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The well-known Deschler or Deschler-Brown Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives document the parliamentary precedents and procedural practices of the House from 1936 forward and now include volume 17 (Chapters 34 – 40). Volume 17 of the Deschler-Brown Precedents incorporates an eclectic mix of chapters not logically placed in earlier volumes: constitutional amendments (ch. 34); presidential messages and executive communications (ch. 35); ceremonies and awards (ch. 36); resignations (ch. 37); deaths (ch. 38); recesses (ch. 39); and adjournments (ch. 40).

The online version of Deschler-Brown Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives, Volume 17 (Ch. 34 – 40) is available on FDsys at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/GPO-HPREC-DESCHLERS-V17/content-detail.html>.

In addition, Deschler-Brown Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives, Volume 17 (Ch. 34 – 40) will be distributed to Federal depository libraries in paper format under:

* Title: Deschler-Brown-Johnson Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives. Hs. Doc. No. 94-661, V. 17, Serial 13151-17 Chapters 34-40
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* PURL: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS3935>

From the Foreword of Bound Volume 17:

The publication of volume 17 of Deschler-Brown-Johnson Precedents of the United States House of Representatives, to be followed by volume 18 on the budget process, marks the interim completion of the compilation of precedents commenced by former Parliamentarian Lewis Deschler in 1974. Volume 17 incorporates an eclectic mix of chapters not logically included in the preceding 16 volumes. With a few exceptions from the period 1928 to 1936 (the date of publication of Cannon’s Precedents), these chapters address the period 1936 through 2006. Volume 18 on Budget Process will reflect precedents resulting from the enactment of the Congressional Budget Act in 1974.

After the publication of volume 18, the Office of the Parliamentarian, pursuant to law (2 U.S.C. Sec. 28b), will publish replacement volumes comprising cumulative updates of each chapter of the compilation, retaining existing section designations where possible for consistency of citation and adding supplementary citations and cross-references to avoid unnecessary duplication. An appendix to this compilation will provide commentary from the perspective of Charles W. Johnson, III, whose service in the Office of the Parliamentarian for 40 years with seven successive Speakers so uniquely qualifies him for the task of presenting an overview of the procedural evolution of the House since the publication of Lewis Deschler’s preface in 1976.

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http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=deschler_precedents_vol_17&docid=61682pl.txt
The GPO website has a very nice overview of the series:
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/precedents/deschler/about.html
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