RULES FOR REGULATION OF SENATE WING

RULE X

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is prohibited in all public places and unassigned space within the Senate Wing of the Capitol and the Senate Office Building. Senators and Chairmen of Committees in consultation with the Ranking Member may each establish smoking policies for office space assigned to them in the Senate Wing of the Capitol and the Senate Office Buildings.

RULE XI

SENATE RESTAURANTS

The management of the Senate Restaurants and all matters connected therewith are under the jurisdiction, control, and direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

NOTE.—Pursuant to Public Law 87–82 (75 Stat. 199, July 6, 1961) the management of the Senate Restaurants was transferred to the Architect of the Capitol, subject to approval by the Committee on Rules and Administration as to matters of general policy. See Senate Manual Section 921.

RULE XII

CORRIDORS, ETC.

The corridors and passageways of the Senate wing of the Capitol shall be kept open and free from obstructions and free from any person or persons loitering or loafing in or around such places without any visible or lawful business and not giving a good account of themselves; and no stands, booths, or counters for the exhibition or sale of any article shall be placed therein.

RULE XIII

PEDDLING, BEGGING, ETC.

Peddling, begging, and the solicitation of book or other subscriptions are strictly forbidden in the Senate wing of the Capitol, and no portion of said wing shall be occupied by signs or other devices for advertising any article whatsoever excepting timetables in the Post Office and such signs

1 Adopted March 27, 2009.
2 Rule XXV (n/1) 12 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.
as may be necessary to designate the entrances to the Senate Restaurant.

RULE XIV

Sweeping, Cleaning

All sweeping, cleaning, and dusting of the Senate wing of the Capitol shall be done, as far as practicable, immediately after the adjournment of each day’s session of the Senate, and must, in any event, be completed before 8 o’clock a.m.

RULE XV

Legislative Buzzers and Signal Lights

Effective May 15, 1981, the system of legislative buzzers and signal lights shall be as follows:

Pre-session signals: One long ring at hour of convening.
One red light to remain lighted at all times while Senate is in actual session.

Session signals: One ring—Yeas and nays.
Two rings—quorum call.
Three rings—Call of absentees.
Four rings—Adjournment or recess.
(End of daily session.)
Five rings—Seven and a half minutes remaining on yea and nay vote.
Six rings—Morning business concluded. (Six rings with corresponding lights. Lights cut off immediately.)
Recess during daily session. (Six rings with corresponding lights. Lights stay on during period of recess.)

Effective July 13, 1967, the legislative call system shall be used for alerting Members of Congress, Congressional employees, and visitors of enemy attack or other major disaster conditions. There will be two signals:

1. Attack warning.—Notification to all occupants that the United States is under attack and that there is real danger of loss of life. This warning would be given by a sequence of two-second sounds of the legislative bells separated by two-second silent intervals. This signal would be repeated for 3 to 5 minutes.