

less all the ordinary business shall have been previously disposed of, and shall, after that hour, have preference over all ordinary business.

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## OF DECORUM, DEBATE, &c.

### VIII.

Every Member shall take his seat when the Speaker takes the Chair.

### IX.

No Member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

### X.

When a Member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat, uncovered, and respectfully address himself to "*Mr. Speaker.*" He shall confine himself to the question under debate; shall avoid personality, and shall use some other distinction than the proper name of any other member to whom he may refer in debate.

### XI.

If two or more Members shall rise to speak at the same time, the Speaker shall determine which shall speak first, and no Member shall speak more than twice to the same question; nor more than once, until every Member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

### XII.

If any Member shall, in any manner, transgress the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any Member may, call him to order; in which case, the Member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the Member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed without leave