.

19 Jan. 25, 1938, 75-3, Record, pp. 1054-55.

20 May 29, 1926, 69-1, Record, p. 10367; Dec. 12, 1917, 65-2, Record, p. 179.

May 29, 1926, 69-1, Record, p. 10367; Dec. 12, 1917, 65-2, Record, p. 175.
 See Jan. 22, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 509.
 See June 17, 1960, 86-2, Record, pp. 13077-78.
 Mar. 19, 1956, 84-2, Record, p. 5034.
 Feb. 17, 1931, 71-3, Journal, p. 227, Record, p. 5180; Mar. 3, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 267, Record, p. 5493; Feb. 15, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 179, Record, pp. 3828-29, 3849; Sept. 18, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 15355. (A call of the Senate having disclosed the absence of a motion to adjourn having been rejected, a second call of the Senate is 10, 1514, 05-2, Record, p. 15555. (A call of the Senate having discussed the absence of a quorum, and a motion to adjourn having been rejected, a second call of the Senate is not in order—Jan. 24, 1901, 56-2, Record, p. 1384.)

25 Apr. 16, 1986, 99-2, Record, pp. 7744-45; Aug. 27, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 11029; see also Aug. 15, 1941, 77-1, Record, p. 7178.

²⁶ See Jan. 8, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 228; Jan. 7, 1938, 75-3, Journal, p. 79, Record, p.

^{155. &}lt;sup>27</sup> June 12, 1935, 74–1, *Journal*, p. 434, *Record*, p. 9091; Mar. 19, 1945, 79–1, *Record*, p. 2409; *see also* June 20, 1947, 80–1, *Record*, p. 7379; Mar. 19, 1947, 80–1, *Record*, p. 2263; June 20, 1962, 87–2, *Record*, p. 11157.

Calendar call, objection to consideration of a bill during: 28

Communication, presentation and reference of: 29 Communication, granting of unanimous consent request for printing of: 30

Engrossment and third reading of a measure; 31

Executive session, adoption of motion for; 32

Lay aside, objection to laying aside unfinished business temporarily,33 or the laying aside of unfinished business;

Legislative session, when previous call in executive session: 34

Message from the House, receipt of: 35

Motion, adoption of; 36

Motion, making of (has been ruled both as business and as not business but latest rulings have held it to be business); 87

Point of order, ruling on; 38

Print article in Record, order to: 39

Read, motion to direct the Secretary to read the address of a Senator; 40

Recess, vote on motion to; 41

Reconsider, vote on motion to: 42

Record, granting consent to print article or statement in; 45

Reference, granting of unanimous consent to print in Record and reference of certain matter; 44

²⁸ Feb. 19, 1940, 76-8, Journal, pp. 125-26, Record, p. 1583; Nov. 16, 1942, 77-2, 28 Feb. 19, 1940, 76-8, Journal, pp. 125-26, Record, p. 1583; Nov. 16, 1942, 77-2, Record, pp. 8556-61.
29 May 25, 1929, 71-1, Journal, p. 80; Record, pp. 1919-20.
30 See Apr. 30, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 305. Record, p. 6619.
31 See Dec. 4, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 9328.
32 See Jan. 25, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 1030.
33 Sept. 23, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 5741.
34 Jan. 25, 1938, 75-3, Journal, p. 102, Record, pp. 1054-55.
35 Jan. 27, 1915, 63-3, Record, p. 2389.
36 Mar. 9, 1912, 62-2, Record, pp. 3090-91.
37 Sept. 4, 1941, 77-1, Record, p. 7308; see also Apr. 30, 1948, 80-2, Record, p. 5089.
38 See Mar. 19, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 2261.
39 Jan. 19, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 752; Apr. 30, 1935, 74-1, Record, pp. 6620-21; see also Jan. 7, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 203; Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, pp. 8897, 8922.
40 June 12, 1935, 74-4, Journal, p. 495; Record, p. 9188.
41 Feb. 22, 1927, 69-2; Journal, p. 205, Record, p. 4437; Dec. 4, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 9334.

June 12, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 495, Record, p. 9188.
 Jan. 19, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 752; Apr. 30, 1935, 74-1, Record, pp. 6620-21; see also
 Jan. 7, 1938, 75-3, Journal, p. 79, Record, pp. 155, 228; Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, pp. 8897, 8922; June 18, 1959, 86-1, Record, pp. 11178-82; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, p.

⁴⁴ Sept. 29, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 15855.

Reference, presentation and reference of a communication; 45

Report, presentation of, out of order: 46

Table, voting on motion to; 47

Unanimous consent proposal, submission and granting or rejection of; 48

Unfinished business, lay aside; 49

Vote on any motion, including to take a recess; 50 Yeas and nays, ordering of 51 or refusal of.52

If the Senate is not operating under cloture, the denial of the yeas and nays constitutes business for the purpose of calling a quorum.53

The following have been held not to be business for the purpose of calling a quorum:

Debate; 54

Debate, extension of time under unanimous consent agreement limiting; 55

Discussion; 56

Message from the House on which no action is required, laying before the Senate; 57

Message from the House, receipt of; 58 Message from the President, receipt of: 59

Motion, making of (latest precedent says it is busi-

Parliamentary inquiry, making of: 61

⁴⁵ May 25, 1929, 71-1, Journal, p. 80.
46 Mar. 16, 1943, 78-1, Record, p. 2056; see also Jan. 13, 1933, 72-2, Record, p. 1732.
47 May 25, 1928, 70-1, Journal, p. 537; June 12, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 436.
48 Feb. 22, 1923, 67-4, Record, pp. 4265-66; Mar. 6, 1968, 90-2, Record, pp. 5534-35;
Feb. 20, 1923, 67-4, Journal, p. 176, Record, p. 4105; Feb. 22, 1923, 67-4, Journal, p. 182, Record, p. 4266; Mar. 3, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 267, Record, p. 5486; June 30, 1941, 77-1, Record, p. 5737; Mar. 2, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 267; see also Feb. 26, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 3596.
49 Sept. 23, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 7806; June 12, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 434, Record, p. 9091; June 12, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 495, Record, p. 9188.
51 July 28, 1980, 96-2, Record, p. 19967; Apr. 22, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 4831; Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 8897-98; see also May 31, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 7071; Oct. 31, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 7034.
52 Sept. 25, 1986, 99-2, Record, p. 26137; June 22, 1955, 84-1, Record, p. 8954.
53 Dec. 16, 1982, 97-2, Record, p. 31291.
54 Sept. 25, 1986, 99-2, Record, p. 26137; Dec. 18, 1919, 66-2, Record, p. 819; Nov. 18, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 7895; Feb. 15, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 179, Record, pp. 3828-29; Feb. 27, 1911, 61-3, Record, pp. 3558-60; July 27, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 3828-29; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 212, Record, p. 4248.
57 Mar. 1, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 212, Record, p. 4862.
58 See Aug. 15, 1941, 77-1, Record, p. 7173; Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, pp. 8897-99.
60 Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, pp. 8897-99.
61 June 18, 1959, 86-1, Record, pp. 11178-82; Aug. 14, 1962, 87-2, Record, pp. 16443-44; Aug. 29, 1962, 87-2, Record, pp. 18121-22; see Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, p. 22909.

Reading of a protocol; 62

Record, objection to request of reading or printing of article in; 63

Record, objection to unanimous consent request to have a newspaper editorial printed or read into; 64 Unanimous consent request, but no action on. 65 Withdrawal of an amendment. 66

On one occasion after a cloture motion was agreed to and several unanimous consent requests for a vote at a time certain on the clotured matter were objected to, the Chair on its own initiative held that a quorum call was not then in order.67

Business in Order When Quorum Present:

See "Quorum Being Present, Business Proceeds," pp. 1057-1058.

Business or Debate Out of Order in the Absence of a Quorum or During a Quorum Call:

See also "Quorum, Absence of," pp. 5-7; "Quorum Call, Debate Out of Order Until Quorum Present," p. 767; "Call of Quorum May Not Be Interrupted," pp. 1050-1051.

No debate nor business can be transacted in the absence of a quorum, 68 nor during a quorum call, 69 nor is debate in order after it has been determined and announced that a quorum is absent, even at the end of the first call.70

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When a yea and nay vote discloses the lack of a quorum, no motion is in order except a call of the Senate or to adjourn.71

A request for unanimous consent is not in order when the absence of a quorum has been suggested, and pending the lack of a quorum no business nor motion, except to adjourn [or action to obtain a quorum], is in order. 72

Matters which have been ruled out of order or requests which the Presiding Officer is precluded from entertaining after it has been determined and announced that a quorum is not present include:

Adjourn to a different hour: 73

Appeal, take an: 74

Attendance, excuse absent Senators from, under an order directing the Sergeant at Arms to request their attendance; 75

Debate; 76

Discharge Sergeant at Arms from execution of order; 77

Journal, reading of; 78

Messages from the President or House may not he acted upon; 79

Parliamentary inquiry; 80

Point of order, to raise or entertain; 81

Recess, to hour certain; 82

Recommit, withdrawal of motion to; 83

Reconsider, motion to; 84

Record, p. 12323; Mar. 4, 1949, 81–1, Record, pp. 1862–63; Nov. 14, 1942, 77–2, Record, pp. 8838–39; June 28, 1937, 75–1, Journal, p. 380, Record, p. 6408; Feb. 20, 1923, 67–4, Journal, p. 177, Record, pp. 4109–10; Sept. 18, 1914, 63–2, Record, p. 15361; July 21, 1913, 63–1, Record, p. 2570; Feb. 28, 1889, 50–2, Record, p. 2444; see also July 29, 1892, 52–1, Record, p. 6906; Feb. 23, 1927, 69–2, Journal, p. 206; Apr. 30, 1948, 80–2, Record, p. 5107; Mar. 19, 1954, 83–2, Record, p. 3603; July 28, 1962, 87–2, Record, pp. 14952–53.

71 Dec. 20, 1884, 48–2, Record, p. 397.

72 Feb. 3, 1897, 54–2, Record, p. 1481.

73 Jan. 9, 1889, 50–2, Record, p. 629; June 28, 1890, 51–1, Record, p. 6670.

74 Aug. 20, 1894, 53–2, Record, p. 629; July 23, 1890, 51–1, Record, p. 7612.

75 Mar. 5, 1890, 51–1, Record, p. 1933; see also Jan. 16, 1891, 51–2, Record, p. 1438.

76 Sept. 12, 1969, 91–1, Record, p. 25321.

77 Jan. 14, 1938, 75–3, Journal, p. 89.

78 Feb. 18, 1885, 48–2, Record, p. 1828.

⁷⁸ Feb. 18, 1885, 48-2, Record, p. 1828

⁷⁹ Aug. 5, 1886, 49-1, Journal, pp. 1288-89, Record, pp. 8022-23.
80 Oct. 14, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 14505; June 28, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 14746; June 15, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 12664; see also Sept. 21, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 15345.
81 Jan. 21, 1891, 51-2, Journal, pp. 88-89, Record, pp. 1624-26; Aug. 5, 1886, 49-1, 2020.

Jan. 21, 1891, 51-2, Journal, pp. 88-89, Record, p
 Record, p. 8022.
 July 28, 1962, 87-2, Record, pp. 14952-53.
 May 14, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 5184.
 Feb. 25, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 212, Record, p. 4248.

