

RULES OF THE SENATE.

I.

The President shall take the Chair at the hour of meeting, when every Senator shall take his seat and remain uncovered until the Senate rises. The President shall immediately call the Senate to order, and after Divine service, shall cause the names of the Senators to be called in alphabetical order, and the Journal of the preceding day to be read and corrected if any errors exist.

II.

He shall preserve order and decorum, may speak to points of order in preference to Senators ; shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate by any member, and his decision of any question shall be final, unless reversed by a majority of the Senators voting.

III.

The President shall have a general direction of the Senate Chamber and the committee room adjoining, and in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery, lobby, or committee room, shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

IV.

No person shall be admitted within the bar of the Senate Chamber but members of the Executive and Judiciary Departments, members of the House of Delegates, Ex-Governors, former Members of the Legislature, and such other persons as may be invited by the President or members of the Senate.

V.

After the reading of the proceedings of the preceding day, the following shall be the order of business.

The presentation and disposition of petitions, memorials, applications and other papers.

Orders.

Leaves to introduce bills.

Resolutions.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Reports of Select Committees.

Resolutions entitled to a second reading.

Bills entitled to a second reading.

Bills entitled to a third reading.