

(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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#### 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