

1 *more than once without leave of the Senate. The President shall*
2 *sign all acts, addresses and joint resolutions, and all writs,*
3 *warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate; all of*
4 *which must be attested by the Secretary. The President has general*
5 *direction of the Senate Chamber.*

6
7 ***Rule No. 3. President Pro Tempore and Other Presiding***
8 ***Officers.***

9 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:*

10 (a) *The President Pro Tempore has all the power and shall*
11 *discharge all the duties of the President during his or her absence,*
12 *inability or unwillingness to discharge the duties of his or her*
13 *office.*

14 (b) *In the absence or inability of the President Pro Tempore to*
15 *discharge the duties of the President's office, the Senate shall elect*
16 *one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion. A*
17 *member who is serving as the presiding officer has all the power*
18 *and shall discharge all the duties of the President until the*
19 *absence or inability which resulted in the member serving as the*
20 *presiding officer has ended.*

21 2. *When the President Pro Tempore or another member is*
22 *serving as the presiding officer, the President Pro Tempore or*
23 *other member may vote on any question for which he or she is*
24 *otherwise qualified to vote as a member. If the Senate is equally*
25 *divided on the question, the President Pro Tempore or other*
26 *member may not give an additional deciding vote or casting vote*
27 *pursuant to Senate Rule No. 14 of the 28th Special Session or*
28 *Section 17 of Article 5 of the Nevada Constitution.*

29
30 ***Rule No. 4. Secretary.***

31 1. *The Secretary of the Senate is elected by the Senate, and*
32 *shall:*

33 (a) *Interview and employ persons to assist the Secretary.*

34 (b) *See that these employees perform their respective duties.*

35 (c) *Administer the daily business of the Senate, including the*
36 *provision of secretaries as needed.*

37 (d) *Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, transmit as soon*
38 *as practicable those bills and resolutions upon which the next*
39 *action is to be taken by the Assembly.*

40 2. *The Secretary is responsible to the Majority Leader.*

41
42 ***Rule No. 5. Sergeant at Arms.***

43 1. *The Sergeant at Arms shall attend the Senate during its*
44 *sittings, and execute its commands and all process issued by its*



1 *authority. The Sergeant at Arms must be sworn to keep the secrets*
2 *of the Senate.*

3 2. *The Sergeant at Arms shall:*

4 (a) *Superintend the upkeep of the Senate's Chamber, private*
5 *lounge, and meeting rooms.*

6 (b) *Interview and recommend persons to be considered for*
7 *employment to assist the Sergeant at Arms.*

8 3. *The Sergeant at Arms is responsible to the Majority*
9 *Leader.*

10 *Rule No. 6. Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeant at*
11 *Arms.*

12 *The Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeant at Arms*
13 *shall serve as doorkeepers and shall preserve order in the Senate*
14 *Chamber and shall assist the Sergeant at Arms. The Deputy*
15 *Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeant at Arms shall be sworn*
16 *to keep the secrets of the Senate. In the event that the Sergeant at*
17 *Arms is incapacitated or absent for any reason, the Deputy*
18 *Sergeant at Arms shall serve as the Sergeant at Arms until the*
19 *incapacity or absence has ended.*
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21 **III. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS**
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24 *Rule No. 7. Call of Senate—Moved by Three Members.*

25 1. *A Call of the Senate may be moved by three Senators, and*
26 *if carried by a majority of all present, the Secretary shall call the*
27 *roll and note the absentees, after which the names of the absentees*
28 *shall again be called over. The doors shall then be closed and the*
29 *Sergeant at Arms directed to take into custody all who may be*
30 *absent without leave, and all Senators so taken into custody shall*
31 *be presented at the bar of the Senate for such action as to the*
32 *Senate may seem proper.*

33 2. *In the event an emergency occurs during a special session*
34 *of the Legislature which requires a meeting of the Senate, the*
35 *Majority Leader shall call the members back to order before the*
36 *hour to which the Senate has adjourned.*
37

38 *Rule No. 8. Absence—Leave Required.*

39 *No Senator shall absent himself or herself from the service of*
40 *the Senate without leave, except in case of accident or sickness,*
41 *and if any Senator or officer shall so absent himself or herself, his*
42 *or her per diem shall not be allowed.*



1 **Rule No. 9. Open Meetings.**

2 1. *Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution of the*
3 *State of Nevada and in subsection 2, all meetings of the Senate*
4 *and the Committee of the Whole or a standing committee must be*
5 *open to the public.*

6 2. *A meeting may be closed to consider the character, alleged*
7 *misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health*
8 *of a person.*

