

PART IV

VOTING

Order of
voting

49. (1) Voting in the Senate shall be as follows. The Speaker shall call for the "yeas" and "nays" and shall thereupon decide whether the motion has carried. In the absence of a request for a standing vote, his decision shall be final. Upon the request of any two senators before the Senate takes up other business, the Speaker shall call for a standing vote and the "yeas" shall first rise in their places, then the "nays". Each senator shall vote on the question openly and without debate unless for special reasons he be excused by the Senate: Provided that

Speaker

(a) the Speaker may vote but shall not be obliged to vote;

Senator
with pecu-
niary in-
terest not
to vote

(b) a senator shall not be entitled to vote upon any question in which he has any pecuniary interest whatsoever, not held in common with the rest of the Canadian subjects of the Crown, and the vote of any senator so interested shall be disallowed;

Senator
declining
to vote

(c) a senator who declines to vote shall assign his reasons therefor, following which the Speaker shall submit to the Senate the question, "Shall the senator, for the reasons assigned by him, be excused from voting?", which shall be decided without debate.

Voices
equal

(2) Questions arising in the Senate shall be decided by a majority of voices, and when the voices are equal the decision shall be deemed to be in the negative.

Special
provisions
as to voting

50. (1) A senator shall not vote on any question unless he 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, a senator may, for special reasons assigned by him, withdraw or change his vote immediately after the announcement of the division.