

Chapter 8 Call of the Senate

SR4-8-101 Definitions.

"Call of the Senate" means the process by which the Senate may compel absent senators to be present in the Senate chamber.

SR4-8-102 Initiating a call of the Senate.

- (1) Subject to the requirements of this rule, a senator may demand a call of the Senate by standing and verbally stating "call of the Senate."
- (2) After a senator demands a call of the Senate, the presiding officer shall say: "It requires at least five senators to require a call of the Senate. Will those in favor of the call please stand?"
- (3) If the presiding officer determines that five or more senators demand a call of the Senate, the presiding officer shall order the call.

SR4-8-103 Effect of call of the Senate.

- (1) Except for receiving and acting on the report of the sergeant-at-arms under SR4-8-105, the Senate may not transact any business during a call of the Senate.
- (2)
 - (a) During a call of the Senate, the presiding officer shall declare out of order each motion except:
 - (i) a motion to adjourn; or
 - (ii) a motion to lift the call of the Senate.
 - (b) The motions identified in Subsection (2)(a) must receive a majority vote from the senators present to pass.

SR4-8-104 Process for conducting a call of the Senate.

- (1) During a call of the Senate:
 - (a) a senator present in the chamber may not leave the chamber; and
 - (b) the sergeant-at-arms or the sergeant's designees shall close the doors to the Senate chamber.
- (2) After ordering the call of the Senate, the presiding officer may:
 - (a) in consultation with the secretary of the Senate, identify any absent senators; and
 - (b) provide the sergeant-at-arms with the names of those senators who are absent but who have not asked to be excused.
- (3) The sergeant-at-arms or the sergeant's designees shall:
 - (a) search for the absent senators;
 - (b) if they are found, escort them to the Senate chamber; and
 - (c) make a report to the Senate about the sergeant's efforts.

SR4-8-105 Lifting the call of the Senate.

- (1) The sergeant-at-arms may make a report on the call at any time.
- (2)

- (a) If, based upon the sergeant-at-arms' report, the presiding officer determines that all senators are present or accounted for, the presiding officer may:
 - (i) order the call to be lifted without motion; or
 - (ii) recognize a senator for a motion to lift the call of the Senate.
 - (b) If the motion is approved by a majority of those present, the call of the Senate is lifted.
 - (c) If the motion is not approved, the sergeant-at-arms and the sergeant's designees shall continue searching for the absent senators.
- (3) After the call is lifted:
- (a) the sergeant-at-arms and the sergeant's designees shall open the doors of the Senate chamber; and
 - (b) the Senate shall proceed with the order of business that was pending when the call was ordered.