

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.

35th. When a blank is not filled up and different sums, numbers or times, shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken on the largest sum or number, and on the latest time.

OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

36th. Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, by an order of the House, 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.

37th. Every bill may have its first reading by its title.

38th. Upon the first reading of every bill or resolution, the question of consideration shall be put: and if the House refuse to consider the bill, it shall not be printed and shall not be entitled to a second reading during the session: if no opposition be made, or if the question to consider be decided in the affirmative, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

39th. All bills of a private or local character and of a partial operation, received from the Senate, shall be referred to a select committee of three members, to be appointed by the Speaker, and bills of a public or general character, received from the Senate, relating to subjects upon which committees have been appointed shall be referred, severally to the committee to which the same shall belong, respectively.

40th. Every bill or resolution originating in this House, or received from the Senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of members, unless on very urgent occasions, the House, by a special order, two-thirds of the members present agreeing, dispense with this rule; which order shall be entered on the Journal.

41st. No bill or resolution shall have a second reading until every member in the city shall be called upon to attend, (if required by three members), except he be excused by the House for indisposition, or a necessary attendance on public business; but calls of the House shall be made, if required by seven members, on any other subject under the consideration of the House.

42d. All bills and resolutions, which have been once read and are entitled to a second reading by the rules of the House, shall