

PART IV
VOTING

Voice vote

49. (1) When a question is put to a vote, the Speaker shall ask for the "yeas" and the "nays" and shall thereupon decide whether the question has carried.

Speaker's
decision
final

(2) In the absence of a request for a standing vote, the decision of the Speaker is final.

Standing
vote

(3) Upon the request of two senators before the Senate takes up other business, the Speaker shall call for a standing vote, at which time the "yeas" shall first rise in their places, then the "nays", then the abstentions.

Pecuniary
interest

(4) A senator is not entitled to vote on any question in which the senator has a pecuniary interest not available to the general public. The vote of any senator so interested shall be disallowed.

Voices
equal

(5) Questions arising in the Senate shall be decided by a majority of voices. The Speaker shall in all cases have a vote. When the voices are equal the decision shall be deemed to be in the negative.

Special
provision
as to
voting

50. (1) A senator shall not vote on any question unless the senator is within the Bar of the Senate when the question is put.

(2) Without leave of the Senate a senator shall not speak to a question after the order has been given to call in the members to vote thereon.

(3) With leave of the Senate, the vote of a senator may, for special reasons assigned by the senator be withdrawn or changed by the senator immediately after the announcement of the division.