

be equivalent to its rejection, and when a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted on again during the session.

23d. The previous question shall be in this form; "shall the main question be now put?" It may be called for on any question except on an amendment or other matter, which cannot, in its nature, be postponed; and when demanded by a majority of the members present, it shall, until it is decided, preclude all further amendment and debate of the main question. On a previous question there shall be no debate.

24th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by seven members who shall have divided on the question; and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the Speaker, until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

25th. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends questions so distinct, that one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the House; and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the amendment shall be taken first, and then divided if required, into as many parts as it will admit of distinct questions.

26th. A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert, together with the matter proposed to be inserted, shall be received, and the question on it taken as one entire motion, but any member may have the same divided, agreeably to the 25th rule.

No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

27th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present; those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa*, until a decision by the Speaker.

28th. When a question has once been decided in the affirmative or negative, a motion of reconsideration shall be in order, if made by one member, and seconded by two others who voted in the majority, within three days after the decision; and no motion for reconsideration shall be postponed or laid on the table.

29th. Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the house, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place; and the object of 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 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.