9
10 **IV. DECORUM AND DEBATE**

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12 **Rule No. 10. Points of Order.**

13 1. *If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the*
14 *Rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any Senator may, call*
15 *him or her to order. If a Senator is so called to order, he or she*
16 *shall not proceed without leave of the Senate. If such leave is*
17 *granted, it must be upon the motion, "That he or she be allowed to*
18 *proceed in order," and the Senator shall confine himself or herself*
19 *to the question under consideration and avoid personality.*

20 2. *Every decision of points of order made by the President is*
21 *subject to appeal, and a discussion of a question of order may be*
22 *allowed only upon the appeal of two Senators. In all cases of*
23 *appeal, the question must be, "Shall the decision of the Chair*
24 *stand as the judgment of the Senate?"*

25
26 **Rule No. 11. Breaches of Decorum.**

27 1. *In cases of breaches of decorum or propriety, any Senator,*
28 *officer or other person is liable to such censure or punishment as*
29 *the Senate may deem proper.*

30 2. *If any Senator is called to order for offensive or indecorous*
31 *language or conduct, the person calling the Senator to order shall*
32 *report the offensive or indecorous language or conduct to the*
33 *presiding officer. No member may be held to answer for any*
34 *language used on the floor of the Senate if business has*
35 *intervened before exception to the language was taken.*

36 3. *Indecorous conduct or boisterous or unbecoming language*
37 *is not permitted in the Senate Chamber.*

38
39 **Rule No. 11.5. Legislative Ethics.**

40 1. *In determining whether a Legislator has a conflict of*
41 *interest, the Legislator should consider whether the independence*
42 *of judgment of a reasonable person in his or her situation upon*
43 *the matter in question would be materially affected by the*
44 *Legislator's:*



- 1 (a) *Acceptance of a gift or loan;*
- 2 (b) *Private economic interest; or*
- 3 (c) *Commitment to a member of his or her household or his or*
- 4 *her immediate family.*

5 *↳ In interpreting and applying the provisions of this subsection, it*
6 *must be presumed that the independence of judgment of a*
7 *reasonable person in the Legislator's situation would not be*
8 *materially affected by the Legislator's private economic interest or*
9 *the Legislator's commitment to a member of his or her household*
10 *or immediate family where the resulting benefit or detriment*
11 *accruing to the Legislator, or if the Legislator has a commitment*
12 *to a member of his or her household or immediate family,*
13 *accruing to those other persons, is not greater than that accruing*
14 *to any other member of the general business, profession,*
15 *occupation or group that is affected by the matter.*

16 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, if a*
17 *Legislator knows he or she has a conflict of interest pursuant to*
18 *subsection 1, the Legislator shall make a general disclosure of the*
19 *conflict of interest on the record in a meeting of a committee or on*
20 *the floor of the Senate, as applicable. Such a disclosure must be*
21 *entered:*

22 (a) *If the Legislator makes the disclosure in a meeting of a*
23 *committee, in the minutes for that meeting.*

24 (b) *If the Legislator makes the disclosure on the floor of the*
25 *Senate, in the Journal.*

26 3. *If, on one or more prior occasions during the current*
27 *session of the Legislature, a Legislator has made a general*
28 *disclosure of a conflict of interest on the record in a meeting of a*
29 *committee or on the floor of the Senate, the Legislator is not*
30 *required to make that general disclosure at length again regarding*
31 *the same conflict of interest if, when the matter in question arises*
32 *on subsequent occasions, the Legislator makes a reference on the*
33 *record to the previous disclosure.*

34 4. *In determining whether to abstain from voting upon,*
35 *advocating or opposing a matter concerning which a Legislator*
36 *has a conflict of interest pursuant to subsection 1, the Legislator*
37 *should consider whether:*

38 (a) *The conflict impedes his or her independence of judgment;*
39 *and*

40 (b) *His or her interest is greater than the interests of an entire*
41 *class of persons similarly situated.*

42 5. *The provisions of this Rule do not under any*
43 *circumstances and regardless of any conflict of interest:*

44 (a) *Prohibit a Legislator from requesting or introducing a*
45 *legislative measure; or*



1 **Rule No. 15. Manner of Election—Voting.**

2 1. *In all cases of election by the Senate, the vote must be*
3 *taken viva voce. In other cases, if a vote is to be recorded, it may*
4 *be taken by oral roll-call or by electronic recording.*

5 2. *When a recorded vote is taken, no Senator may:*

6 (a) *Vote except when at his or her seat;*

7 (b) *Explain his or her vote or discuss the question while the*
8 *voting is in progress; or*

