

# SENATOR FOR A DAY

A STUDENT SEMINAR FOR FUTURE LEADERS



## General Session Rules for Order

The Senate of Pennsylvania follows the Rules of the Senate which are published in the *Pennsylvania Manual*. These Rules utilize the Rules of Parliamentary Practice specified in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure and govern the Senate in all applicable cases in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules, Prior Decisions and Orders of the Senate.

For the purposes of the Senator For A Day Program, the following rules will be utilized.

- A Senator who wishes to speak shall stand and respectfully address the presiding officer as "Mr. or Madam President." If a microphone is available, it shall be utilized.
- Senators shall not speak until recognized by the President of the Senate.
- When speaking, Senators address their comments or questions directly to the President.
- No Senator shall interrupt another Senator.
- The President, in order to facilitate discussion of all legislation passed from committee, shall cut off floor debate at will.
- Amendments to legislation shall not be accepted during the general session unless the President agrees to allow them.
- Senators have at their option the following motions:
  - Motion to Lay on Table*
  - Call for Immediate Vote*When these motions are utilized, the President shall take an immediate vote of all Senators and a majority is needed for passage of the motion.
- Voting on legislation shall take place by standing.
- Legislation shall pass on a simple majority.