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RULE VI 155

GALLERIES

The Sergeant at Arms shall keep the aisles of the galleries clear, and shall not allow admittance into the galleries of more than their seating capacity, nor shall he allow admittance of children under the age of six into the galleries. He shall not permit any person to enter a gallery with or carrying any firearms or dangerous weapons except for law enforcement and other personnel performing duties under the direction of the Senate, or any package, bundle, suitcase, briefcase, or camera; he shall not permit any person in any gallery to smoke, applaud, or commit any other type of demonstration either by sound or sign; except in the press, radio, television, and correspondents' galleries he shall not permit any person to read (except the Senate seating diagram) or to write or take notes (except bona fide employees of the Senate when sitting in the Staff Gallery and making notes in the course of their employment); he shall not permit any person to take any picture or photograph or to sketch or draw; he shall not permit any person to place any object whatsoever—including hats, coats, or other personal apparel—or portion of a person on any railing, or any male to wear a hat, except that where a man's religious beliefs require that he wear a head-cover in such public places as the Senate Gallery, then such head-cover shall be permitted;[1] and he shall not allow any person to lean forward over the railings or to place his or her hands thereon.

The galleries of the Senate shall be set apart and occupied as follows:

PRESS GALLERY 155.1

The gallery in the rear of the Vice President's chair shall be set apart for reporters of daily newspapers.

The administration of the Press Gallery shall be vested in a Standing Committee of Correspondents elected by accredited members of the gallery. The committee shall consist of five persons elected to serve for terms of two years: *Provided, however,* That at the election in January 1951, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for two years and the remaining two for one year. Thereafter, three members shall be elected in odd-

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numbered years and two in even-numbered years. Elections shall be held in January. The committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by special election to be called by the Standing Committee.

Persons desiring admission to the Press Gallery in the Senate wing shall make application in accordance with rule XXXIII for the regulation of the Senate wing of the Capitol, which rule shall be interpreted and administered by the Standing Committee of Correspondents, subject to the review and approval by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

The Standing Committee of Correspondents shall limit membership in the Press Gallery to bona fide correspondents of repute in their profession, under such rules as the Standing Committee of Correspondents shall prescribe: *Provided, however,* That the Standing Committee of Correspondents shall admit to the Press Gallery no person who does not establish to the satisfaction of the Standing Committee all of the following:

a. That his or her principal income is obtained from news correspondence intended for publication in newspapers entitled to second-class mailing privileges.

b. That he or she is not engaged in paid publicity or promotion work or in prosecuting any claim before Congress or before any department of the Government, and will not become so engaged while a member of the Press Gallery.

c. That he or she is not engaged in any lobbying activity and will not become so engaged while a member of the Press Gallery.

Members of the families of correspondents are not entitled to the privileges of the Press Gallery.

The Standing Committee of Correspondents shall propose no change or changes in these rules except upon petition in writing signed by not less than 100 accredited members of the Press Gallery.

155.2 RADIO AND TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS GALLERY

The front row in the northeast public gallery shall be set apart for the use of the radio-television correspondents.

Persons desiring admission to the Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery of the Senate shall make application to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, as required by rule XXXIII for the regulation of

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the Senate wing of the Capitol; and shall also state, in writing, the names of all radio stations, television stations, systems, or news-gathering organizations by which they are employed; and what other occupation or employment they may have, if any; and shall further declare that they are not engaged in the prosecution of claims or promotion of legislation pending before Congress, the departments, or the independent agencies, and that they will not become so employed without resigning from the gallery. They shall further declare that they are not employed in any legislative or executive department or independent agency of the Government, or by any foreign government or representative thereof; that they are not engaged in any lobbying activities; that they do not and will not, directly or indirectly, furnish special information to any organization, individual, or group of individuals, for the influencing of prices on any commodity or stock exchange; that they will not do so during the time they retain membership in the gallery. Holders of visitors' cards who may be allowed temporary admission to the gallery must conform to all the restrictions of this paragraph.

It shall be prerequisite to membership that the radio station, television station, system, or news-gathering agencies which the applicants represent shall certify, in writing, to the Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery that the applicants conform to the foregoing regulations.

