

(a) The ideal concept of public office, expressed by the words, "A public office is a public trust", signifies that the officer has been entrusted with public power by the people; that the officer holds this power in trust to be used only for their benefit and never for the benefit of himself or of a few; and that the officer must never conduct his own affairs so as to infringe on the public interest. All official conduct of Members of the Senate should be guided by this paramount concept of public office.

(b) These rules, as the written expression of certain standards of conduct, complement the body of unwritten but generally accepted standards that continue to apply to the Senate.

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[S. Jour. 247, 90-2, Mar. 22, 1968.]

SEAL OF THE SENATE

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Resolved, That the Secretary shall have the custody of the seal, and shall use the same for the authentication of process transcripts, copies, and certificates whenever directed by the Senate; and may use the same to authenticate copies of such papers and documents in his office as he may lawfully give copies of. [S. Jour. 194, 49-1, Jan. 20, 1886.]

OFFICIAL SENATE FLAG

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Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to design an official Senate flag utilizing the seal of the Senate as the principal symbol on such flag. Expenses incident to the designing and procurement of such flag shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers signed by the Secretary of the Senate.

SEC. 2. The Senate flag shall be available for purchase and use by Senators, or former Senators, only subject to the following conditions—

(1) purchase of the flag shall be limited to—

(A) two flags for each Senator, or former Senator, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear;

(B) two flags for each Senate committee, as determined by the chairman and ranking member, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear; and

(C) two flags for each officer of the Senate, subject to replacement for loss, destruction, or wear and tear; and

(2) the flag shall not be utilized or displayed for commercial purposes.

Senators who leave the Senate may retain their flags subject to the preceding restrictions.

[S. Res. 369, 98-2, Sept. 7, 1984; S. Res. 135, 101-1, June 2, 1989.]

122 SEAL OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Resolved, That the President pro tempore of the Senate is authorized to adopt and use an official seal of his office.

SEC. 2. Expenses incident to the designing and procurement of such seal shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers signed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

SEC. 3. A description and illustration of the seal adopted pursuant to this resolution shall be transmitted to the General Services Administration for publication in the Federal Register.

[S. Jour. 686, 83-2, Aug. 14, 1954.]

123 MARBLE BUSTS OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Resolved, That marble busts of those who have been Vice Presidents of the United States shall be placed in the Senate wing of the Capitol from time to time, that the Architect of the Capitol is authorized, subject to the advice and approval of the Senate committee on Rules and Administration, to carry into the execution the object of this resolution, and the expenses incurred in doing so shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

[S. Jour. 40, 55-2, Jan. 6, 1898; S. Jour. 173, 80-1, Mar. 28, 1947.]

124 AWARD OF SERVICE PINS OR EMBLEMS

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules and Administration is hereby authorized to provide for the awarding of service pins or emblems to Members, officers, and employees of the Senate, and to promulgate regulations governing the awarding of such pins or emblems. Such pins or emblems shall be of a type appropriate to be attached to the lapel of the wearer, shall be of such appropriate material and design, and shall contain such characters, symbols, or other matter, as the committee shall select.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate, under direction of the committee and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the committee, shall procure such pins or em-