

all petitions and memorials shall be endorsed on the back, and shall be entered on the journal.

30th. The unfinished business in which the house was engaged at the last preceding adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion, or any other business shall be received, without special leave of the house, until the former is disposed of.

31st. Any fifteen members, (including the Speaker, if there be one.) shall be authorised to compel the attendance of absent members.

32d. Every committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

33d. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the house, without special leave.

34th. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted unless the person for whom it is given, be nominated to the house before the balloting be commenced, except as may be otherwise provided for by the constitution.

35th. When a blank is not filled up and different sums, numbers, or times, shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken on the largest sum or number, and on the latest time.

OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

36th. Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, by an order of the house, or on the report of a committee; and in either of the two cases, first mentioned, a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed.

37th. Every bill may have its first reading by its title.

38th. Upon the first reading of every bill or resolution, the question of consideration shall be put: and if the house refuse to consider the bill, it shall not be printed, and shall not be entitled to a second reading during the session: if no opposition be made, or if the question to consider be decided in the affirma-