

by him, be excused from voting?" which shall be decided without debate.

(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.

Explanatory Note:

Rules 51, 52, 53 and 54 inclusive, are redrafted in this new rule for sake of clarity and greater detail as to procedure. The words "Contents" and "Non-contents" are deleted and the words "yeas" and "nays" are substituted therefor to accord with modern practice. Paragraph (a) is intended to emphasize that the Speaker is not obliged to vote. Paragraph (b) is substantially the same as existing Rule 53. Paragraph (c) is substantially the same as existing Rule 54. Paragraph (2) added for sake of clarity.

52. Repealed.

52. If two senators require it, the "Contents" and "Non-contents" are entered upon the minutes: Provided the Senate shall not have taken up other business; and each senator shall vote on the question, openly and without debate; unless for special reasons he be excused by the Senate. M. 430: B. 378.

53. Repealed.

53. No senator is 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 will be disallowed. M. 439: B. 385, sqq.

54. Repealed.

54. A senator, declining to vote, shall assign reasons therefor; and the Speaker shall submit to the Senate the question,— "Shall the Senator, for the reasons assigned by him, be excused from voting?" B. 381, sq.

Explanatory Note:

Rules 52, 53 and 54 are combined with new Rule 51.

55. No change.

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, im-