Reconsideration of vote directing the Sergeant at Arms to compel attendance; 85

Record, request to print matter in: 86

Reference of a report by the Sergeant at Arms concerning the execution of any order to compel the attendance of absent Senators; 87

Reservation of objections: 88

Proceedings of a quorum call, motion to dispense with: 89

Unanimous consent request, to entertain or to consider: 90

Unanimous consent request, granting of a; 91

Unanimous consent request that the Sergeant at Arms be directed to request attendance as contrasted to a motion to that effect.92

When the Senate is conducting a quorum call a Senator may only ask unanimous consent to terminate the call and may not couple that with another unanimous consent request or make a parliamentary inquiry.93

In the absence of a quorum it is not in order to move to table a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.94

During a quorum call (before the absence of a quorum has been revealed), no business is in order, including making parliamentary inquiries, or reserving the right to object to unanimous consent requests. It is only in order to make a unanimous consent request to terminate the call.95

In the absence of a quorum a motion is in order to recess pursuant to a previous order or to a previous unanimous consent agreement.96

^{**} Jan. 21, 1891, 51-2, Journal, pp. 88-89, Record, pp. 1624-26.

** Apr. 19, 1932, 72-1, Journal, p. 410; see also June 27, 1939, 76-1, Record, p. 7944.

** Jan. 16, 1891, 51-2, Record, p. 1441.

** Sept. 14, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 11372.

** Dec. 7, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 9352.

** May 3, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 4770; May 8, 1888, 50-1, Record, p. 3813; June 13, 1888, 50-1, Record, p. 5209; Feb. 3, 1897, 54-2, Record, p. 1481; Feb. 9, 1891, 51-2, Record, p. 2396; Aug. 17, 1888, 50-1, Record, p. 7680; June 14, 1888, 50-1, Record, p. 5248.

** Ibid.; see also Aug. 1, 1950, 81-2, Record, pp. 11454-55; Jan. 6, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 122; Jan. 12, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 342; Apr. 14, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 5205.

** May 24, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 6718.

** Oct. 23, 1990, 101-2, Record, p. 8 16495; June 23, 1986, 99-2, Record, pp. 14935-36; Dec. 18, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 82350-51.

** July 20, 1983, 98-1, Record, p. 19914.

** Oct. 4, 1990, 101-2, Record, p. 5 14546; May 17, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 10250-51.

** Jan. 29, 1931, 71-3, Record, p. 3480; Apr. 22, 1922, 67-2, Record, pp. 5857-72; June 1, 1922, 67-2, Journal, p. 271, Record, p. 7967.

Less than a quorum having voted on a motion to recommit a bill with instructions, upon the appearance of a quorum following a call of the Senate, the motion to recommit was withdrawn by unanimous consent.97

When the time arrives for a cloture vote, the Chair will direct the clerk to ascertain the presence of a quorum even if a quorum has just voted, and once the clerk begins the quorum call no point of order is in order.98

Call Begins:

A quorum call begins when a Senator suggests the absence of a quorum and the Chair directs the Clerk to call the roll. At that stage of the proceedings either the Senator suggesting the absence of a quorum must withdraw his request just before the Chair directs the Clerk to call the roll, or consent must be granted to rescind the quorum call if further proceedings are to be had before the quorum call is completed.99

A quorum call begins when the clerk calls the first name, not upon the response of the first Senator. 100

When a Senator makes a point of order that a quorum is not present, that is the equivalent of suggesting the absence of a quorum, and the calling of the first name by the clerk in response to that action begins the quorum call (no response by a Senator being necessary) 101

After a quorum call has been ordered and a Senator answers to his name, it is then too late to make a point of order that no business has intervened. 102

A quorum call does not begin until the clerk calls the first name. Therefore, before the clerk calls the first name in a quorum call, Senators may be recognized, debate may occur, and other business conducted, at the sufferance of the Senator who suggested the absence of a quorum. 103

See proceedings for February 20, 1950, for discussion concerning length of time a quorum call can be withheld after suggesting the absence of a quorum. 104

⁹⁷ Dec. 17, 1910, 61–3, Record, pp. 433–34.
98 April 19, 1983, 98–1, Record, p. 8969.
99 Sept. 30, 1971, 92–1, Record, pp. 34260, 34265; see also Sept. 30, 1977, 95–1, Record, pp. 31747–48.

p. 31/47-48.

100 Feb. 24, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 2254, 2340.

101 Dec. 19, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 32350-51.

102 Mar. 4, 1922, 67-2, Record, p. 4495; July 15, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 8904.

103 Jan. 27, 1988, 100-2, Record, pp. S 171-72.

104 Feb. 20, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 1942.

Call of Quorum:

See "Reservation of Objections," pp. 1060-1061; "Withdrawal of Quorum Calls," pp. 1076-1077.

Call of Quorum May Not Be Interrupted:

See also "Business or Debate Out of Order in the Absence of a Quorum," pp. 1046-1049; "Call Begins," p. 1049.

It is not in order to interrupt the call of a quorum for the transaction of business, 105 by a demand for the yeas and nays, 106 or to propound a parliamentary inquiry; 107 unanimous consent is required to call off a quorum and business cannot be transacted until the quorum is called off or the call has established the presence of a quorum.108

During a quorum call, debate or the transaction of business is not in order, 109 nor is it in order for a Senator to make a motion even though no Senator has answered to his name. 110

Pending a quorum call, it is not in order to withdraw a motion to recommit unless the quorum call is first withdrawn.111

While a quorum call is in progress, a unanimous consent request to be excused from voting on an amendment is not in order.112

A call of the Senate may be interrupted by unanimous consent to withdraw the call provided the first call has not been concluded and the absence of a quorum announced.113

¹⁰⁸ Feb. 21, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 197.
108 July 29, 1958, 85-2, Record, p. 15414; July 25, 1958, 85-2, Record, p. 15118.
107 July 20, 1983, 98-1, Record, p. 19889; Dec. 19, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 32350-51;
Mar. 14, 1972, 92-2, Record, pp. 8304-05; Jan. 24, 1972, 92-2, Record, pp. 949-50; Mar. 4, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 4487; Sept. 8, 1959, 86-1, Record, p. 18555; Aug. 14, 1958, 85-2, Record, p. 17979; June 4, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 6548; Jan. 24, 1972, 92-2, Record, p. 949; see Nov. 6, 1963, 88-1, Record, p. 21238.
108 Sept. 30, 1971, 92-1, Record, pp. 34260, 34265; see Mar. 4, 1957, 85-1, Record, p. 3000

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109</sup> July 21, 1913, 63–1, Record, p. 2570; July 31, 1962, 87–2, Record, p. 15128; Apr. 22, 1971, 92–1, Record, p. 11507; Sept. 12, 1969, 91–1, Record, p. 25321; Aug. 24, 1962, 87–2, Record, p. 17527; Jan. 24, 1972, 92–2, Record, pp. 949–50.

110 See Apr. 8, 1954, 83–2, Record, p. 4858.

111 May 14, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 5184.

112 May 22, 1959, 86–1, Record, pp. 8903–04.

113 Dec. 10, 1937, 75–2, Record, p. 1246; May 12, 1938, 75–3, Record, pp. 6772; Mar. 4, 1941, 77–1, Record, pp. 1735; Mar. 6, 13, and 14, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 2891, 3254, 3323; Feb. 23, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 2293; Feb. 21, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 2891, 3254, 3923; Feb. 23, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 1529, 1663, 1666, 1674, 1687, 1761, 1797, 1839, 1895; Feb. 3, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 1446; Jan. 31, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 1152; Jan. 25, 1950, 81–2, Continued

A unanimous consent request to dispense with further proceedings under a quorum call is not subject to a reservation of objections, 114 or debate. 115 A Senator must either object or not object to the request. 116 A request for unanimous consent is not in order when the absence of a quorum has been suggested, and pending the lack of a quorum no business or motion except to adjourn (or action to bring in the absent Senators) is in order. 117

Chair May Suggest:

See, "Presiding Officer May Suggest or Rescind," p. 1057.

Compel Attendance:

See "Compel or Request Attendance," pp. 217-222.

Counting of Quorum by Chair:

See also "Pairs Counted To Constitute a Quorum," p. 1056; "Present But Not Voting Counted To Make Quorum," p. 1057.

The Chair has no authority to count a quorum, 118 unless the Senate is operating under cloture.119 There is no rule of the Senate which justifies or authorizes the Presiding Officer of the Senate to count a quorum. 120

The Presiding Officer has no right to inform a Senator during a rollcall, whether or not a quorum has voted. 121

^{2,} Record, p. 889; Jan. 19, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 626; Jan. 6, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 123; Oct. 18, 1949, 81–1, Record, pp. 14862, 14867; Sept. 30, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 13591; Sept. 28, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 13203; Sept. 20, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 13505; Sept. 13, 1949, 81–1, Record, pp. 12787–88, 12799; Sept. 9, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 12740; Sept. 8, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 12660; Sept. 8, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 12652; Sept. 7, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 12629; July 21, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 9903; June 2, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 7160; Mar. 11, 1948, 80–2, Record, p. 2536; July 16, 1946, 79–2, Record, p. 9088; Apr. 22, 1946, 79–2, Record, p. 4091; Apr. 6, 1946, 79–2, Record, p. 3257; Mar. 23, 1945, 79–1, Record, p. 2662; June 16, 1944, 78–2, Record, p. 6039; July 2, 1942, 77–2, Record, p. 5918; May 8, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 3774; for further examples, see proceedings for May 18, 1958, 88–1, Record, p. 5044; Dec. 6 and 12, 1950; Apr. 3 and 4, 1950; Mar. 20 and 21, 1950; Feb. 5, 1930, 71–2, Journal, p. 125, Record, p. 3095; Feb. 16, 1928, 70–1, Record, p. 3097; Dec. 22, 1926, 69–2, Journal, p. 55, Record, p. 945; Feb. 1, 1923, 67–4, Journal, p. 127, Record, p. 2833. 114 Jan. 15, 1963, 88–1, Record, p. 18713–14; June 12, 1962, 87–2, Record, p. 10233; Sept. 14, 1961, 87–1, Record, p. 19408; Jan. 30, 1962, 87–2, Record, p. 1212. 115 Ibid.

¹¹⁷ Feb. 3, 1897, 54-2, Record, p. 1481.
118 May 25, 1928, 70-1, Journal, p. 537, Record, p. 9819; Apr. 6, 1939, 76-1, Record, p.

<sup>3879.

119</sup> Feb. 24, 1982, 97-2, Record, p. 2346; Sept. 29, 1977, 95-1, Record, pp. 31590-91.

120 Mar. 3, 1897, 54-2, Journal, p. 184, Record, p. 2736; see the following for instances of the Chair counting to determine whether or not a quorum was present; May 15, 1874, 43-1, Record, p. 3917; June 19, 1879, 46-1, Journal, pp. 236-37, Record, pp. 2174-76; Mar. 3, 1881, 46-3, Journal, p. 388, Record, p. 2424; May 29, 1908, 60-1, Journal, p. 511, Record, pp. 7158-59, 7166.

