

decision of the house; and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the last amendment shall be taken first, and then divided if required, into as many parts as it will admit of distinct questions.

26th. A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall preclude neither amendment, nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert, together with the matter proposed to be inserted, shall be received, and the question on it taken as one entire motion, but any member may have the same divided, agreeably to the 25th rule.

No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

27th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present; those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa*, until a decision by the Speaker.

28th. When a question has once been decided in the affirmative or negative, a motion of reconsideration shall be in order, if made by one member, and seconded by two others who voted in the majority, within three days after the decision; and no motion for reconsideration shall be postponed or laid on the table.

29th. Petitions, memorials, and other papers, addressed to the house, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place; and the object of all petitions and memorials shall be endorsed on the back, and shall be entered on the journal.

30th. The unfinished business in which the house 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 special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

31st. Any fifteen members, (including the Speaker, if there be one,) shall be authorised to compel the attendance of absent members.

32d. Every committee shall have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

33d. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

34th. On an election to any office of trust or profit, no ballot shall be counted, unless the person for whom it is given, be nominated to the house before the balloting be commenced, except as may be otherwise provided for by the constitution.