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- (l) "person" or any word or expression descriptive of a person, includes any body corporate or politic, and the heirs, executors, administrators or legal representative of such person; and words importing male persons include female persons;
- (m) "petition" means a written prayer presented to the Senate, and includes all petitions whether relating to public or private matters, matters of general policy, or to redress of local or personal grievances;
- (n) "previous question" means a motion "that the original question be now put";
- (o) "question", except in respect of the question period and a question of privilege, means a proposal presented to the Senate or a committee thereof by the Speaker or chairman for consideration and disposal in some manner;
- (p) "rule" means any standing rule or standing order of the Senate;
- (q) "select committee" means a committee composed of less than the whole body of senators and includes both a standing committee and a special committee;
- (r) "shall" is to be construed as imperative, and "may" as permissive;
- (s) "special committee" means a select committee other than a standing committee appointed to consider certain matters and to report thereon to the Senate;