

“Shall the Senator, for the reasons assigned by him, be excused from voting?” B. 381, sq.

Certain provisions as to divisions.

55. A senator will not be permitted to vote on any question, unless he is within the Bar when the question is put; and, no senator may speak to a question after the order has been given to call in the members to vote thereon, unless with the unanimous consent of the Senate; and, with the like consent, a senator may, for special reasons assigned by him, withdraw or change his vote, immediately after the announcement of the division. M. 280, 360: B. 378.

Protest; when entered.

56. Any senator entering his protest or dissent to any vote of the Senate, with or without his reasons, must enter and sign the same in the Clerk's book, on the next sitting day, before the rising of the Senate. M. 368: B. 385.

Protest controlled by Senate.

57. Every protest is subject to the control of the Senate, and may neither be altered nor withdrawn without the consent of the Senate; nor can a senator absent when the question is put, be admitted to protest. M. 368, sq.: B. 385.