The applications required by the above rule shall be authenticated in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery, which shall see that the occupation of the gallery is confined to bona fide news gatherers and/or reporters of reputable standing in their business who represent radio stations, television stations, systems, or news-gathering agencies engaged primarily in serving radio stations, television stations, or systems. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery to report, at its discretion, violation of privileges of the gallery to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and, pending action thereon, the offending individual may be suspended.

Persons engaged in other occupations, whose chief attention is not given to—or more than one-half of their earned income is not derived from—the gathering or reporting of news for radio stations, television stations, systems, or

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news-gathering agencies primarily serving radio stations, television stations, or systems, shall not be entitled to admission to the Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery. The Radio and Television Correspondents list in the Congressional Directory shall be a list only of persons whose chief attention is given to the gathering and reporting of news for radio stations, television stations, and systems engaged in the daily dissemination of news, and of representatives of news-gathering agencies engaged in the daily service of news to such radio stations, television stations, or systems.

Members of the families of correspondents are not entitled to the privileges of the gallery.

The Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery shall be under the control of the Executive Committee of the Radio and Television Correspondents Gallery, subject to the approval and supervision of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

155.3 PERIODICAL PRESS GALLERY

The front row in the northwest public gallery shall be set aside for the use of the periodical press.

1. Persons eligible for admission to the Periodical Press Gallery of the Senate must be bona fide resident correspondents of reputable standing, giving their chief attention to the gathering and reporting of news. They shall state in writing the names of their employers and their additional sources of earned income; and they shall declare that, while a member of the Gallery, they will not act as an agent in the prosecution of claims, and will not become engaged or assist, directly or indirectly, in any lobbying, promotion, advertising, or publicity activity intended to influence legislation or any other action of the Congress, nor any matter before any independent agency, or any department or other instrumentality of the Executive Branch; and that they will not act as an agent for, or be employed by the federal, or any state, local or foreign government or representatives thereof; and that they will not, directly or indirectly, furnish special or "insider" information intended to influence prices or for the purpose of trading on any commodity or stock exchange; and that they will not become employed, directly or indirectly, by any stock exchange, board of trade or other organization or member thereof, or brokerage house or broker engaged in the buying and selling of any security or commodity. Applications

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shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Periodical Correspondents' Association and shall be authenticated in a manner satisfactory to the Executive Committee.

2. Applicants must be employed by periodicals that regularly publish a substantial volume of news material of either general, economic, industrial, technical, cultural or trade character. The periodical must require such Washington coverage on a continuing basis and must be owned and operated independently of any government, industry, institution, association, or lobbying organization. Applicants must also be employed by a periodical that is published for profit and is supported chiefly by advertising or by subscription, or by a periodical meeting the conditions in this paragraph but published by a non-profit organization that, first, operates independently of any government, industry, or institution and, second, does not engage, directly or indirectly, in any lobbying or other activity intended to influence any matter before Congress or before any independent agency or any department or other instrumentality of the Executive Branch. House organs are not eligible.

3. Members of the families of correspondents are not entitled to the privileges of the gallery.

4. The Executive Committee may issue temporary credentials permitting the privileges of the Gallery to individuals who meet the rules of eligibility but who may be on short term assignment or temporarily resident in Washington.

5. Under the authority of Rule XXXIII of the Senate, the Periodical Press Gallery of the Senate shall be under the control of the Executive Committee, subject to the approval and supervision of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee, at its discretion, to report violations of the privileges of the Gallery to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and pending action thereon, the offending correspondent may be suspended. The Committee shall be elected at the start of each Congress by members of the Periodical Correspondents' Association, and shall consist of seven members with no more than one member from any one publishing organization. The Committee shall elect its own officers, and a majority of the Committee may fill vacancies on the Committee. The list in the Congres-

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sional Directory shall be a list only of members of the Periodical Correspondents' Association.

155.4 PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY

1. (a) Administration of the Press Photographers' Gallery is vested in a Standing Committee of Press Photographers consisting of six persons elected by accredited members of the gallery. The Committee shall be composed of one member each from Associated Press Photos, United Press International Newspictures, magazine media, and local newspapers and two "at large" members. "At large" members may be, but need not be, selected from a media otherwise represented on the Committee.