9 (c) *Change his or her vote after the result is announced.*

10 3. *The announcement of the result of any vote must not be*
11 *postponed.*

12
13 **VI. LEGISLATIVE BODIES**

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15 **Rule No. 16. Committee of the Whole.**

16 1. *All bills and resolutions may be referred only to the*
17 *Committee of the Whole or to such standing committee as may be*
18 *appointed pursuant to Senate Rule No. 16.5 of the 28th Special*
19 *Session of the Legislature.*

20 2. *The Majority Leader shall preside as Chair of the*
21 *Committee of the Whole or name a Chair to preside.*

22 3. *Any meeting of the Committee of the Whole may be*
23 *conducted outside the Senate Chamber, as designated by the Chair*
24 *of the Committee.*

25 4. *A member of the Committee of the Whole may speak on an*
26 *item listed on the Committee's agenda, for a period of not more*
27 *than 10 minutes, unless he or she is granted leave of the Chair to*
28 *speak for a longer period. If a member is granted leave to speak*
29 *for a longer period, the Chair may limit the length of additional*
30 *time that the member may speak.*

31 5. *The Chair may require any vote of the Committee of the*
32 *Whole to be recorded in the manner designated by the Chair.*

33 6. *All amendments proposed by the Committee of the Whole:*

34 (a) *Must first be approved by the Committee.*

35 (b) *Must be reported by the Chair to the Senate.*

36 7. *The minutes of the Committee's meetings must be entered*
37 *in the final Journal.*

38
39 **Rule No. 16.5. Standing Committees.**

40 *In addition to the Committee of the Whole, such standing*
41 *committees may be appointed as may be deemed necessary.*



1 **Rule No. 17. Rules Applicable to Standing Committees and**
2 **Committee of the Whole.**

3 *The Rules of the Senate shall apply to proceedings in the*
4 *Committee of the Whole and such standing committees as may be*
5 *appointed, except that the previous question shall not be ordered*
6 *nor the yeas and nays demanded, but the Chair may limit the*
7 *number of times that any member may speak, at any stage of*
8 *proceedings, during its sitting. Messages may be received by the*
9 *President while the Committee is sitting; in which case the*
10 *President shall resume the chair and receive the message. After*
11 *receiving the message, the President shall vacate the chair in favor*
12 *of the Chair of the Committee. The rules of parliamentary practice*
13 *contained in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall*
14 *govern such committees in all cases in which they are applicable*
15 *and in which they are not inconsistent with the rules and orders of*
16 *the Senate.*

17
18 **Rule No. 18. Motion to Rise Committee of the Whole.**

19 *A motion that the Committee of the Whole rise shall always be*
20 *in order, and shall be decided without debate.*

21
22 **VII. RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS**

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24 **A. MOTIONS GENERALLY**

25
26 **Rule No. 19. Entertaining.**

27 *1. No motion may be debated until it is announced by the*
28 *President.*

29 *2. By consent of the Senate, a motion may be withdrawn*
30 *before amendment or decision.*

31
32 **Rule No. 20. Precedence of Motions.**

33 *When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received*
34 *but the following, which shall have precedence in the order*
35 *named:*

- 36 *1. To adjourn.*
- 37 *2. For a call of the Senate.*
- 38 *3. To recess.*
- 39 *4. To lay on the table.*
- 40 *5. For the previous question.*
- 41 *6. To postpone to a day certain.*
- 42 *7. To refer to committee.*
- 43 *8. To amend.*
- 44 *9. To postpone indefinitely.*

45 *↳ The first four shall be decided without debate.*



1 **Rule No. 21. When Not Entertained.**

2 1. *When a motion to refer to committee, to postpone to a day*
3 *certain, or to postpone indefinitely has been decided, it must not be*
4 *again entertained on the same day.*

5 2. *When a question has been postponed indefinitely, it must*
6 *not again be introduced during the Special Session.*

7 3. *There must be no reconsideration of a vote on a motion to*
8 *postpone indefinitely.*

9
10 **B. PARTICULAR MOTIONS**

11
12 **Rule No. 22. To Adjourn.**

13 *A motion to adjourn shall always be in order. The name of the*
14 *Senator moving to adjourn, and the time when the motion was*
15 *made, shall be entered in the Journal.*

16
17 **Rule No. 23. Lay on the Table.**

18 *A motion to lay on or take from the table shall be carried by a*
19 *majority vote.*

20
21 **Rule No. 24. To Strike Enacting Clause.**

22 *A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution*
23 *has precedence over a motion to refer to committee or to amend. If*
24 *a motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution is*
25 *carried, the bill or resolution is rejected.*

