

13. If, at six o'clock in the afternoon, the business be not concluded, the Speaker or the Chairman of the Committee may leave the Chair until eight o'clock; the Mace being left on or under the table, as the case may be: Provided that, if at the said time, a division has been ordered, the Speaker or the Chairman shall not leave the Chair until such division has been taken and any formal business immediately consequent thereon has been completed.

13. If, at six of the clock in the afternoon, the business be not concluded, the Speaker or the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole leaves the Chair until half-past seven of the clock; the Mace being left on or under the table, as the case may be. B. 214.

Provided that, if at the said time, a division has been ordered, the Speaker or the Chairman shall not leave the Chair until such division has been taken and any formal business immediately consequent thereon has been completed. M. 327.

Explanatory Note:

The word "may" is added in order to clarify the permissiveness of leaving the Chair and to accord with practice. Time changed from half-past seven to eight o'clock to accord with practice.

14. No change.

14. When the Senate adjourns on Friday, unless otherwise ordered, it stands adjourned until the Monday following. M. 320.

15. No change.

15. When the Senate adjourns, senators keep their places until the Speaker has left the Chair. B. 333.

16. No change.

16. The Speaker preserves order and decorum, and decides questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate. In explaining a point of order or practice he states the rule or authority applicable to the case. M. 242-243, 464: B. 166, 360, 366.

17. No change.

17. Senators may not pass between the Chair and the Table. When entering, leaving, or crossing the Senate Chamber, they bow to the Chair. If they have occasion, when the Senate is sitting, to speak together, they go below the Bar; otherwise the Speaker stops the business under discussion. M. 462: B. 332.

18. No change.

18. If at any sitting of the Senate, or in Committee of the Whole, any senator shall take notice that strangers are present, the Speaker or the Chairman (as the case may be) shall forthwith put the question, "That strangers be ordered to withdraw", without permitting any debate or amendment: Provided, that the Speaker or the Chairman may, whenever he may think fit, order the withdrawal of strangers from any part of the Senate. M. 240-241: B. 194, 343.