

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Rule 12. The Order of the Day shall not be so fixed in point of time as to exclude the business of the Convention in the order and divisions prescribed under these Rules, but shall be fixed so that one hour, at least, from the time of the meeting of the Convention shall precede it for the transaction of other business. When the time arrives for the Order of the Day to be taken up, it shall have preference over all other business except the unfinished business in which the Convention was engaged at the preceding adjournment, under a previous assignment as the order of the day.

Rule 13. Every subject matter proposed to be considered in the Convention shall be introduced by motion for leave, by an order of the Convention, or on the report of a Committee, and in either of the two cases first mentioned, a Committee to prepare the same shall be appointed, unless the same subject matter is embraced in the duties assigned to one or more of the Standing Committees.

Rule 14. Every Committee reporting any Conventional business for the consideration of the Convention embracing provisions for the Constitution, shall submit its reports (whether in the form of a majority or minority report) in articles, and without being accompanied by a written report, assigning reasons and arguments sustaining the same.

Rule 15. Every report from a Committee containing articles or sections proposed to be made a part of the Constitution, shall receive three readings in the Convention, on three different days of the session previous to its adoption, unless a majority of the members elected to the Convention otherwise determine; the first of which reading shall be by the title only, unless a majority of the Convention shall otherwise order.

Rule 16. Every resolution shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall be on the table for the perusal of members, unless on very urgent occasions, the Convention by special order, two-thirds of the members present agreeing, dispense with the Rule, which order shall be entered on the Journal.

Rule 17. No resolution shall have a second reading, or a report a third reading, until every member in the city who has not been excused by the Convention for indisposition, or a necessary attendance on public business, shall be called upon to attend, if required, by three members. But calls of the Convention shall be made if required by seven members, at any time, when a subject is under consideration.

Rule 18. All resolutions which have been once read, and are entitled to a second reading, and all reports which have been once or twice read, and are entitled to a second or third reading by the Rules of the Convention, shall be arranged every morning agreeably to seniority by the Secretary, placed on the Presi-

dent's desk, taken up by him in due order, the date of their last reading announced, and read a second or third time, although no motion for a second or third reading may have been made.

Rule 19. All reports from Committees containing clauses proposed to be made part of the Constitution shall be entered on the Journal, and also printed in form similar to bills.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Rule 20. The Convention shall be resolved into a Standing Committee of the Whole, if required by nine members, which Committee may originate articles or clauses to be embodied in the Constitution. Reports of Committees containing clauses proposed to be embodied in the Constitution on their third reading, and resolutions on their second reading shall, if required by seven members, be committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Rule 21. In forming a Committee of the Whole, the President of the Convention shall leave his chair, and a Chairman to preside in Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Rule 22. Upon reports of committees, resolutions or other matters committed to a Committee of the Whole, the same shall be first read throughout by the Secretary, and then again read and considered by clauses. The body of the report, resolution, or other matter, shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments noting the page and line shall be duly entered by the Secretary on separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to Convention. After report, the report, resolution, or other matter shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses.

Rule 23. The Secretary shall keep a Journal of the proceedings which take place in Committee of the Whole, and the same shall be printed separately and appended after the Journal of the proceedings of the day's session.

OF DECORUM, DEBATE, &c.

Rule 24. Every member shall take his seat when the President takes the chair.

Rule 25. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend.

Rule 26. When a member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, uncovered, and respectfully address himself to "Mr. President." 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.

Rule 27. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the President shall determine which shall speak first, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same question; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.