26
27 **Rule No. 25. Division of Question.**

28 1. *Any Senator may call for a division of a question.*

29 2. *A question must be divided if it embraces subjects so*
30 *distinct that if one subject is taken away, a substantive proposition*
31 *remains for the decision of the Senate.*

32 3. *A motion to strike out and insert must not be divided.*

33
34 **Rule No. 26. Explanation of Motion.**

35 *Whenever a Senator moves to change the usual disposition of a*
36 *bill or resolution, he or she shall describe the subject of the bill or*
37 *resolution and state the reasons for requesting the change in the*
38 *processing of the bill or resolution.*

39
40 **VIII. DEBATE**

41
42 **Rule No. 27. Speaking on Question.**

43 1. *Every Senator who speaks shall, standing in his or her*
44 *place, address "Mr. or Madam President," in a courteous manner,*



1 *and shall confine himself or herself to the question before the*
2 *Senate. When the Senator has finished, he or she shall sit down.*

3 *2. Except as otherwise provided in Senate Rules Nos. 10 and*
4 *45 of the 28th Special Session, a Senator may speak only once on*
5 *a question before the Senate, for a period of not more than 10*
6 *minutes, unless he or she is granted leave of the President to speak*
7 *for a longer period or more than once. If a Senator is granted*
8 *leave to speak for a longer period or more than once, the President*
9 *may limit the length of additional time that the member may*
10 *speak.*

11 *3. Incidental and subsidiary questions arising during debate*
12 *shall not be considered the same question.*

13
14 ***Rule No. 28. Previous Question.***

15 *The previous question shall not be put unless demanded by*
16 *three Senators, and it shall be in this form: "Shall the main*
17 *question be put?" When sustained by a majority of Senators*
18 *present, it shall put an end to all debate and bring the Senate to a*
19 *vote on the question or questions before it, and all incidental*
20 *questions arising after the motion was made shall be decided*
21 *without debate. A person who is speaking on a question shall not*
22 *while he or she has the floor move to put that question.*

23
24 ***IX. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS***

25
26 ***A. GENERALLY***

27
28 ***Rule No. 29. Mason's Manual.***

29 *The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Mason's*
30 *Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Senate in all*
31 *cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not*
32 *inconsistent with the rules and orders of the Senate for the 28th*
33 *Special Session of the Legislature, and the Joint Rules of the*
34 *Senate and Assembly for the 28th Special Session of the*
35 *Legislature.*

36
37 ***Rule No. 30. Suspension, Rescission or Change of Rule.***

38 *No rule or order of the Senate for the 28th Special Session of*
39 *the Legislature shall be suspended, rescinded or changed without*
40 *a two-thirds vote of the Senate.*

41
42 ***Rule No. 31. Protest.***

43 *Any Senator, or Senators, may protest against the action of the*
44 *Senate upon any question, and have such protest entered in the*
45 *Journal.*



1 **Rule No. 32. Privilege of the Floor.**

2 1. *To preserve decorum and facilitate the business of the*
3 *Senate, only the following persons may be present on the floor of*
4 *the Senate during formal sessions:*

5 (a) *State officers;*

6 (b) *Officers and members of the Senate;*

7 (c) *Employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau;*

8 (d) *Staff of the Senate; and*

9 (e) *Members of the Assembly whose presence is required for*
10 *the transaction of business.*

11 2. *Guests of Senators must be seated in a section of the upper*
12 *or lower gallery of the Senate Chamber to be specially designated*
13 *by the Sergeant at Arms. The Majority Leader may specify special*
14 *occasions when guests may be seated on the floor of the Senate*
15 *with a Senator.*

16 3. *A majority of Senators may authorize the President to have*
17 *the Senate Chamber cleared of all persons except Senators and*
18 *officers of the Senate.*

19 4. *The Senate Chamber may not be used for any business*
20 *other than legislative business during a legislative session.*

21
22 **Rule No. 33. Material Placed on Legislators' Desks.**

23 1. *Only the Sergeant at Arms and officers and employees of the*
24 *Senate may place papers, letters, notes, pamphlets and other*
25 *written material upon a Senator's desk. Such material must*
26 *contain the name of the Legislator requesting the placement of the*
27 *material on the desk or a designation of the origin of the material.*

28 2. *This Rule does not apply to books containing the legislative*
29 *bills and resolutions, the daily histories and daily journals of the*
30 *Senate or Assembly, or Legislative Counsel Bureau material.*

31
32 **Rule No. 34. Petitions and Memorials.**

33 *The contents of any petition or memorial shall be briefly stated*
34 *by the President or any Senator presenting it. It shall then lie on*
35 *the table or be referred, as the President or Senate may direct.*

36
37 **Rule No. 35. Objection to Reading of Paper.**

38 *Where the reading of any paper is called for, and is objected to*
39 *by any Senator, it shall be determined by a vote of the Senate, and*
40 *without debate.*

41
42 **Rule No. 36. Questions Relating to Priority of Business.**

43 *All questions relating to the priority of business shall be*
44 *decided without debate.*



B. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Rule No. 37. Requests for the Drafting of Bills, Resolutions and Amendments.

