

memorials shall be endorsed on the back, and entered on the Journal.

Rule 46.—The unfinished business in which the Convention was engaged at the preceding adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion or any other business shall be received without the special leave of the Convention, until the former is disposed of.

Rule 47.—The Rules of Parliamentary Practice shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing Rules and Orders of the Convention.

Rule 48.—Upon calls of the Convention, or in taking the yeas and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.

Rule 49.—The standing rules of the Convention shall not be suspended except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present.

Rule 50.—Any fifteen members, (including the President) shall be authorized to compel the attendance of the members.

Rule 51.—No committee shall sit during the sitting of the Convention without special leave.

Rule 52.—When a blank is not filled up, and different sums, numbers or terms shall be proposed, the question shall be taken on the largest sum or number, and on the longest time.

Rule 53.—After a report of any committee, embodying proposed provisions for the Constitution has passed through its second reading, the question shall then be put by the President of the Convention, "shall this report be engrossed for a third reading?" After any report of a committee has passed to a third reading, it shall not be in order to amend the same, except by the consent of the majority of the members elected to the Convention.

PREVIOUS QUESTIONS.

Rule 54.—There shall be a "main question," and a "previous question," in the consideration of reports of committees.

Section 1st.—The main question on the report of any committee, shall only be called after the said report has passed to its third reading, and shall be in this form, "shall the main question be now put?" and when demanded by a majority of the members present, it shall, until it is decided, preclude all further amendment and debate on the main question.