

SENATE RESOLUTION

TO AMEND RULE 21 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXCLUDE ALL LOBBYISTS, INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER, FROM THE SENATE CHAMBER WHILE THE SENATE IS IN SESSION; TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS FROM THE SENATE CHAMBER AND TO LIMIT ACCESS TO THE PRESS IN THE EAST AND WEST CORRIDORS OF THE SENATE CHAMBER.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE FOURTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Effective January 1, 1989, Rule 21 of the Rules of the Senate of the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly is hereby amended to read as follows:

"RULE 21

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Use of the Hall of the Senate

21.01 The Hall of the Senate during regular and special sessions shall be used only for the legislative business of the Senate and for the caucus meetings of its members, except upon occasions when the Senate, by resolution, agrees to take part in any ceremonies to be observed therein, and the President shall not entertain a motion for the suspension of this rule.

21.02 Persons desiring to visit with members of the Senate shall first secure a written permit from the Sergeant at Arms upon instruction from the member desiring to be visited.

21.03 Whenever any person desires to visit a member of the Senate, he shall first write his name upon a form given him, together with the name of the member he desires to visit. Whereupon, the page of the Sergeant at Arms shall deliver said form to the member desired, and the member shall then leave the Chamber and confer with said visitor, or may:

(i) give to the page a written paper which shall allow the visitor to be escorted to the Senate Lounge on the East corridor adjacent to the Senate Chamber, which has been set aside for use of members of the Senate in

holding conferences with persons who are not members of the Senate; or

(ii) give to the page a written paper which shall allow the page to escort the visitor to the office of the Senator located on the West corridor adjacent to the Senate chamber, if such Senator's office is located thereat, and to instruct the visitor to wait in the Senator's office until the Senator is able to leave the Chamber. Upon conclusion of such visit, the page shall then escort the visitor from the corridors of the Senate.

All visitors admitted to the East or West corridor adjacent to the Senate Chamber shall refrain from blocking the corridors or abusing access to such corridors, except for the purposes as herein authorized.

21.04 No person shall be allowed to enter the Senate Chamber other than members of the House of Representatives, members of a Senator's immediate family and authorized employees of the General Assembly, while the Senate is in session.

21.05 No lobbyist, including a representative of a constitutional officer, shall be admitted in the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session. Any former member of the General Assembly who is registered as a lobbyist shall be considered as a lobbyist and shall be excluded from the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session.

21.06 No member of the news media, including but not limited to reporters, photographers, and cameramen, shall be admitted in the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session. No member of the news media shall be admitted to the East or West corridors adjacent to the Senate while the Senate is in session, except that a member of the news media may be admitted to the East or West corridor adjacent to the Senate Chamber upon invitation of a Senator."