(b) The term of office of a member of the Committee elected as the Associated Press Photos member, the local newspapers member, or one of the "at large" members shall expire on the day of the election held in the first odd-numbered year following the year in which he was elected, and the term of office of a member of the Committee elected as the United Press International Newspictures member, the magazine media member, or the remaining "at large" member shall expire on the day of the election held in the first even-numbered year following the year in which he was elected, except that a member elected to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall serve only for the unexpired portion of such term.

(c) Elections shall be held as early as practicable in each year, and in no case later than March 31. A vacancy in the membership of the Committee occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled by special election called for that purpose by the Committee.

(d) The Standing Committee of the Press Photographers' Gallery shall propose no change or changes in these rules except upon petition in writing signed by not less than 25 accredited members of the gallery.

2. Persons desiring admission to the Press Photographers' Gallery of the Senate shall make application in accordance with Rule XXXIII of the Senate, which rule shall be interpreted and administered by the Standing Committee of Press Photographers subject to the review and approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

3. The Standing Committee of Press Photographers shall limit membership in the photographers' gallery to bona fide news photographers of repute in their profession and to

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heads of Photographic Bureaus under such rules as the Standing Committee of Press Photographers shall prescribe.

4. *Provided, however,* That the Standing Committee of Press Photographers shall admit to the gallery no person who does not establish to the satisfaction of the Committee all of the following:

(a) That any member is not engaged in paid publicity or promotion work or in prosecuting any claim before Congress or before any department of the Government, and will not become so engaged while a member of the gallery.

(b) That he or she is not engaged in any lobbying activity and will not become so engaged while a member of the gallery.

PRESIDENTIAL AND DIPLOMATIC GALLERY **155.5**

The southern gallery over the main entrance to the Senate Chamber, except the first three rows on the eastern side of the aisle, shall be set apart for the use of the Diplomatic Corps, and no person shall be admitted to it excepting the Secretary of State, foreign ministers, their families and suites, and Senators.

The cards of admission to said gallery shall be issued by the Secretary of State, or the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to such persons as are entitled to its privileges.

The first row on the eastern side of this gallery shall be set apart for the use of the President; the second row on the eastern side of this gallery shall be set apart for the use of the Vice President; and the third row on the eastern side of this gallery shall be set apart for the use of the President pro tempore of the Senate.

SENATE GALLERY **155.6**

The first two rows of the gallery over the east entrance to the Senate shall be set apart for the exclusive use of the wives and other members of the immediate families of Senators.

The remainder of the gallery shall be set apart for the exclusive use of the families of Senators and guests visiting their families who shall be designated by some member of the Senator's family, and for the families of ex-Presidents of the United States, as well as families of incumbent Secretary and Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

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Employees of the Senate, except those on duty at the gallery door, shall be excluded.

155.7 VISITORS' GALLERIES

The visitors' galleries shall be governed by the following rule:

The galleries over the western entrance to the Senate Chamber and over the southeastern, northwestern, and northeastern corners of said Chamber shall be set apart for the use of persons holding a card issued by a Senator. The period to which such card of admission shall be limited rests entirely in the discretion of the Senator issuing it, except that such cards shall expire at the end of each session and cards of a different color shall be furnished by the Sergeant at Arms for the following session. The Sergeant at Arms shall in his discretion limit occupancy of the visitors' galleries to such periods as may be required to accommodate with reasonable expediency all card bearers who are seeking admission.

155.8 SPECIAL GALLERY

The gallery adjoining and west of the Diplomatic Gallery shall be reserved for guided tours and other special parties.

156 RULE VII

MARBLE ROOM

The anteroom known as the Marble Room is a part of the floor of the Senate.

157 RULE VIII

CLOAKROOMS

No persons shall be admitted to the cloakrooms adjoining the Senate Chamber excepting those entitled to the privileges of the Senate floor under Standing Rule XXIII.

158 RULE IX

HEATING AND VENTILATING DEPARTMENT

No person shall be admitted to the heating and ventilating department of the Senate wing of the Capitol, except upon a pass from the Sergeant at Arms, or unless accompanied by an officer of the Senate.

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