121 Jan. 18, 1894, 53-2, Record, p. 976.

When the absence of a quorum has been disclosed, a request for unanimous consent to permit the Presiding Officer to ascertain by a count if a quorum is present cannot be entertained. 122

On one occasion the number of Senators voting on a division being less than a quorum, the Presiding Officer by unanimous consent counted the Senate and announced that a quorum was present. 123 In another instance where on a division, one less than a quorum voted, the President of the Senate stating there was present a Senator who did not vote, held that a quorum of the Senate was in attendance, citing a precedent of June 19, 1879.124 Less than a quorum, on a division, having voted on a motion to proceed to the consideration of a bill, the President pro tempore held that unanimous consent could not be given to withdraw the motion; and a count of the Senate was made by him and a quorum announced as being present. 125

In one instance in 1912, a vote by division on a motion to lay on the table being less than a quorum, the Vice President held the vote was valid, inasmuch as the presence of a quorum had been established by a rollcall immediately previous to the vote. 126

The Senate (in 1910), on appeal, decided that, where less than a quorum voted on an amendment by yeas and nays, the Presiding Officer had no authority, for the purpose of establishing the presence of a quorum and validating the vote, to count as present certain Senators who had announced pairs and withheld their votes; the Senate having decided the vote invalid, the next step was a call of the Senate to establish a quorum, upon the appearance of which the yeas and nays must again be called on the amendment; 127 later decisions are to the contrary of this procedure. See page 1056 for practice of counting pairs and those present to make a quorum and thereby make the vote valid.

¹²² May 8, 1888, 50-1, Record, p. 3813.
123 Apr. 8, 1884, 48-1, Record, p. 2756.
124 May 29, 1908, 60-1, Record, p. 7159.
125 July 3, 1884, 48-1, Record, p. 5038.
126 Mar. 20, 1912, 62-2, Journal, p. 221, Record, pp. 3675-76.
127 Dec. 17 and 19, 1910, 61-3, Journal, pp. 52, 54, Record, pp. 443, 470-75, 478-79,

Debate, Out of Order During Quorum Call:

See "Business or Debate Out of Order in the Absence of a Quorum," pp. 1046-1049; "Quorum Call, Debate Out of Order Until Quorum Present," p. 767.

Debate of Request To Withdraw Quorum Call:

See "Withdrawal of Quorum Call," pp. 1076-1077.

Definition of Quorum:

A quorum consists of a majority of Senators duly chosen and sworn, ¹²⁸ and not of the entire number of Senators to which the several States of the Union may be entitled. ¹²⁹

Dilatory:

See also "Business—Definition of What Constitutes Business Since the Previous Quorum Call for the Purpose of Calling Another Quorum," pp. 1042-1046; "Cloture Procedure," pp. 282-334.

It is not in order for a Senator to demand a quorum call if no business has intervened since the last call; ¹³⁰ business must intervene before a second quorum call or between calls if the question is raised or a point of order made. ¹³¹

A quorum having been announced, the suggestion of the absence thereof is not in order until there has been some transaction of business.¹³²

¹²⁸ Rule VI; Oct. 11, 1893, 53-1, Journal, p. 67, Record, pp. 2395-96.

129 July 5 and 6, 1921, 67-1, Journal, p. 182, Record, pp. 3353, 3374, 3405-08.

130 Nov. 6, 1963, 88-1, Record, p. 21238; Feb. 28, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 1681; Mar. 19, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 2621; Feb. 15, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 179; July 2, 1954, 83-2, Record, p. 9601; June 14, 1954, 83-2, Record, pp. 8139-40; May 13, 1954, 83-2, Record, pp. 6530-31; July 30, 1953, 83-1, Record, p. 10500; May 6, 1953, 83-1, Record, p. 4590; Apr. 21, 1953, 83-1, Record, p. 3475; May 19, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 6457; Apr. 25, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 4980; Mar. 20, 1945, 79-1, Record, p. 2471; Mar. 19, 1945, 79-1, Record, pp. 2405-07, 2409; July 3, 1943, 78-1, Record, p. 7112; Dec. 3, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 9285; Jan. 18, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 696; June 12, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 434; June 18, 1934, 73-2, Journal, p. 619, Record, p. 1201; Mar. 1, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 254; Feb. 25, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 619, Record, p. 1201; May 10, 1912, Record, pp. 24248; May 25, 1928, 70-1, Journal, p. 537; Feb. 15, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 179, Record, pp. 2828-29; Mar. 12, 1925, 69-Special Session, Record, pp. 174-75; Oct. 25, 1921, 67-1, Journal, p. 290, Record, p. 6742; Dec. 11, 1919, 66-2, Record, p. 404; June 12, 1917, 65-1, Record, pp. 3500-01; May 29, 1908, 60-1, Journal, p. 514, Record, pp. 7195-96; Feb. 21, 1895, 53-3, Record, p. 2508; see also Mar. 3, 1897, 54-2, Journal, p. 184, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 27, 1929, 70-2, Journal, p. 236; Nov. 27, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 2736-37; Feb. 2

A quorum call is in order when business has intervened. 133 or where business intervenes, immediately following another quorum call. 134

On April 5, 1922, following the rejection of certain motions succeeded by quorum calls, the suggestion of the absence of a quorum was decided by the Senate to be a dilatory motion. 135 On February 22, 1927, during a filibuster against the Boulder Dam bill (S. 3331) and on May 25, 1928, during a filibuster against the Muscle Shoals bill (S.J. Res. 46) the Chair sustained points of order that suggestion for a quorum was dilatory. 136 While on May 29, 1928, during a filibuster on the Boulder Dam bill (S. 728) and on November 13, 1942, during consideration of the Poll Tax bill (H.R. 1024), a motion and suggestion of the absence of a quorum were held not to be dilatory. 137

The Chair submitted to the Senate a point of order which contended that a quorum call was not in order, and declined to acknowledge the further suggestion of the absence of a quorum until the Senate could decide the point of order. The Senate then decided that a quorum call that delayed a vote on a motion to approve the Journal when a quorum had been established was dilatory and therefore out of order. 138

Excused From Attendance, Not in Order by Less Than Quorum:

Less than a quorum of the Senate cannot excuse absent Senators from attendance under an order directing the Sergeant at Arms to request their attendance. ¹³⁹ See also "Attendance of Senators," "Leave of Absence," p. 222.

Impeachment Trials, Quorum Calls During:

See "Impeachment," pp. 865-879; "Quorum," p. 878.

¹³³ Mar. 1, 1929, 70–2, Journal, p. 253; June 12, 1935, 74–1, Journal, p. 434; Jan. 25, 1938, 75–3, Record, pp. 1054–55; Jan. 19, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 621; May 2, 1914, 63–2, Record, p. 7619; May 30, 1908, 60–1, Journal, p. 514, Record, p. 7220; see also Aug. 15, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 7173.

134 Dec. 4, 1942, 77–2, Record, pp. 9334–35.

135 Apr. 5, 1922, 67–2, Journal, p. 172, Record, pp. 5066–67.

136 Feb. 22, 1927, 69–2, Journal, p. 206; May 25, 1928, 70–1, Journal, p. 537.

137 May 29, 1928, 70–1, Journal, p. 565; Nov. 13, 1942, 77–2, Record, p. 8828.

138 Feb. 5, 1987, 100–1, pp. S 1835–37.

139 Mar. 5, 1890, 51–1, Record, p. 1933.

Interruption of a Quorum Call:

See "Call of Quorum May Not Be Interrupted," pp. 1050-1051.

Interruption of Senator To Suggest Quorum Call, Out of Order:

See also "Interruption of Senator Who Has the Floor Is Not Allowed—Except by His Consent," pp. 749–753; "Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order," pp. 1062–1065; "Yield for Suggestion of Absence of Quorum," pp. 1077–1078.

One Senator cannot take another off the floor to suggest the absence of a quorum, 140 nor can a Senator who has the floor be interrupted by another against his consent for a quorum call.141 A quorum call is not in order when the Senator holding the floor declines to yield for that purpose. 142

Journal, Interruption for Quorum Call Not in Order:

See also "Correction and Reading of Journal of Highest Privilege," pp. 897-898; "Reading of, Out of Order in Absence of Quorum," p. 901.

The reading of the Journal may not be interrupted by a quorum call, 143 nor is a quorum call in order pending the reading of the Journal; 144 a quorum is in order before action is taken upon approval of the Journal. 145

Length of a Quorum Call:

No limitation can be set on the length of time of a quorum call.146

¹⁴⁰ Jan. 26, 1921, 66-3, Record, p. 2070; July 24, 1947, 80-1, Record, pp. 9994, 9996-97, 10000; Mar. 3, 1931, 71-3, Record, p. 7133; June 6, 1913, 63-1, Record, p. 1907; July 16, 1897, 55-1, Record, p. 2632: Apr. 9, 1870, 41-2, Globe, pp. 2542-43.

141 Aug. 14, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 13727-28; June 5, 1920, 66-2, Record, p. 8637; Nov. 22, 1937, 75-2, Journal, p. 16, Record, pp. 209-11.

142 Apr. 22, 1926, 69-1, Journal, p. 341; June 29, 1926, 69-1, Journal, p. 544; Feb. 23, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 207

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 Oct. 31, 1918, 65–2, Journal, p. 374, Record, p. 11520; Nov. 28, 1922, 67–3, Journal, p. 14, Record, p. 325; Mar. 3, 1911, 61–3, Record, p. 4023; Mar. 1, 1927, 69–2, Journal, pp. 253–54; Apr. 22, 1910, 61–2, Record, p. 5179.
 Mar. 1, 1927, 69–2, Journal, pp. 253–54.
 Mar. 3, 1911, 61–3, Record, p. 4023.
 June 12, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 8418; see also Apr. 28, 1959, 86–1, Record, pp. 6907–69.

New Session:

See also "Congress," pp. 494-495; "Senate," pp. 1233-1234.

In recent years, upon convening a new Congress, the practice of the Senate is to administer the oath of office to Senators-elect, upon the presentation of their credentials, before calling a quorum, 147 which is called immediately thereafter to ascertain if a quorum is present. 148 At the opening of other sessions of Congress, the quorum is immediately called after the Senate session is called to order. 149

A new Congress is not assembled until a quorum of each House develops, and consequently no business, including morning business, can be transacted until the new Congress is assembled.¹⁵⁰

Out of Order:

See "Dilatory," pp. 1053-1054; "Business—Definition of What Constitutes Business Since the Previous Quorum Call for the Purpose of Calling Another Quorum," pp. 1042-1046.

Pairs Counted To Constitute a Quorum:

See also "Pairs," pp. 968-970.

Under recent Senate practice, where there are sufficient Senators present who have announced their pairs and, therefore, withheld their votes, the Presiding Officer held that a quorum was present for the transaction of business or that the vote was valid. 151

¹⁴⁷ Mar. 5, 1903, 58-Special Session, Record, p. 1; see Journal for opening session of new Congresses; Nov. 9, 1903, 58-1, Record, p. 145; Apr. 4, 1911, 62-1, Record, pp. 1-2.

148 Gilfrey, Precedents of the U.S. Senate, 1913, p. 502; Dec. 2, 1907, 60-1, Record, p. 1.

149 Dec. 3, 1928, 70-2, Record, p. 3; see Journal for proceedings on the opening day of the second session of each Congress.

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150 Dec. 1, 1913, 63-2, Record, p. 3.

