

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1807. 5

upon the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate room to qualify agreeably to the constitution and form of government.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

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

By the S E N A T E, November 9, 1807.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

WE have received your message of this date, and have appointed Mr. M. Elderry and Mr. Shriver on the part of the senate, to join the gentlemen named by your house to wait upon the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate room to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Robert Wright, the governor elect, attending in the senate room, ORDERED, That Mr. Glenn and Mr. Dorsey inform the house of delegates that Robert Wright, the governor elect, is attending in the senate room to qualify as governor of the state of Maryland, and request their attendance.

The speaker, attended by the members of the house of delegates, appeared in the senate room, and Robert Wright qualified as governor before the president of the senate, in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office prescribed by law, and by taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and also by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 10, 1807.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Somervell, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations to be observed in the senate, delivers 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.

1st. The president shall take the chair at the hour of meeting.

2d. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.

3d. The names of the senators shall be called in alphabetical order, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

4th. The president having taken the chair, a quorum being present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, that any mistakes that shall have been made in the entries may be corrected.

5th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and address himself to the president.

6th. No member, at the time of his speaking, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

7th. 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.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine which 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 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 any debate, but may vote on every question.

16th. All committees of the senate, or conferences, 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.