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

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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 sus-
pend 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 rea-
sons 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 pas-
sage of a bill or joint resolution shall be submitted to the
Senate for agreement thereto until after a quorum call or-
dered 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.

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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