

Interruption of Senator in Possession of Floor, Out of Order:

The floor cannot be taken away from a Senator who has been recognized. See "Interruption of Senator Who Has the Floor Is Not Allowed—Except by His Consent," pp. 749-753.

Leaders—Preferential Recognition:

Under the traditions and practices of the Senate, the leadership is given preferential recognition when they seek the floor simultaneously with other Senators.⁵⁸ Leaders and managers of a bill are given preferential recognition as compared to other Senators generally.⁵⁹

The Presiding Officer is required to recognize the Senator who in his discretion first sought recognition. However, in the event that several Senators seek recognition simultaneously, priority of recognition shall be accorded the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, the majority manager and the minority manager, in that order.⁶⁰

A Senator loses the floor upon offering an amendment, and must seek recognition after the amendment is read, and in the event that the sponsor of the amendment and a member of the leadership should seek recognition simultaneously, the latter will receive priority recognition.⁶¹

The Majority Leader may designate the manager of a matter under consideration on the floor; and the Leaders and managers of a bill are accorded preferential recognition over other Senators if recognition is sought simultaneously. Otherwise, the Chair will recognize the Senator who first came to the attention of the Chair.⁶²

When the manager of a measure seeks recognition at the same time as another Senator (other than one of the leaders) the Chair should recognize the manager.⁶³

It was the Chair's opinion that, in accordance with the practice of the Senate, where several Senators, one of

⁵⁸ Feb. 24, 1972, 92-2, *Record*, pp. 5477-80.

⁵⁹ See July 9, 1969, 91-1, *Record*, pp. 18856-57; Jan. 31, 1977, 95-1, *Record*, pp. 2686-87.

⁶⁰ July 19, 1983, 98-1, *Record*, p. 19761.

⁶¹ Dec. 11, 1987, 100-1, *Record*, p. S 17941.

⁶² Aug. 18, 1982, 97-2, *Record*, p. 21835.

⁶³ March 14, 1983, 98-1, *Record*, pp. 4408, 4482-83, 5117.