of the business of the Senate, such printing may be dis-\n
pensed with.

12

RULE XII

VOTING PROCEDURE

12.1 1. When the yeas and nays are ordered, the names of Senators shall be called alphabetically; and each Senator shall, without debate, declare his assent or dissent to the question, unless excused by the Senate; and no Senator shall be permitted to vote after the decision shall have been announced by the Presiding Officer, but may for sufficient reasons, with unanimous consent, change or withdraw his vote. No motion to suspend this rule shall be in order, nor shall the Presiding Officer entertain any request to suspend it by unanimous consent.

12.2 2. When a Senator declines to vote on call of his name, he shall be required to assign his reasons therefor, and having assigned them, the Presiding Officer shall submit the question to the Senate: “Shall the Senator for the reasons assigned by him, be excused from voting?” which shall be decided without debate; and these proceedings shall be had after the rollcall and before the result is announced; and any further proceedings in reference thereto shall be after such announcement.

12.3 3. A Member, notwithstanding any other provisions of this rule, may decline to vote, in committee or on the floor, on any matter when he believes that his voting on such a matter would be a conflict of interest.

12.4 4. 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.

13

RULE XIII

RECONSIDERATION

13.1 1. When a question has been decided by the Senate, any Senator voting with the prevailing side or who has not
voted may, on the same day or on either of the next two
days of actual session thereafter, move a reconsideration;
and if the Senate shall refuse to reconsider such a motion
entered, or if such a motion is withdrawn by leave of the
Senate, or if upon reconsideration the Senate shall affirm
its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be
in order unless by unanimous consent. Every motion to
reconsider shall be decided by a majority vote, and may
be laid on the table without affecting the question in ref-
ereference to which the same is made, which shall be a final
disposition of the motion.

2. When a bill, resolution, report, amendment, order, or
message, upon which a vote has been taken, shall have
gone out of the possession of the Senate and been com-
municated to the House of Representatives, the motion to re-
consider shall be accompanied by a motion to request the
House to return the same; which last motion shall be acted
upon immediately, and without debate, and if determined
in the negative shall be a final disposition of the motion
to reconsider.

RULE XIV

BILLs, JOINT RESOLUTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PREAMBLES
THERETO

1. Whenever a bill or joint resolution shall be offered,
its introduction shall, if objected to, be postponed for one
day.

2. Every bill and joint resolution shall receive three read-
ings previous to its passage which readings on demand of
any Senator shall be on three different legislative days,
and the Presiding Officer shall give notice at each reading
whether it be the first, second, or third: Provided, That
each reading may be by title only, unless the Senate in
any case shall otherwise order.

3. No bill or joint resolution shall be committed or
amended until it shall have been twice read, after which
it may be referred to a committee; bills and joint resolu-
tions introduced on leave, and bills and joint resolutions
from the House of Representatives, shall be read once, and
may be read twice, if not objected to, on the same day
for reference, but shall not be considered on that day nor
debated, except for reference, unless by unanimous con-
sent.