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CHAPTER 17

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS

Sec.

341. Rights and privileges; interest in private claims prohibited.

342. Facilities.

§ 341. Rights and privileges; interest in private claims prohibited

Representatives of the press, who shall be actually engaged in sending daily reports of the doings of the Legislature to daily newspapers, shall have the privilege of the floor of the Senate and House of Representatives, and shall be subject to such rules as may from time to time be adopted by either branch of the Legislature. No such representative shall be interested in any private claim or measure pending before the Legislature, nor shall any such representative, while acting as correspondent for any daily newspaper, and as such correspondent having the privileges mentioned in this section, become interested in the prosecution of any such claim or measure.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 9.

§ 342. Facilities

There shall be maintained and reserved during each legislative session for the use of such representatives of the press as have the privilege of the floor of the Senate and the House of Representatives under section 341, such facilities as may meet their requirements with reasonable convenience and adequacy.

If reasonably consistent with other essential uses of State House office space, these facilities shall continue to be assigned for press use while the Legislature is not in session, but in any case, reasonably adequate facilities shall also be made available to the press at all other times.

All facilities so provided shall be properly maintained by the Bureau of Public Improvements.

R.S.1954, c. 10, § 10; 1957, c. 146.