

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The senate having previously qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government proceeded to the election of governor. The ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Samuel Stevens, Junr. had sixty-three votes, and James B. Robins had sixteen votes; whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Samuel Stevens, Junr. having had a majority of the votes of all the attending members of both branches of the legislature, is duly elected governor of Maryland.

On motion, Ordered, that the executive communication, with the accompanying documents, received this day, be referred to the house of delegates.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 9, 1822.

Gentlemen of the Senate—The honorable Samuel Stevens, Junr. of Talbot county, having been elected governor of the state, we propose that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, and forwarded by express immediately to inform that gentleman of his election, and request his attendance at the seat of government to qualify as the constitution and form of government require.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, CLK.

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

BY THE SENATE, December 9, 1822.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—We accede to the proposal contained in your message just received, that a joint letter be addressed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates to the honorable Samuel Stevens, Junr. and forwarded to him by express, informing him that he has this day been elected governor of the state, and that his presence at the seat of government as soon as his convenience will permit is requested to qualify according to the constitution and form of government of this state.

By order,

WM. KILTY, CLK.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to report rules and regulations for the government of the senate, delivers the following report, viz:

The committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the senate, beg leave to submit the following report:

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

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

3rd. 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 entry 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 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 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 three several days, with an intermission of one day at least between each reading, during which time it shall lie for the perusal of the members, unless it be read by special order, and no bill or other matter of importance shall have a third 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 special 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 the attending members, except such as are otherwise provided for by the rules of the senate.

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

15th. The name of every member shall appear on the journal, on motion for leave to bring in a bill, on motion proposing a resolution, and on motion to amend a bill, resolution or order, on which the yeas and nays shall be called.

16th. The president may not enter into any debate, but may vote on every question.

17th. All committees of the senate, or conferees, shall, if required by any member, be elected by ballot, the number not to exceed five.

18th. No member shall depart without leave.

19. No rule shall be dispensed with, without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.