Except as otherwise provided in this Rule, the Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of a bill, resolution or amendment to be introduced in the Senate unless it is submitted by the Committee of the Whole, a standing committee or a Conference Committee. The Majority Leader may request the drafting of five bills for the 28th Special Session of the Legislature without seeking the approval of the Committee of the Whole or any other committee that may be appointed for the 28th Special Session.

Rule No. 38. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Rule no bill or resolution may be introduced in the Senate unless it is first approved by the Committee of the Whole or a standing committee.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to a bill or resolution that is:

(a) Required to carry out the business of the Senate or the Legislature; or

(b) Requested by the Majority Leader pursuant to Senate Rule No. 37 of the 28th Special Session of the Legislature.

3. Skeleton bills may not be introduced.

Rule No. 39. Reading of Bills.

1. Every bill must receive three readings before its passage, unless, in case of emergency, this Rule is suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

2. The first reading of a bill is for information, and if there is opposition to the bill, the question must be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If there is no opposition to the bill, or if the question to reject is defeated, the bill must then take the usual course.

3. No bill may be referred to committee until once read, nor amended until twice read.

4. The third reading of every bill must be by sections.

Rule No. 40. Second Reading File—Consent Calendar.

1. All bills or joint resolutions reported by the Committee of the Whole or a standing committee must be placed on a Second Reading File unless recommended for placement on the Consent Calendar.



1 *amendment to the Constitution must be entered in the Journal in*
2 *its entirety.*

3
4 ***Rule No. 43.3. Memorial Resolutions.***

5 *Once the sponsor has moved for the adoption of a memorial*
6 *resolution, not more than one member from each caucus, and,*
7 *upon request of a member of the body and the approval of the*
8 *Majority Leader, one additional member may speak on the*
9 *resolution.*

10
11 ***Rule No. 44. Certain Resolutions Treated as Motions.***

12 *Resolutions, other than those referred to in Senate Rules Nos.*
13 *43 and 43.3 of the 28th Special Session of the Legislature, must be*
14 *treated as motions in all proceedings of the Senate.*

15
16 ***Rule No. 44.5. Return From the Secretary of State.***

17 *A Senate resolution may be used to request the return from the*
18 *Secretary of State of an enrolled Senate resolution for further*
19 *consideration.*

20
21 ***Rule No. 45. Order of Business, Special Orders and Other***
22 ***Matters.***

23 ***1. Roll Call.***

24 ***2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.***

25 ***3. Reading and Approval of the Journal.***

26 ***4. Reports of Committees.***

27 ***5. Messages from the Governor.***

28 ***6. Messages from the Assembly.***

29 ***7. Communications.***

30 ***8. [Reserved.]***

31 ***9. Motions, Resolutions and Notices.***

32 ***10. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.***

33 ***11. Consent Calendar.***

34 ***12. Second Reading and Amendment.***

35 ***13. General File and Third Reading.***

36 ***14. Unfinished Business.***

37 ***15. Special Orders of the Day.***

38 ***16. Remarks from the Floor; Introduction of Guests. A***
39 ***Senator may speak under this order of business for a period of not***
40 ***more than 5 minutes each day.***

41
42 ***Rule No. 46. Privilege.***

43 *Any Senator may rise and explain a matter personal to himself*
44 *or herself by leave of the President, but the Senator shall not*
45 *discuss any pending question in such explanation.*



1 ***Rule No. 47. Preference to Speak.***

2 *When two or more Senators rise at the same time, the President*
3 *shall name the one who may first speak—giving preference, when*
4 *practicable, to the mover or introducer of the subject under*
5 *consideration.*

6
7 ***Rule No. 48. Special Order.***

8 *The President shall call the Senate to order on the arrival of*
9 *the time fixed for the consideration of a special order, and*
10 *announce that the special order is before the Senate, which shall*
11 *be considered, unless it be postponed by a two-thirds vote, and any*
12 *business before the Senate at the time of the announcement of the*
13 *special order shall go to Unfinished Business.*