151 Sept. 14, 1888, 50-1, Record, p. 8601; May 29, 1908, 60-1, Journal, p. 514, Record, p. 7196; Aug. 11, 1911, 62-1, Journal, p. 167, Record, p. 3827; Aug. 14, 1941, 77-1, Record, p. 714; Jan. 14, 1938, 75-3, Journal, p. 89; June 27, 1932, 72-1, Journal, p. 647, Record, p. 14039, 14041; Mar. 19, 1930, 71-2, Journal, p. 223, Record, p. 5622; May 18, 1928, 70-1, Journal, p. 480, Record, p. 9082; Dec. 11, 1926, 69-2, Journal, p. 32, Record, p. 290; June 19, 1918, 65-2, Journal, p. 263, Record, p. 8004; May 27, 1918, 65-2, Journal, p. 230, Record, p. 7126; May 16, 1918, 65-2, Journal, p. 212, Record, p. 5594; Feb. 17, 1917, 64-2, Journal, p. 161, Record, pp. 3476, 3479; Feb. 19, 1917, 64-2, Journal, p. 168, Record, p. 3613; May 20 and 22, 1916, 64-1, Record, pp. 8372, 8429; Jan. 27, 1915, 63-3, Journal, p. 75, Record, p. 2404; Oct. 22, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 16922; Sept. 25, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 15663-64, 15683, 15687; Sept. 18, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 15338; Sept. 11, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 14988; Sept. 8, 1914, 63-2, Journal, p. 503, Record, p. 14802; Aug. 17, 1914, 63-2, Journal, p. 464, Record, pp. 13858-59; Aug. 24, 1914, 63-2, Journal, p. 478, Record, p. 14178; July 13, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 12026; July 3, 1914, 63-2, Journal, p. 379, Record, Continued

Point of Order, Not in Order:

A point of order is not in order during a quorum call. 152 When the time arrives for a cloture vote, the Chair will direct the clerk to ascertain the presence of a quorum even if a quorum has just voted, and once the clerk begins the quorum call no point of order is in order. 153

Present But Not Voting Counted To Make Quorum:

In 1914, three Senators present but not voting were counted to make a quorum and thereby make the roll call vote valid. 154

Presiding Officer May Suggest or Rescind:

A Senator, when presiding over the Senate, may suggest the absence of a quorum in his own right as a Senator,155 and no objection being heard may specify that the time thereby consumed be equally divided when operating under a time agreement. 156

The Presiding Officers in their capacity as Senators may rescind a quorum call, without objection, 157 or may

object to rescinding a quorum call. 158

Quorum Being Present, Business Proceeds:

See also "Debate of Order To Require Attendance," pp. 218-219.

Less than a quorum having voted on a motion, but a quorum appearing in response to a call of the Senate, a ruling was made that a motion at that time to proceed to the consideration of executive business was not in order

pp. 11586-91; June 4, 1912, 62-2, Record, pp. 7616-20; Mar. 20, 1912, 62-2, Journal, p. 221, Record, pp. 3677-78; May 29, 1908, 60-1, Journal, p. 514, Record, pp. 7195-96; see also Apr. 13, 1894, 53-2, Record, p. 3747.

152 Sept. 30, 1971, 92-1, Record, p. 34260.
153 Apr. 19, 1983, 98-1, Record, p. 8969.
154 Oct. 22, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 16922.
155 Sept. 12, 1968, 90, 2, Record, p. 20079; Feb. 24, 1082, 98, 1, Record, p. 20079; Feb. 24, 108

¹⁵⁴ Oct. 22, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 16922.
155 Sept. 12, 1986, 99-2, Record, p. 23072; Feb. 24, 1983, 98-1, Record, p. 2994; Sept. 30, 1980, 96-2, Record, p. 28085; July 31, 1975, 94-1, Record, p. 26414; Feb. 20, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 4317-18; Jan. 22, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 1111; May 24, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 11254; Sept. 10, 1973, 93-1, Record, p. 29053; Oct. 29, 1977, 95-1, Record, pp. 35891-92; Sept. 15, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 29649-50; Sept. 13, 1979, 96-1, Record, p. 24383; see Dec. 24, 1963, 88-1, Record, pp. 25510-12.
156 Sept. 28, 1983, 98-1, Record, p. 26023.
157 Mar. 13, 1984, 98-2, Record, p. 5264.
158 May 6, 1986, 99-2, Record, p. 9598.

¹⁵⁸ May 6, 1986, 99-2, Record, p. 9598.

in that a rollcall was proceeding.159 A quorum having responded to a call of the Senate, a point of order that a quorum was not actually present on the floor of the Senate is not valid. 160

The presence of a quorum having been announced, it is not in order for the Clerk, upon the request of a Senator, to read the names of the Senators present. 161

Quorum Called Off by Unanimous Consent:

See "Withdrawal of Quorum Call," pp. 1076-1077.

Recapitulation:

The recapitulation of a quorum may be demanded. 162 In the absence of a quorum, the presence of a quorum having been disclosed on a yea and nay vote on a motion to direct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators, the Senate thereupon proceeded with the consideration of its pending business. 163

Recess in Absence of Quorum:

See also "Absence of Quorum," p. 1081; "Adjournment in the Absence of a Quorum," pp. 1040-1041.

A unanimous consent agreement having been reached to recess at the close of business, it is in order for the Senate to recess in the absence of a quorum; 164 and a motion, in the absence of a quorum, to take a recess under a previous order has precedence over a motion requesting the attendance of absentees. 165

When the Senate, in the absence of a quorum, takes a recess under a previous order, until a given time, it is the first order of business at the beginning of the next meeting of the Senate, to call the roll for the purpose of developing a quorum.166

¹⁵⁹ Sept. 11, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 14992; for a ruling to the contrary, see Aug. 24, 1912, 62-2, Record, p. 11798. This is not a good ruling and is contrary to recent prac-

^{1912, 62-2,} Recora, p. 11136. This is left tices.

160 Nov. 22, 1937, 75-2, Journal, p. 16, Record, pp. 209-11.

161 Sept. 18, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 15359.

162 July 24, 1947, 80-1, Record, pp. 10001-03.

163 Mar. 8, 1960, 86-2, Record, pp. 4851, 4857; Mar. 2, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 4101;

Mar. 1, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 2946.

164 See Sept. 7, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 21933.

165 Apr. 4, 1964, 88-2, Record, pp. 6861-63.

166 July 21 and 23, 1956, 84-2, Record, pp. 13894, 14159; see Sept. 8, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 22111; Sept. 9, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 22193; Sept. 12, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 22275.

Recess, Motion To, and Call for Quorum:

See also "Precedence of Such Motions," p. 221; "Recess," pp. 1080-1090; also under this section, "Vote on Recess in Absence of Quorum," p. 1075.

It is in order to call for a quorum upon the making of a motion to take a recess. 167

The Senate cannot entertain a motion to recess in the absence of or after the absence of a quorum has been determined,168 unless a previous order has been adopted to authorize a recess at the conclusion of the day's business. 169

A recess is in order in the absence of a quorum if it had been previously ordered, 170 and a motion to adjourn under such conditions is not in order. 171 In a few instances motions to take a recess in the absence of a quorum have been offered and agreed to, no objection being made. 172 A motion to take a recess may not be coupled with a call for a quorum, 173 nor may a suggestion of the absence of a quorum be coupled with a motion to take a recess. 174

A motion to recess upon which less than a quorum voted may upon the appearance of a quorum be withdrawn by unanimous consent. 175

A motion for a recess is not displaced by a motion to adjourn which is rejected by less than a quorum, but upon the development of a quorum the question would recur on the motion to take a recess. 176

A recess having been taken in pursuance of an order previously adopted by the Senate and in the absence of a

¹⁶⁷ Mar. 30, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 4363–64.

168 Mar. 2, 1927, 69–2, Journal, p. 267; Mar. 7, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 2947; Aug. 28, 1916, 64–1, Record, p. 13311; Aug. 5, 1886, 49–1, Record, p. 8022; June 4, 1894, 53–2, Record, p. 5694; see also Aug. 17, 1888, 50–1, Record, p. 7680.

169 Feb. 25, 1929, 70–2, Journal, pp. 211–12; Feb. 22, 1927, 69–2, Journal, p. 206, Record, pp. 4453, 4456; Mar. 4, 1938, 75–3, Journal, p. 200; Dec. 14, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 16560

 <sup>16569.
 170</sup> Feb. 22, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 206, Record, pp. 4453, 4456; Feb. 25, 1929, 70-2,
 Journal, pp. 211-12, Record, pp. 4241-43; Mar. 4, 1938, 75-3, Journal, p. 200; Nov. 9,
 1929, 71-1, Journal, p. 196, Record, p. 5391; June 1, 1922, 67-2, Journal, p. 271, Record,

^{1929, 71-1,} Journal, p. 130, Record, p. 3021, June 1, 1929, 67-2, p. 7967.

171 Feb. 25, 1929, 70-2, Journal, pp. 211-12, Record, pp. 4241-43; June 1, 1922, 67-2, Journal, p. 271, Record, p. 7967.

172 Sept. 14, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 15104; Dec. 30, 1914, 63-3, Record, p. 756; Feb. 23, 1915, 63-3, Record, p. 4412; Mar. 19, 1935, 74-1, Record, p. 3978; Mar. 20, 1926, 69-1, Journal, p. 247, Record, p. 5977.

173 May 25, 1928, 70-1, Journal, p. 537, Record, p. 9808.

¹⁷⁵ June 28, 1945, 79–1, Record, p. 6926. 176 See Dec. 17, 1919, 66–2, Record, pp. 758–59.

quorum the Presiding Officer directs a quorum call immediately upon the reconvening of the Senate to ascertain the presence of a quorum. 177

Recognition and Quorum Call:

See "Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order," pp. 1062-1065.

Regular Order Called for:

The call for the regular order when the Chair orders the call of a quorum requires the Chair to insist that the Clerk call the roll; the making of a point of order at that point before the quorum call begins by a Senator that a quorum call was not in order would present a different situation as distinguished from a call for the regular order; should a point of order be made that a quorum was not in order, the Chair would be forced to rule on whether or not a quorum call was in order at that time under the existing circumstances. 178

Request Attendance:

See "Call of Absentees, a Quorum Being Absent," p. 216; "Compel or Request Attendance," pp. 217-222.

Reservation of Objections:

See also "Business or Debate Out of Order in the Absence of a Quorum," pp. 1046-1049; "Withdrawal of Quorum Call," pp. 1076-1077.

A unanimous consent request to dispense with further proceedings under a quorum call is not subject to a reservation of objection. 179

A reservation of objections to a unanimous consent request to dispense with or withdraw a quorum call is not in order,180 nor is debate in order pending such a re-

¹⁷⁷ Aug. 24, 1914, 63–2, Journal, p. 477; Apr. 14, 1916, 64–1, Journal, p. 292; Mar. 4, 1938, 75–3, Journal, p. 200; Apr. 8 and 12, 1948, 80–2, Record, p. 4277; Nov. 22 and 25, 1940, 76–3, Record, p. 13716; Nov. 11, 1929, 71–1, Journal, p. 196, Record, p. 5393; Jan. 21 and 22, 1929, 70–2, Journal, p. 96, Record, pp. 1978, 2023; Feb. 13 and 14, 1925, 68–2, Journal, p. 182, Record, pp. 3640, 3696; see also Feb. 7 and 9, 1925, 68–2, Journal, p. 163, Record, pp. 3219, 3279.

178 Mar. 14, 1972, 92–2, Record, pp. 8304–05.

179 Oct. 4, 1990, 101–2, Record, p. S 14546; Feb. 5, 1986, 99–2, Record, p. 1658; Aug. 21, 1980, 96–2, Record, p. 22479.

180 Sept. 14, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 11372; Sept. 30, 1971, 92–1, Record, p. 34260; Feb. 26, 1966, 89–2, Record, p. 4178; Sept. 12, 1969, 91–1, Record, p. 25321.

quest,181 nor may a Senator make a parliamentary inquiry.182

During a quorum call (before the absence of a quorum was revealed), no business is in order, including making parliamentary inquiries, or reserving the right to object to unanimous consent requests. It is only in order to make a unanimous consent request to terminate the call. 183

Rollcall Record, Not Subject to Appeal:

See "Announced by Chair," p. 1041.

