

# Rules of the Senate of Canada

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## PART I

### INTERPRETATION

Procedure in  
unprovided cases

1. In all cases not provided for in these rules, the customs, usages, forms and proceedings of either House of the Parliament of Canada shall, so far as is practicable, be followed in the Senate or in any committee thereof.

No implied  
restrictions

2. Except so far as is expressly provided, these rules shall in no way restrict the mode in which the Senate may exercise and uphold its powers, privileges and immunities.

Suspension of  
rule

3. Notwithstanding anything in these rules, any rule or part thereof may be suspended without notice by leave of the Senate, the rule or part thereof proposed to be suspended, and the reason for the proposed suspension, being distinctly stated.

Former rules  
repealed

4. All rules of the Senate in force up to the day on which the present rules come into force are repealed.

Definitions

5. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,
- (a) "bill" means a draft Act of Parliament and includes both a private and a public bill;
  - (b) "committee" means a committee of the whole, a select committee, whether standing or special, or a joint committee;
  - (c) "Committee of the Whole" means a committee composed of the whole body of the senators;
  - (d) "Government Leader in the Senate" means the senator occupying the recognized position of Leader of the Government in the Senate or a senator acting for him;
  - (e) "inquiry" means the procedure whereby a senator, after giving notice in accordance with Rules 43 and 44, calls the attention of the Senate to a particular matter for the purpose of informing the Senate of that matter or having it considered or examined by the Senate;