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8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine who shall speak first.

9th. 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.

10th. Every bill or resolution 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 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.

11th. No bill or resolution shall be read a second time by especial order without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

12th. Every bill or resolution received from the house of delegates shall be committed to a special committee, if required by any member.

13th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voices, taken *seriatim*, in the order prescribed.

14th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the votes taken by yeas and nays, if required by any member.

15th. The president may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question.

16th. All committees of the senate, or conferrees, shall, if required by any member, be elected by ballot, the number never to exceed five.

17th. No member shall depart without leave.

18th. No rule shall be dispensed with without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

19th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend, to commit, for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.

20th. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

21st. 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.

22d. Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

23d. 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.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

The president laid before the senate a letter from William Somervell, Esquire, resigning his seat in the senate; which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Partridge and Mr. Pindell wait upon his excellency the governor, and inform him that the senate are in session, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to lay before them.

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

By the SENATE, November 7, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

WE have appointed Mr. Partridge, Mr. Lloyd Dorsey, Mr. Williams, Mr. Glenn and Mr. Purnell, a committee on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by you, to form a committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills from time to time, during this session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

The clerk of the council delivers a message from the executive relative to the purchase of arms as directed by resolutions passed at November session, eighteen hundred and eight, and covering sundry communications from the governor of the state of Massachusetts, disapproving the amendment to the constitution of the United States proposed by the state of Virginia on the thirteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and eight, and proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 7, 1809.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE have received your message of this day, and have appointed Mr. Bland, Mr. Randall, Mr. Davis, Mr. Forwood, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Hall and Mr. Brent, a committee on the part of this house, to join the gentlemen named by you to compare and examine the engrossed bills.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.