

members are dismissed only until the next session, prorogation is, literally, a protracting or prolonging of the life of parliament.

**Protection.** The trade system by which home manufacturers may sell their goods to better advantage because of duties imposed on the same kind of goods brought in from other countries.

**Quorum.** The number of members which the constitution of any body such as a council or board requires to be present at a meeting before business can be transacted. *Quorum* is a Latin word, meaning "of whom." It came into its present use because in former times it occurred so frequently in Latin lists of committee members, of whom (*quorum*) certain persons were named as necessary to the holding of a meeting.

**Recall.** In some countries the people have the right, by petition, to remove, before his term of office has expired, any offending member of an elected body such as a legislature. This is spoken of as the power of recall.

**Reciprocity.** A term used to describe the trade relations between two nations which exchange goods either free of duty or with equal rates of duty.

**Referendum.** The submission or *reference* of any proposed law to the people for acceptance or rejection.

**Riding.** A name sometimes used instead of constituency in speaking of an electoral district.