

Chapter 4

General Rules Governing the Senate Floor

SR2-4-101 Admittance to the Senate chamber.

- (1)
- (a) While the Senate is convened in annual general session or special session and except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), only legislators, legislative officers and employees, professional staff, former legislators who are not registered as lobbyists, legal spouses of legislators, interns, and persons invited by senators are allowed in the Senate chamber, halls, and lounge.
 - (b) The president of the Senate may deny access to the Senate chamber, halls, and lounge to any person, other than a legislator, if the person uses that access to influence legislative decisions.
- (2)
- (a) A senator or the senator's intern shall accompany each visitor in the chamber, lounge, or hallways and is responsible for that visitor.
 - (b) After the visit, the senator or the senator's intern shall ensure that the visitor leaves the chamber, lounge, or hallway.

SR2-4-102 Senator's chairs not to be occupied by others.

When the Senate is convened in session, no one other than the president or a senator may occupy the chair or use the desk of the president or any senator.

SR2-4-103 Lobbying prohibited.

Lobbying by non-legislators is not permitted in the Senate chamber.

SR2-4-104 Recognition of visiting groups and individuals.

- (1) The presiding officer may recognize visiting groups and individuals.
- (2) A senator who requests and receives personal privilege may introduce visiting groups or individuals.

SR2-4-105 News media.

- (1)
- (a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), news media with Senate press credentials shall be admitted to the Senate chamber, halls, lounge, and committee rooms.
 - (b) In order to be admitted to the Senate chamber, news media shall comply with the dress requirements and other rules of decorum established in the Senate Handbook.
- (c)
- (i) News media without Senate press credentials may be admitted to the Senate chamber only when the Senate is not convened in formal session.
 - (ii) News media with Senate press credentials who do not meet the requirements of Subsection (1)(b) may be admitted to the Senate chamber only when the Senate is not convened in formal session.

- (2) With permission, the news media may conduct and record interviews in the Senate lounge, halls, or available committee rooms.
- (3) The news media shall also comply with the other provisions in SR2-4-102 and SR2-4-103.

SR2-4-106 Executive sessions.

- (1) A senator may make a motion to convene the Senate in executive session.
- (2) When a motion for executive session is adopted, the presiding officer shall direct the sergeant-at-arms to close the Senate chamber doors.
- (3) The president may require all persons, except the senators, secretary, reading clerk, docket clerk, and sergeant-at-arms to leave the Senate chamber.
- (4) During the discussion, every person present shall remain within the Senate chamber.
- (5) During and after conclusion of the executive session, each person who was present in the executive session shall keep all matters discussed in executive session confidential.