

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1803.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

YOUR message of this morning we have received. A quorum of the house of delegates being also assembled, we are ready to proceed to business. The time of sitting appointed by us is from nine o'clock in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Shaaff, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Wilson, a committee on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as you may nominate to form a committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills from time to time during the present session as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

F-R I D A Y, November 11, 1803.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings from Monday, the seventh day of November, to this day, inclusive, were read.

Mr. Christie, from the committee, delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the senate, beg leave to submit the following report, viz.

1. The president shall take the chair at the hour of meeting.
2. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.
3. The names of the senators shall be called in alphabetical order, and the absent members, if any, sent for.
4. The president having taken the chair, a quorum being present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, that any mistake that shall have been made in the entries may be corrected.
5. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and address himself to the president.
6. No member, at the time of his speaking, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
7. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the senate, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak may have spoken.
8. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine which shall speak first.
9. If a member, when speaking, is called to order by the president, or any other member, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until it is determined whether he is in order or not, and all questions of order shall be determined in the first instance by the president without debate, but every member shall have a right to appeal from his decision to the judgment of the senate.
10. Every bill brought in by a member, or received from the house of delegates, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless it be read a second time by especial order; and no bill, or other matter of importance, shall have a second reading until all the members in town be called upon to attend, if required by any member.
11. No bill or resolution shall be read a second time by especial order without the concurrence of two thirds of the senate.
12. Every bill or resolution received from the house of delegates shall be committed to a special committee, if required by any member.
13. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voices, taken *seriatim* in the order prescribed.
14. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the votes taken, if required by any member.
15. The president may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question.
16. All committees of the senate, or conferrees, shall, if required by any member, be elected by ballot, the number never to exceed five.
17. No member shall depart without leave.
18. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question in which he is immediately and particularly interested.
19. No rule shall be dispensed with without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.