Secretary Calls the Roll:

When the absence of a quorum is raised, the Chair directs the Secretary [clerk] to call the roll and under the rule the roll should be called. 184

The Senator making the point of no quorum, of course, should be in possession of the floor, 185 or a Senator having the floor may yield to another for that purpose. 186

Senator Must Respond to Call To Be Recorded:

See "Adding of Names to Quorum Call After Call Is Completed," p. 1040.

Sergeant at Arms' Report on:

See "Sergeant at Arms' Report," pp. 223-224.

Sergeant at Arms To Request Attendance of Absentees:

If the call of a quorum discloses the absence of a quorum and the Chair has so announced that a quorum is not present, it is in order to move that the Sergeant at Arms be directed to request the attendance of absent Senators, before the call of the absentees. 187

¹⁸¹ Sept. 12, 1969, 91–1, Record, p. 25321; see Sept. 6, 1962, 87–2, Record, pp. 18713–14.

¹⁸¹ Sept. 12, 1969, 91-1, Record, p. 25321, see Sept. 6, 1502, 61-2, 116074, pp. 10162 182 Sept. 12, 1969, 91-1, Record, p. 25321.

183 May 17, 1982, 97-2, Record, pp. 10250-51.

184 May 2, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 7619.

185 Jan. 5, 1915, 63-3, Record, p. 973.

186 May 7, 1941, 77-1, Record, pp. 3705, 3708; see also June 15, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 290.

¹⁸⁷ Mar. 14, 1972, 92-2, Record, pp. 8307-08.

Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order:

See also "When Not In Order," p. 1075; "Interruption of Senator To Suggest Quorum Call, Out of Order," p. 1055; "Yield for Suggestion of Absence of Quorum," pp. 1077-1078; "Presiding Officer May Suggest," p. 1057; "Cloture Procedure," pp. 282-

It is in order for any Senator to make a point of no quorum at any time he has the floor if any business has been transacted since the last quorum call. 188 A Senator who does not have the floor may not suggest the absence of a quorum. 189 A Senator may suggest the absence of a quorum after yielding the floor provided that the Chair recognizes the Senator for that purpose. 190 A Senator may not suggest the absence of a quorum unless he has the floor or has been yielded the floor for that purpose by unanimous consent.¹⁹¹ Therefore, the suggestion of the absence of a quorum is not in order when the Senator holding the floor declines to yield for that purpose, 192 nor may Senators suggest the absence of a quorum while another Senator who has the floor awaits the response of the Chair to a parliamentary inquiry. 193

The suggestion of the absence of a quorum or a point of no quorum is not in order by a Senator who has not been recognized; 194 or to put it another way, it is not in order for a Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum unless he has been recognized.

It is in order for one Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum while another is attempting to secure recognition. 195

It is in order to suggest the absence of a quorum pending the vote on a motion to recess, 196 or pending the ruling by the Chair on a point of order. 197

¹⁸⁸ Apr. 15, 1986, 99-2, Record, pp. 7479-80; Apr. 5, 1922, 67-2, Journal, p. 172, Record, pp. 5066-67.

¹⁸⁹ Sept. 28, 1984, 98-2, Record, p. 27670.

Sept. 28, 1984, 98-2, Record, p. 21610.
 Jan. 27, 1988, 100-2, Record, pp. S 171-72.
 Mar. 4, 1988, 100-2, Record, p. S 1949.
 Mar. 19, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 2263; Nov. 22, 1937, 75-2, Journal, p. 16, Record, pp. 209-11; Mar. 2, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 267; Feb. 20, 1930, 71-2, Journal, p. 154.
 See Oct. 18, 1985, 99-1, Record, p. 28037.
 June 4, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 6570; see also June 5, 1952, 82-2, Record, pp. 6585,

¹⁹⁶ See May 5, 1952, 82–2, Record, pp. 4765–66. ¹⁹⁶ May 9, 1985, 99–1, Record, p. 11407. ¹⁹⁷ Feb. 22, 1983, 98–1, Record, p. 2694.

A quorum call is not in order pending the result of a unanimous consent request, since a Senator does not lose the floor upon making a unanimous consent request. 198 Any Senator may object to the request, but the floor is not thereby made available for another Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum. 199

Any Senator is entitled to request a quorum before a vote is taken on the passage of a bill called up under unanimous consent procedure while another matter is pending.200

A quorum call is in order after a division vote but prior to the announcement of the results or after a voice vote is called for but before the results are announced,201 and prior to the announcement of the results of a vote on an amendment; on a division vote, or while a division vote is in process, it is in order to suggest the absence of a quorum.202

Upon the convening of the Senate following an adjournment or recess a quorum must be called upon demand. 203

The suggestion of the absence of a quorum is in order after the motion to adjourn has been made; 204 a quorum having rejected a motion to adjourn on one occasion, the suggestion of the absence of a quorum immediately thereafter, no business having intervened, was ruled out of order.205

A call of the Senate having disclosed the absence of a quorum, and a motion to adjourn having been rejected, a second call of the Senate is not in order; 206 proceedings under the first call continues.

A Senator having been recognized, he has a right to call a quorum: when amendments are offered to a bill, 207 or when the reading of a paper by the Clerk has been asked for and objected to, and the question or motion is then submitted to the Senate. 208

¹⁹⁸ Oct. 6, 1987, 100-1, Record, pp. S. 13522-23.
199 Oct. 2, 1987, 100-1, Record, p. S. 13448.
200 Nov. 6, 1969, 91-1, Record, p. 33397.
201 June 22, 1940, 76-3, Journal, p. 491, Record, pp. 8998, 9000; Feb. 5, 1970, 91-2, ²⁰¹ June 22, 1940, 76–3, Journal, p. 491, Record, pp. 8998, 9000; rep. 5, 1970, 91–2, Record, p. 2579.

²⁰² May 27, 1940, 76–3, Record, p. 6901; Feb. 3 and 4, 1960, 86–2, Record, pp. 1948, 2063; see Nov. 14, 1975, 94–1, Record, pp. 36764–65.

²⁰³ May 2, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 4705; Nov. 17, 1942, 77–2, Record, p. 8897.

²⁰⁴ May 29, 1926, 69–1, Record, p. 10367; Dec. 12, 1917, 65–2, Record, p. 179.

²⁰⁵ Feb. 21, 1895, 53–3, Record, p. 2508.

²⁰⁶ Jan. 24, 1901, 56–2, Record, p. 1384.

²⁰⁷ July 29, 1941, 77–1, Record, pp. 6389–90.

²⁰⁸ July 24, 1947, 80–1, Record, p. 10012.

²⁰⁸ July 24, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 10012.

Less than a quorum having voted on a motion to proceed to the consideration of executive business, the President of the Senate held that a call of the Senate had precedence over a motion to direct the Sergeant at Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. 209

Where less than a quorum votes, as disclosed by a yea and nay vote, the next business is for the Presiding Officer to direct a call of the roll to develop a quorum.210

In 1929, where less than a quorum in one instance voted on a motion, and a point of order was made that the vote disclosed such absence, the Presiding Officer directed the roll to be called.211

The statement of a Senator that a bill should not be taken up for consideration with manifestly no quorum of the Senate present does not raise the point of no quorum as contemplated by the rule.212

The statement of a Senator that there is less than a quorum present is no ground for calling the roll when a quorum was just announced as being present, and the Senator who has the floor refuses to yield for another call.213

A statement by a Senator, in the course of debate, that there were only five Senators on the floor at the time is not regarded as the suggestion of the absence of a quorum, under the precedents of the Senate; 214 but the Chair on different occasions has held the following to be equivalent or sufficient to be a suggestion of the absence of a quorum, or it became the duty of the Chair to order the Secretary to call the roll: In 1894, where less than a quorum voted on a division; 215 in 1913, a statement by a Senator in the course of an address that only 17 Members were present by actual count; 216 in 1908, a remark by a Senator to the effect that not a fourth of the Senators were present

²⁰⁹ Apr. 9, 1894, 53–2, Record, p. 3573.
²¹⁰ May 2, 1881, 47-Special Session, Record, pp. 440–41; Feb. 8, 1915, 63–3, Journal, pp. 95–96, Record, pp. 3275–80; Oct. 16, 1893, 53–1, Record, p. 2546; Jan. 14, 1938, 75–3, Record, pp. 511–13; see also Mar. 8, 1960, 86–2, Record, p. 4890; July 15, 1942, 77–2, Record, pp. 6191; Aug. 15, 1941, 77–1, Record, pp. 7174–75; Aug. 17, 1888, 50–2, Journal, p. 1305; May 22, July 27, Aug. 2, 10, and 17, and Sept. 7, 1888, 50–1, Record, pp. 864, 1200, 1234, 1266, 1305, 1395–96; May 8, 1888, 50–1, Journal, pp. 787–88; Apr. 9, 1888, 50–1, Journal, p. 630; May 20, 1916, 64–1, Record, p. 8372.
²¹¹ Feb. 25, 1929, 70–2, Journal, p. 212.
²¹² Dec. 17, 1998, 60–2, Record, p. 370.
²¹³ Mar. 24, 1942, 77–2, Record, p. 2842.
²¹⁴ See Mar. 8, 1960, 86–2, Record, p. 4890.

²¹⁴ See Mar. 8, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 4890.

²¹⁵ July 11, 1894, 53–2, Record, p. 7283. ²¹⁶ Oct. 23, 1913, 63–1, Record, p. 5762.

during the discussion of the pending bill; 217 in 1921, a statement by a Senator to the effect that there were only 7 Senators present.²¹⁸ The suggestion of the absence of a quorum is in order: pending a vote on the question of excusing a Senator from voting; 219 where the yeas and nays have been ordered on a question or on a motion and the call commenced, but prior to a response,220 but not after a response has been made; 221 during the process of a division vote—that is, prior to the announcement of the result,222 but it is too late to request a quorum call to assure the presence of a quorum on the division vote after the results on that vote have been announced; 223 a quorum call is in order while a voice vote is being had prior to the announcement of the result.224

It has been held not in order for a Senator to demand a quorum call immediately following a yea and nay vote

which discloses the presence of a quorum.225

In May 1935, when less than a quorum voted on a question and the Sergeant at Arms, pursuant to an order, was endeavoring to develop a quorum, an absent Senator appeared and voted, making a quorum. 226

A Senator in calling for a quorum will not lose his right to the floor if no point of order is made against him. 227

Table:

A quorum call is in order after a motion to table has been made but before a vote is taken thereon.228

²¹⁷ May 2, 1908, 60-1, Record, p. 5577; it was held that year that a comment to the effect that a bill should not be taken up with manifestly no quorum of the Senate present was not a suggestion of the absence of a quorum as contemplated by the rule; Dec. 17, 1908, 60-2, Record, p. 370.

²¹⁸ See May 12, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 1350.

²¹⁹ Oct. 11 and 13, 1893, 53-1, Record, pp. 2398, 2474.

²²⁰ Apr. 30, 1926, 69-1, Record, pp. 8489; Jan. 30, 1922, 67-2, Record, p. 1896; see also Jan. 21, 1932, 72-1, Record, pp. 2412-13.

²²¹ Apr. 3, 1941, 77-1, Record, pp. 2983; Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 8899; Aug. 31, 1922, 67-2, Record, p. 12032; Mar. 2, 1943, 78-1, Record, p. 1466; Apr. 27, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 301, Record, p. 6504; see also Apr. 2, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 3095; June 4, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 6552; Feb. 1, 1910, 61-2, Record, p. 1326.

