

# 4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1805.

instant, inclusive, were read. Mr. Gabriel Christie and Mr. William Thomas, appeared in the senate, and after qualifying agreeably to the constitution and form of government, took their seats.

The message on the opening of the session was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, November 11, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WITH the concurrence of your house, we propose to proceed immediately to the election of a governor, agreeably to the constitution and form of government. The honourable Robert Bowie is put in nomination by us, and we have appointed Mr. Christie and Mr. Partridge to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to examine the ballots and to report thereon.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Mr. William Whitely appeared in the senate, and after qualifying agreeably to the constitution and form of government, took his seat.

Mr. Shriver, from the committee appointed to prepare rules for the government and regulation of the senate, delivers the following report:

THE committee appointed to prepare rules for the government and regulation 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 on 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 who 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 members present.
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 by yeas and nays, 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 rule shall be dispensed with without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.
19. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend it, to commit, for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.
20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.
21. The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" And until it is decided shall preclude all amendment and further debate on the main question, and no person shall speak more than once on the previous question.
22. Any member may call for the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.
23. No motion for reconsideration shall be received, unless made by a member, and seconded by another, who voted in the majority on the question in the first instance.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.