

RULE FOUR

MEMBERS

4.1 – Member Defined

“Member”, as used in these Rules, means a member of the House of Representatives.

4.2 - Disclosure of Personal or Private Interest

A Member who has a personal or private interest in any bill or resolution, proposed or pending before the House, shall disclose that fact to the House, and shall not vote on that bill or resolution, as required by Article V, Section 24 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

4.3 – Absence of Members

No Member shall be absent from the session of the House without leave.

4.4 - Decorum

(a) No Member rising to debate, to give notice, to make a motion, or to present a paper of any kind shall proceed until the Member has addressed the Presiding Officer and has been recognized by the Presiding Officer as entitled to the floor.

(b) While a Member is speaking, no other Member shall enter into any private conversation or pass between the speaking Member and the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer may enforce the provisions of this subsection by naming the disruptive or disorderly Member after requesting order in the Chamber (3) three times.

(c) Profane, obscene or indecent language is prohibited in the House and in all standing or special committees and subcommittees of the House.

(d) When the House is in session all Members shall, while in the Chamber, be appropriately dressed, with men in jackets and ties and women in dresses or skirts or pants worn with a jacket or sweater and shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming a Member of the House of Representatives.

(e) Any Member who, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, appears in the Chamber or in any part of the Capitol Building assigned to the House, shall be in contempt of the House and subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

(f) Possession of intoxicating liquor shall not be permitted at any time in the Chamber or in any part of the Capitol Building assigned to the House.

(g) Use of tobacco products, including smoking, dipping or sniffing snuff, shall not be permitted at any time in the Chamber, as governed by Section 11.6 of these Rules.

(h) No food, including canned or bottled beverages, shall be allowed at any time in the Chamber. Food may be consumed in the lounge and foyer at the west end of the Chamber.