²²² Jan. 11, 1932, 72-1, Record, pp. 1690-91; June 18, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 10672; June 3, 1938, 75-3, Record, pp. 8122-23; Aug. 31, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 10947; June 22, 1940, 76-3, Record, pp. 899-9000; see also May 27, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 6901; Apr. 5, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 13632.

²²⁴ See Apr. 14, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 5191; July 25, 1958, 85-2, Record, p. 15118; June 14, 1958, 85-2, Record, p. 11195.

²²⁵ Nov. 17, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 8899.

²²⁶ May 21, 1935, 74-1, Journal, p. 365, Record, pp. 7942-43.

²²⁷ See Feb. 21, 1944, 78-1, Record, pp. 8303-10. 217 May 2, 1908, 60-1, Record, p. 5577; it was held that year that a comment to the

After a motion to table has been made, a Senator may seek recognition to suggest the absence of a quorum. 229

Time Allowed for Quorum Call:

There is nothing in the rules which provides for a limit on the time required for quorum calls. 230

Unanimous Consent Agreement—Effect on **Quorum Calls:**

When the Senate is considering a matter under an order limiting the time for debate and assigning control of that time, a Senator who does not control time may not suggest the absence of a quorum.²³¹ When the Senate is considering a measure under a unanimous consent agreement which limits time for debate, if a Senator who controls time suggests the absence of a quorum, the time for the quorum call is automatically charged against that Senator's time.232

Under a unanimous consent agreement providing for a vote upon a treaty at a fixed time, without further debate, a quorum call is in order upon the arrival of that time before the vote begins.²³³ During the consideration of a bill under a unanimous consent agreement to vote on its passage on that day a quorum call is in order, or under an agreement providing for voting to begin at a certain hour a quorum call is in order prior to a vote. 234

When the Senate is considering an amendment upon which there is a time limitation, it is not in order for a Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum unless that Senator has at least 10 minutes of time under his or her control on that amendment, or on the bill or resolution.235 However, on one occasion a Senator suggested the absence of a quorum shortly after ascertaining from

²²⁹ July 15, 1983, 98–1, Record, p. 19482.
²³⁰ See Apr. 7, 1964, 88–2, Record, pp. 7046–47.
²³¹ Sept. 17, 1986, 99–2, Record, p. 23734.
²³² Dec. 20, 1982, 97–2, Record, p. 32586.
²³³ Mar. 24, 1922, 67–2, Record, p. 4486.
²³⁴ July 2, 1912, 62–2, Journal, p. 441, Record, p. 8559; see decisions where quorums were held out of order because under the agreement the Senate was to proceed to vote without further debate; Feb. 24, 1917, 64–2, Journal, p. 191, Record, p. 4149; Dec. 20, 1919, 66–2, Journal, p. 57, Record, pp. 950–951; see also Jan. 22, 1947, 80–1, Record, p. 509

²³⁵ Sept. 22, 1988, 100–2, *Record*, p. S 13016; May 2, 1985, 99–1, *Record*, p. 10307; April 5, 1984, 98-2, Record, p. 8043.

the Chair that he controlled only eight minutes on an amendment.236

A Senator who was yielded 5 minutes for debate by the manager of a measure on which there was a time limitation had insufficient time under his or her control with which to suggest the absence of a quorum.237 When a measure was being considered under a time limit of 5 minutes of which only two remained, the Chair informed a Senator that he could not suggest the absence of a quorum and by unanimous consent divide the time consumed equally, since the total remaining time was insufficient.238

A Senator having only five minutes remaining does not have time enough to suggest the absence of a quorum on his time; but a quorum call would be in order after all time had expired and before a vote.239

When operating under a unanimous consent agreement if there is insufficient time for a quorum call remaining, a quorum call is not in order until all time is expired or yielded back,240 unless unanimous consent is granted that the time not be charged to either side.241

Under a unanimous consent agreement, placing a limitation on debate and providing for control of time, a quorum call is not in order prior to the expiration of the time allotted for the debate, 242 or until yielded back, 243 unless the Senator calling for a quorum has sufficient time for such call to be charged against his time for debate, since the time for the quorum call will be charged against the time of the Senator calling for the quorum 244

²³⁶ Nov. 22, 1985, 99-1, Record, p. 33355.
237 May 1, 1985, 99-1, Record, pp. 10073-74.
238 July 20, 1989, 101-1, Record, pp. S 8319, 8323-24.
239 Oct. 6, 1977, 95-1, Record, pp. 32655-59.
240 Jan. 24, 1978, 95-2, Record, p. 664; July 18, 1978, 95-2, Record, p. 21209; Aug. 22, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 27201-02.
241 July 19, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 6500-02, June 5, 1952, 82-2, Record, pp. 6585, 6590; Aug. 2, 1957, 85-1, Record, p. 13462.
243 June 4, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 8140.
244 June 2, 1943, 78-1, Record, p. 5188; Jan. 24, 1978, 95-2, Record, p. 664; May 29, 1946, 79-2, Record, p. 5888; July 12, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 8034; June 29, 1956, 84-2, Record, p. 11338; Mar. 25, 1955, 84-1, Record, pp. 3755-56; July 1, 1954, 83-2, Record, p. 9461; June 6, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 6701; June 4, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 6500; July 26, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 8915; Feb. 25, 1963, 88-1, Record, p. 2915; Jan. 24, 1972, 92-2, Record, pp. 953-54; see also Mar. 16, 1956, 84-2, Record, p. 4956; Sept. 19, 1951, 82-1, Record, pp. 1594; Apr. 27, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 5843; Apr. 22, 1947, 80-1, Record, pp. 3781; Apr. 5, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 4740; Aug. 16, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 11537; Nov. 24, 1944, 78-2, Record, p. 8358; June 3, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 8084; Sept. 27, 1962, 87-2, Record, p. 20977. Record, p. 20977.

unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.245 When the Senate is operating under controlled time pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement, and a quorum call is requested, time must be yielded for that purpose, and unless a request is made that such time be equally divided between both sides, the time will be charged to the side of the Senator requesting the quorum. 246 That is, under a limitation of debate the time consumed in calling a quorum will be charged against such time for debate unless excluded or excepted by unanimous consent.247

When considering an amendment under a unanimous consent agreement which limits time on amendments, a quorum call is in order when requested by a Senator who does not control time or has not been yielded sufficient time only when all time on the amendment has expired or been yielded back.248

During the consideration of a bill under a unanimous consent agreement limiting debate and controlling time on a bill and amendments thereto, when all time has been yielded back on an amendment, a quorum call is in order by any Senator prior to a vote; a quorum call would not be in order by another Senator when one Senator in control of time has time remaining for debate,249 or by a Senator who has exhausted his time when time remains to another Senator, 250 nor would it be in order by a Senator who has no time under his control,251 except by unanimous consent or unless the controller of the time yielded for that purpose.²⁵² Likewise, a quorum call would not be in order under such a unanimous consent agreement until all time is utilized or yielded back, except by unanimous consent, unless the Senator asking for the quorum has enough time remaining to charge the quorum against or unless the Senator in charge of the time should yield for that purpose; 253 time for a quorum call under such

²⁴⁸ June 6, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 6701; May 16, 1968, 90–2, Record, pp. 13619–20. ²⁴⁸ June 22, 1978, 95–2, Record, pp. 18392–94. ²⁴⁷ Feb. 27, 1952, 82–2, Record, pp. 1498, 1532; June 6, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 6701; see also July 26, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 8912. ²⁴⁸ Oct. 11, 1988, 100–2, Record, pp. S 15444–45. ²⁴⁹ See May 15 and 16, 1963, 88–1, Record, pp. 8709, 8827–28. ²⁵⁰ May 15, 1963, 88–1, Record, pp. 8706, 8709–11. ²⁵¹ Aug. 25, 1970, 91–2, Record, p. 29957; see June 29, 1956, 84–2, Record, pp. 11343, 11368.

²⁸² Ibid.; Oct. 25, 1977, 95–1, Record, p. 34914. ²⁵³ Apr. 22, 1971, 92–1, Record, p. 11507; May 17, 1973, 93–1, Record, pp. 16114–15; see Aug. 19, 1970, 91–2, Record, p. 29449; Feb. 9, 1972, 92–2, Record, p. 3372; Nov. 5, 1969, 91-1, Record, p. 33055.

agreements and under such circumstances must be charged against allotted time, unless unanimous consent is granted to have a quorum call without the time being charged to either side. 254

After the time for debate on an amendment under a unanimous consent agreement limiting debate thereon has expired or been yielded back, even if a time is set for a vote on the amendment, any Senator has a right to suggest the absence of a quorum before the vote since the Constitution requires a quorum to be present to transact business,255 and the time used for such a quorum call preliminary to a vote is not charged to either side. 256

A Senator having time for debate as author of an amendment, under a unanimous consent agreement, may not request a quorum on time charged to the bill which is under control of the Majority and Minority Leaders unless such time is yielded to him for that purpose by the leaders.257

Under an agreement limiting debate on a question to 3 hours, with a proviso for a vote thereon to come immediately thereafter, it is not in order, upon objection, to have a quorum call in the meantime without the time being charged.258

When a unanimous consent agreement provides for a vote to occur on or in relation to an amendment at a time certain without intervening action, a quorum call is not in order when that time arrives, except by unanimous consent. 259 When a unanimous consent agreement provides for a vote at a time certain and waives intervening quorum calls, a quorum call is not in order except by unanimous consent.260 On one occasion, unanimous consent was obtained that prohibited any quorum call immediately prior to a vote on a motion to invoke cloture, and that waived the mandatory quorum.261

Under a unanimous consent agreement providing for a limitation of debate, a Senator in control of time who yields for a quorum call would have that time consumed

²⁵⁴ See May 16, 1968, 90–2, Record, pp. 13619–20. ²⁵⁵ See May 16, 1968, 90–2, Record, pp. 13619–20. ²⁵⁶ See June 16, 1958, 85–2, Record, p. 11314; July 25, 1958, 85–2, Record, p. 15117; Mar. 22, 1961, 87–1, Record, p. 4509; Mar. 6, 1964, 88–2, Record, p. 4596. ²⁵⁷ June 8, 1967, 90–1, Record, p. 15241. ²⁵⁸ See May 24, 1960, 86–2, Record, p. 10909. ²⁵⁹ Aug. 12, 1986, 99–2, Record, p. 20835; Apr. 15, 1986, 99–2, Record, p. 7469. ²⁶⁰ Mar. 31, 1987, 100–1, Record, p. S 4325. ²⁶¹ Sept. 22, 1988, 100–2, Record, p. S 13130.

in such call charged against him. 262 The same is true of the time used for a quorum call even if the quorum is later withdrawn.263

Where a Senator, during the consideration of a bill under a unanimous consent agreement limiting debate, suggests the absence of a quorum, to be charged to his time, it is not in order during the call to inquire how much time he has left.264

Under a unanimous consent agreement providing for a division of the time for debate where a quorum call is had before the debate proceeds, it is customary to divide the time consumed equally to both sides in getting a quorum.265

Where debate is limited by a unanimous consent agreement it is not in order for a Senator who has exhausted his time if all time has not been exhausted, to suggest the absence of a quorum.266

During the consideration of a bill under unanimous consent agreement, a quorum call is in order prior to a vote on a proposition if the time on that proposition has been used or yielded back.267

After the time for debate on an amendment or on a bill under unanimous consent has been exhausted, or the Senator having time yields the same back, a quorum call is in order by any Senator prior to the taking of any vote, 268 and it is not necessary to request unanimous consent that the time not be charged to either side; 269 but the suggestion of the absence of a quorum would not be in order unless all time had been used or yielded back.270 The time consumed in calling a quorum, preparatory to a vote on an amendment to a bill, under a unanimous consent agreement limiting debate, after debate on the amendment is concluded, will be excluded from such agreement.271

²⁶² June 4, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 6500; see also June 3, 1938, 75–3, Record, p. 8084.
²⁶³ May 21, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 5615.
²⁶⁴ Mar. 15, 1956, 84–2, Record, p. 4809.
²⁶⁵ June 14, 1948, 80–2, Record, p. 8032.
²⁶⁶ Aug. 18, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 11729.
²⁶⁷ Aug. 4, 1980, 96–2, Record, p. 21939.
²⁶⁸ Jun. 4, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 6500–02; Mar. 27, 1956, 84–2, Record, p. 5656; June 5, 1952, 82–2, Record, pp. 6585, 6590; May 29, 1956, 84–2, Record, p. 9202; see also Sept.
19, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 11594; Aug. 18, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 11729.
²⁶⁹ May 29, 1956, 84–2, Record, p. 9202.
²⁷⁰ Aug. 10, 1954, 83–2, Record, p. 13903; June 14, 1954, 83–2, Record, pp. 8140, 8151–52.

