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OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Continue in Office Until Replaced:

The officers of the Senate continue in their positions until their successors are appointed by the Senate, unless otherwise provided or specified.[1] In the revision of the rules in 1884, a proposal by the Committee on Rules as a standing rule for the election of the officers of the Senate was rejected; [2] it is now done by resolution.

Election of Officers:

A majority, and not a plurality, vote is required to elect a President pro tempore and other officers of the Senate.[3]

The Secretary of the Senate is not elected by ballot, but by a resolution or order of the Senate.[4]

Gratuity Payments Upon Death of Employees:

In the 83d Congress, First Session, the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted a policy fixing a graduated scale of gratuity payments in connection with deaths of employees of the Senate.[5]

Oath of Officers:

Certain officers are not required to take the oath in the presence of the Senate.[6]

OFFICIAL REPORTERS—READ BACK TRANSCRIPT

Official reporters may be ordered to read back Senate proceedings in order to support the position of the Chair.[1]

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[1] Mar. 6, 1917, 65-Special Session, *Record*, pp. 3, 5; *see* Jan. 5, 1955, 84-1, *Record*, pp. 6–7. The Chaplain was not reelected but continued in office.
[2] Dec. 19, 1883, 48-1, *Record*, p. 168.
[3] *See* May 11, 1911, 62-1, *Journal*, p. 62, *Record*, pp. 1183, 1188.
[4] Dec. 18, 1883, 48-1, *Record*, p. 156.
[5] Feb. 16, 1953, 83-1, *Record*, pp. 1077–78.
[6] Dec. 18, 1883, 48-1, *Record*, p. 156.
[1] Dec. 2, 1969, 91-1, *Record*, pp. 36442–43.