





What Do the Clocks Say?

SENATE LEGISLATIVE CALL SYSTEM

 NUMBER OF RINGS	 NUMBER OF LIGHTS	ACTIVITY
1 (long)		Senate is convening
	RED (stays on)	Senate is in session
1	1	Call to vote by yeas and nays
2	2	Quorum call
3	3	Call of absentees (“live quorum”)
4	4	Adjournment or recess (end of daily session)
5	5	Seven and a half minutes remaining for yea or nay vote
6	6 (cuts off)	Morning business is concluded
6	6 (stays on)	Recess during daily session



HOUSE LEGISLATIVE CALL SYSTEM

 NUMBER OF RINGS	 NUMBER OF LIGHTS	ACTIVITY
	ORANGE (stays on)	House is in session
2	2	Call to an electronically recorded vote. These votes are recorded for the House Journal, and 15 minutes are allotted for members to vote
3	3	Quorum call. Call for the minimum number of members—218—required to do business
4	4	Adjournment of the House
5	5	Call to a five-minute electronically recorded vote. On noncontroversial bills, five minutes are allotted for members to vote
6	6	Recess, or pause, in the proceedings of the House

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