⁵². ²⁷¹ Mar. 31, 1952, 82–2, *Record*, p. 3152.

If a unanimous consent agreement fixes a time certain for a vote, any request that a quorum call be in order without the time being charged to either side before the time for the vote arrives would have the effect of dividing the time equally,272 and when the agreement fixes a specific time to vote on a bill, the time for a quorum, not to be charged to either side, would have no effect per se on the time to vote on the bill.²⁷³

When the Senate is considering a matter under cloture and a unanimous consent agreement for the consideration of a matter under a sublimit of controlled time has been entered into, a Senator who controls time under that agreement may suggest the absence of a quorum, and the time consumed counts against that Senator's share of the time sublimited but not against the Senator's hour under cloture.274

Unanimous Consent Agreement To Fix Time for Vote on Bill—When Quorum Call Required:

See also "Fixing Time for Vote," p. 1411; "Vote on Final Passage Under Unanimous Consent," pp. 1368-1369.

The Senate, in 1914, amended its rule (Rule XII) on voting so that under the present rule any Senator is prohibited from submitting to the Senate a unanimous consent agreement to fix a time certain for a vote on the final passage of a bill or joint resolution, 275 until after there has been a quorum call following the submission of the agreement,276 and the call must reveal the presence of a quorum,277 but such an agreement can be revoked or modified by another unanimous consent agreement granted in the same manner "upon one day's notice." ²⁷⁸ The rule applies only in the case of a bill or joint resolution,279 and then only when "on a specified date," and not

²⁷² Sept. 12, 1969, 91-1, Record, p. 25309; Aug. 2, 1971, 92-1, Record, pp. 28749-50.
²⁷³ See Aug. 2, 1971, 82-1, Record, pp. 28749-50.
²⁷⁴ See Oct. 1, 1984, 98-2, Record, p. 27928.
²⁷⁵ Oct. 30, 1913, 63-1, Journal, p. 223, Record, p. 5821; Dec. 5, 1913, and Jan. 16, 1914, 63-2, Journal, pp. 13, 74, Record, pp. 240, 1756-59.
²⁷⁶ Dec. 17, 1945, 79-1, Record, p. 12143; May 5, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 5676; Feb. 3, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 1452; July 21, 1965, 89-1, Record, p. 17776; Aug. 8, 1972, 92-2, Record, p. 27282; see also Jan. 16, 1933, 72-2, Record, p. 1851; May 17, 1932, 72-1, Record, p. 10443; June 26, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 7708; Oct. 2, 1962, 87-2, Record, p. 21615; Aug. 2, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 23912-13; July 18, 1979, 96-1, Record, p. 19222.
²⁷⁷ May 13, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 5136.
²⁷⁸ Rule XII, par. 4; July 21, 1977, 95-1, Record, pp. 24235-36.
²⁷⁹ Nov. 16, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 7778; Apr. 20, 1916, 64-1, Record, pp. 6477-78; Feb. 24, 1916, 64-1, Record, p. 3066; see also Jan. 11, 1915, 63-3, Record, p. 1357; May 17, Continued

when the request prohibits a vote before a certain time,²⁸⁰ and the rule can be suspended by unanimous consent,²⁸¹ but only paragraph 4 needs to be waived to accomplish this by unanimous consent.²⁸²

Objections have been made to such requests.283

Under the rule, a quorum call is required before entering into a unanimous consent agreement for a final vote on a bill even though a quorum was called shortly before the submission of such agreement; ²⁸⁴ or if submitted immediately following a quorum call, another quorum call is required under the rules. ²⁸⁵ If a proposed unanimous consent agreement has been objected to following a quorum call, a second call must be had unless dispensed with by unanimous consent. ²⁸⁶

A request for unanimous consent that the unfinished business be temporarily laid aside and that the consideration of another bill be proceeded with and voted upon immediately requires a quorum call under the rule.²⁸⁷

If a Senator, prior to a quorum call, has indicated his purpose to submit a unanimous consent agreement setting the time for a final vote on a bill, but such request is not submitted until after the quorum call, another quorum call must be taken under the rule before action is taken on the agreement unless waived by unanimous consent; ²⁸⁸ or such an agreement having been objected to following a call of the roll to determine the presence of a quorum, as required by the rule, a second call must be had upon the submission of a new agreement to fix a time for such a vote. ²⁸⁹

The quorum call required under the rule preceding a unanimous consent for a vote on final passage of a bill or joint resolution may be waived by unanimous consent.²⁹⁰

^{1932, 72-1,} Record, p. 10443; Nov. 30, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 15970; Sept. 22, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 33121, 33070-71.

280 See Aug. 2, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 23912-13.

281 Sept. 22, 1970, 91-2, Record, pp. 33121, 33070-71; see Aug. 11, 1966, 89-2, Record, p. 18973; Aug. 2, 1978, 95-2, Record, pp. 23912-13; Aug. 23, 1978, 95-2, Record, p. 27445; Dec. 6, 1979, 96-1, Record, p. 34904.

282 Nov. 16, 1973, 93-1, Record, p. 37517.

283 Mar. 11, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 2630; Aug. 7, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 9998; June 23, 1947, 80-1, Record, pp. 7546-47.

284 Feb. 21, 1925, 68-2, Record, p. 4320.

285 See Mar. 16, 1943, 78-1, Record, p. 2057.

286 Mar. 2, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 267.

287 Feb. 18, 1933, 72-2, Record, p. 10169; Mar. 8, 1934, 73-2, Record, p. 4001.

289 Mar. 3, 1927, 69-2, Journal, p. 266, Record, p. 5482.

280 Feb. 18, 1933, 72-2, Journal, p. 216, Record, p. 4418; Mar. 8, 1934, 73-2, Record, p. 4001; Dec. 9, 1943, 78-1, Record, p. 10528; June 25, 1954, 83-2, Record, p. 8976; Sept. 15, Continued

particularly when the agreement was submitted immediately succeeding a quorum call.291

After a quorum call on a unanimous consent request to fix the time for a vote on the final passage of a bill, such request before it is agreed to may be modified without another quorum call.292

Such an agreement when made operates as an order of the Senate, and may be revoked or modified only by another such agreement made after the quorum call after the giving of 1 day's notice unless the rule is waived by unanimous consent.293

An agreement made to vote on the following day on an amendment following a quorum call, and later the same day on the bill, the quorum call under the rule was waived.294

A guorum call is not required, under the rule, prior to agreeing to a unanimous consent request fixing a time for a final vote on any of the following matters:

Adoption of a conference report: 295

Amendment or certain amendments to a bill; 296 Consideration of a bill or joint resolution; 297

Debate limitation without setting time for vote; 298

Final vote on a Senate resolution; 299

Limitation of debate without provision for final vote on bill; 300

^{1950, 81–2,} Record, p. 14931; Mar. 10, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 3158; Feb. 24, 1950, 81–2, Record, pp. 2365–66; Sept. 21, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 13078; Sept. 13, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 12811; Aug. 26, 1949, 81–1, Record, p. 12310; Aug. 5, 1948, 80–2, Record, pp. 9864–65; June 3, 1948, 80–2, Record, p. 7038; May 13, 1947, 80–1, Record, pp. 5136–37; Apr. 16, 1947, 80–1, Record, p. 3511; Mar. 20, 1947, 80–1, Record, pp. 2310; July 20, 1946, 79–2, Record, pp. 9540; July 18, 1946, 79–2, Record, pp. 9308–09; May 9, 1946, 79–2, Record, p. 4744; July 20, 1945, 79–1, Record, p. 7866; Dec. 16, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 9848; May 26, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 4412; July 14, 1939, 76–1, Record, p. 9143; May 17, 1939, 76–1, Record, p. 5645; July 30, 1937, 75–1, Journal, p. 452, Record, p. 7900.

291 May 17, 1939, 76–1, Record, p. 5645.

292 Dec. 16, 1916, 64–2, Record, pp. 422–23.

293 Aug. 8, 1972, 92–2, Record, pp. 27282; Oct. 30, 1913, 63–1, Journal, p. 223, Record, p. 5821; Dec. 5, 1913, and Jan. 16, 1914, 63–2, Journal, pp. 13, 74, Record, pp. 240, 1756–59.

294 June 27, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 2067; Sept. 18, 1922, 67–2, Record, pp. 12832–33; June 1, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 7915; see also June 10, 1930, 71–2, Record, pp. 10389; Sept. 22, 1961, 87–1, Record, p. 20774; Sept. 20, 1962, 87–2, Record, p. 20067;

296 Oct. 18, 1929, 71–1, Record, p. 4677; Jan. 21, 1933, 72–2, Record, p. 2202; Mar. 20, 1930, 71–2, Record, p. 5718; see also Jan. 11, 1915, 63–3, Record, p. 1357; Apr. 15, 1947, 80–1, Record, p. 3408; May 17, 1932, 72–1, Record, p. 10443; June 21, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 8989; Jan. 13, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 8690; Nov. 30, 1950, 81–2, Record, p. 15970; Feb. 28, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 1596.

298 See Feb. 15, 1929, 70–2, Record, p. 3521; Aug. 1, 1921, 67–1, Record, p. 4481.

299 Nov. 16, 1921, 67–1, Record, p. 7778; May 12, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 3907; see also Jan. 16, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 7170; May 12, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 3907; see also Jan. 16, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 7178; May 12, 1941, 77–1, Record, p. 3907; see also

Motion to recede from an amendment to a House bill: 301

Motion to recommit a bill; 302

Unanimous consent agreements for voting which do not provide for a vote on the final passage of a bill or joint resolution; 303

Vote on nomination: 304 and a

Vote on resolution of ratification of a treaty. 305 A proposed unanimous consent agreement making a bill a special order and providing that final action be taken thereon prior to adjournment of the session does not require a quorum call under the rule, as it does not fix a specific day for a vote; it was further held that if such agreement were entered into the two Houses could adopt a concurrent resolution for final adjournment, but that action on the bill must be taken by the Senate prior to adjournment.306

Unfinished Business Not Affected by Adjournment in Absence of a Quorum:

The status of the unfinished business, when temporarily laid aside by unanimous consent for the consideration of another measure, will not be changed by an adjournment taken in the absence of a quorum during the consideration of that measure.307

Vice President, Election of:

In any general election of the President and Vice President of the United States when the Vice President does not receive "a majority of the whole number of Electors" the "Senate shall choose the Vice President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice." 308

This procedure is different from that of electing a Vice President when a vacancy in that office occurs as a result of the Vice President becoming President or in the case of

³⁰¹ Apr. 20, 1916, 64-1, Record, pp. 6477-78. 302 Dec. 16, 1930, 71-3, Record, p. 842. 303 See Feb. 23, 1927, 69-2, Record, p. 4538. 304 See Dec. 20, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 16822. 305 See Feb. 27, 1922, 67-2, Record, p. 3106. 306 See May 3, 1932, 72-1, Record, p. 9470. 307 See Dec. 16, 1920, 66-3, Record, p. 424.

