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

18th. No senator shall absent himself from the seat

of government, without leave of the senate.

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

20th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, to re-commit, to amend or to postpone the question to a day certain; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here stated.

21st. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order,

and shall be decided without debate.

22nd. Any senator may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

23rd. When a question has been once made and carried in the affirmative, or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof; but no motion for the re-consideration of any vote shall be in order after a bill, resolution, message, report, amendment, or motion, upon which the vote was taken, shall have gone out of the possession of the senate, announcing their decision; nor shall any motion for reconsideration be in order, unless made on the same day on which the vote was taken, or within the two next days of actual session of the senate thereafter.

24th. The assistant clerk of the senate shall lay upon the desk of the president, every morning, all bills, resolutions and motions, depending before the senate, in the order of time in which they were reported or presented for consideration; and, at all