^{308 12}th amendment to the Constitution.

the resignation or death of the Vice President, which procedure is set forth in the Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

Vote Less Than Quorum Not Valid:

Division vote by less than quorum is valid unless a question is raised. A yea and nay vote by less than quorum is not valid unless a sufficient number is present and paired to make a quorum. See "Voting," pp. 1397-1437.

Vote on Recess in Absence of Quorum:

A quorum not having voted on a motion for a recess, upon the appearance of a quorum the vote should again be taken on such a motion.³⁰⁹

Vote, Quorum Call in Order Before Announcement of Division or Voice Vote:

See "Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order," pp. 1062–1065; "Voting," pp. 1397–1437.

What Constitutes a Quorum Call:

A quorum call must be completed and the Chair announce the presence of a quorum in order for it to constitute a quorum call which requires the transaction of business before another quorum call can be suggested; when a quorum call is vitiated by unanimous consent before it is completed it is not a quorum call.³¹⁰

When Not in Order:

See also "Dilatory," pp. 1053-1054; "Business Between Calls," etc., pp. 1042-1046; "Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order," pp. 1062-1065.

It is not in order for a Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum unless he has been recognized or yielded to for that purpose.³¹¹

 ³⁰⁹ Feb. 20, 1923, 67–4, Record, p. 4109.
 ³¹⁰ June 15, 1982, 97–2, Record, p. 13687; see Mar. 15, 1967, 90–1, Record, p. 6835.
 ³¹¹ June 20, 1984, 98–2, Record, p. 17489; Aug. 20, 1982, 97–2, Record, pp. 22568–69.

Withdrawal of Quorum Call:

See also "Recognition, Chair Recognizes," pp. 1092-1097; "Reservation of Objections," pp. 1060-1061.

A quorum call may be withdrawn or vacated by unanimous consent even while the roll is being called,312 but not after the first call and the absence of a quorum has been announced by the Chair, 313 which request is not debatable; 314 nor is a reservation of objections in order; 315 he must object or refrain from objecting. 316

The suggestion of the absence of a quorum may be withdrawn by a Senator by unanimous consent just prior to the ordering of a rollcall,317 or prior to a response having been made after the quorum call begins.318

A single objection to a request to rescind or withdraw a quorum call will block the request.319 A motion to withdraw a quorum is not in order. 320

A Senator may not ask unanimous consent to dispense with a quorum call subject to certain conditions. 321

The Presiding Officer, in his capacity as a Senator, may rescind the call of a quorum.322

It is not in order to suggest the absence of a quorum on the condition that the call be terminated at a time certain or no later than a time certain.323

³¹² Nov. 8, 1929, 71-1, Journal, p. 194, Record, p. 5372, Aug. 24, 1912, 62-2, Record, p. 11812, Feb. 1, 1923, 67-4, Journal, p. 127, Record, p. 2833; May 8, 1930, 71-2, Journal, p. 339, Record, p. 8617; Feb. 5, 1930, 71-2, Journal, p. 125, Record, p. 3095; Feb. 16, 1928, 70-1, Record, p. 3097; Dec. 22, 1926, 69-2, Journal, p. 55, Record, p. 945.
313 Sept. 23, 1977, 95-1, Record, p. 30621; Apr. 19, 1932, 72-1, Journal, p. 410, Record, p. 8500; Oct. 2, 1940, 76-3, Record, p. 13011; Feb. 3, 1942, 77-2, Record, p. 974; May 16, 1952, 82-2, Record, p. 5322; Apr. 12, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 5079; Mar. 23, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 3921; Jan. 6, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 122; Sept. 7, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 12621; Aug. 29, 1949, 81-1, Record, p. 12839; June 11, 1948, 80-2, Record, p. 7820; Jan. 28, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 1540; May 8, 1953, 83-1, Record, p. 4744.
314 June 16, 1964, 88-2, Record, p. 13939; Jan. 22, 1964, 88-2, Record, p. 894; May 1, 1947, 80-1, Record, p. 4376; Feb. 22, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 3114; Jan. 25, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 1176; Jan. 22, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 1132-33; Mar. 21, 1958, 85-2, Record, p. 5026; Aug. 23, 1950, 81-2, Record, p. 13216; May 6, 1953, 83-1, Record, p. 4589; Mar. 8, 1955, 84-1, Record, p. 2515; Apr. 1, 1954, 83-2, Record, p. 4321; July 12, 1954, 83-2, Record, p. 10252.
315 Nov. 7, 1979, 96-1, Record, p. 31214; June 16, 1964, 88-2, Record, p. 13939; Apr. 1, 1954, 83-2, Record, p. 11372; Sept. 1, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 10252; see also Sept. 14, 1951, 82-1, Record, p. 11372; Sept. 1, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 1098; Aug. 27, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 17985; Aug. 19, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 16766; June 15, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 1264; Mar. 31, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 16349; July 24, 1978, 95-2, Record, p. 12664; Mar. 31, 1960, 86-2, Record, p. 16349; July 24, 1978, 95-2, Record, p. 13996.
316 Sept. 4, 1963, 88-1, Record, p. 9755; July 23, 1956, 84-2, Record, p. 13996.
321 Sept. 23, 1982, 97-2, Record, p. 2690.
322 July 24, 1987, 100-1, Record, p. 2693; Dec. 20, 1982, 97-2, Record, p. 32520.

A unanimous consent agreement that an upcoming quorum call be terminated at a specific time is unenforceable.324

It is not in order by unanimous consent to provide that a quorum call could be terminated without unanimous consent.325

A unanimous consent request by a Senator that an order for a quorum call be rescinded and that he might retain the floor is not in order.326

A proposal to withdraw a quorum call on condition of obtaining an order for a yea and nay vote on a pending motion is not in order.327

A unanimous consent request is not in order pending a quorum call—the quorum must be called off first. 328

Yeas and Nays on:

See also "Attendance Asked or Requested," pp. 217-218.

The absence of a quorum having been established, the yeas and nays, upon the demand of one-fifth of the Senators present, may be ordered on a motion to direct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators in the absence of a quorum. 329

One-fifth of those Senators who responded to a quorum call which revealed the absence of a quorum constitutes a sufficient second for a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. 330

Yield for Suggestion of Absence of Quorum:

See also "Interruption of Senator To Suggest Quorum Call, Out of Order," p. 1055; "Suggestion of the Absence of a Quorum When in Order," pp. 1062–1065.

A quorum call is not in order when the Senator in possession of the floor refuses to yield to another for that purpose.331 For example: a Senator to whom another

³²⁴ May 20, 1986, 99–2, Record, p. 11298; Dec. 3, 1985, 99–1, Record, p. 33877.
325 Dec. 18, 1982, 97–2, Record, pp. 32332–33.
326 June 15, 1960, 86–2, Record, p. 12664.
327 July 2, 1954, 83–2, Record, p. 9606.
328 Sept. 1, 1960, 86–2, Record, p. 19098.
329 Sept. 26, 1977, 95–1, Record, p. 30814; see Feb. 26, 1960, 86–2, Record, pp. 3595–96.
320 Nov. 20, 1980, 96–2, Record, p. 30350.
331 June 29, 1926, 69–1, Journal, p. 544, Record, p. 12219; Feb. 23, 1927, 69–2, Journal, p. 207, Record, p. 4496; Feb. 18, 1927, 69–2, Record, p. 4147; May 3, 1954, 83–2, Record, p. 5840; July 4, 1952, 82–2, Record, p. 9262; Oct. 19, 1951, 82–1, Record, p. 13554; July 24, 1947, 80–1, Record, pp. 10005, 10007; Apr. 2, 1947, 80–1, Record, p. 3069; Aug. 27, 1940.
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having the floor yielded for a question, may not suggest the absence of a quorum.332

Unless the Senator having the floor yields for the purpose, it is not in order for another Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum,333 and a Senator in possession of the floor may decline to yield to another to suggest the absence of a quorum.³³⁴ A Senator who has the floor is under no obligation to yield to another Senator for that purpose.335 A Senator having the floor may by unanimous consent yield to another Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum without losing his right to the floor, 336 but if he does yield to another Senator to suggest the absence of a quorum, under a strict construction of the rules or over objection, he loses his right to the floor. 337

A Senator who yields for the purpose of a quorum call has concluded one speech. 338 See also "Recognition," pp. 1091-1105.

In practice a Senator does not lose his right to the floor if no point of order is made against him. 339 In 1929 when an objection was made it was held that Senator Long, of Louisiana, had lost the floor when he suggested the absence of a quorum in the course of an address and left the Chamber, and another Senator was recognized. 340

^{76-3,} Record, p. 11036; June 21, 1940, 76-3, Record, pp. 8787-88; June 21, 1939, 76-1, Record, p. 7628; Jan. 26, 1938, 75-3, Record, p. 1138; July 13, 1937, 75-1, Journal, p. 411, Record, pp. 7109-12; Nov. 22, 1937, 75-2, Record, pp. 209-11; Feb. 20, 1930, 71-2, Journal, p. 154; Apr. 22, 1926, 69-1, Journal, p. 341; Mar. 18, 1925, 69-Special Session, Journal, p. 313, Record, p. 366; Jan. 27, 1921, 66-3, Record, p. 2102; Jan. 26, 1921, 66-3, Record, p. 2070; Aug. 19, 1916, 64-1, Record, p. 12915; Feb. 16, 1915, 63-3, Record, p. 3856; May 2, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 7616-17; June 2, 1909, 61-1, Record, pp. 2655-57; May 29, 1908, 60-1, Journal, p. 511, Record, p. 7158; Feb. 7, 1899, 55-3, Record, p. 1536; May 4, 1914, 63-2, Record, p. 7671; Aug. 14, 1914, 63-2, Record, pp. 13727-29; June 5, 1920, 66-2, Record, pp. 8637-38; Mar. 21, 1922, 67-2, Record, p. 4226; Apr. 9, 1870, 41-2, Record, pp. 2542-43; Mar. 17, 1925, 69-Special Session of Senate, Journal, p. 313; Jan. 5, 1915, 63-3, Record, pp. 972-73; Aug. 25, 1921, 67-1, Record, p. 597; June 13, 1917, 65-1, Record, p. 3557; Feb. 5, 1920, 66-2, Record, pp. 2501.

332 Apr. 22, 1926, 69-1, Record, pp. 7958-59; Feb. 5, 1920, 66-2, Record, pp. 2501.

333 Mar. 3, 1931, 71-3, Record, pp. 7958-59; Feb. 5, 1920, 66-2, Record, pp. 7783-84.

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335 Mar. 2, 1949, 81-1, Record, pp. 1858.

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