

commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. A motion to strike out the enacting words of a bill, shall have precedence of a motion to amend, and if carried, shall be equivalent to its rejection, and when a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted on again during the session.

### 23rd.

The previous question shall be in this form: "shall the main question be now put?" It may be called for on any question except on an amendment, or other matter, which cannot in its nature be postponed; and when demanded by a majority of the members present, it shall, until it is decided, preclude all further amendment and debate of the main question. On a previous question there shall be no debate.

### 24th.

Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by seven members who shall have divided on the question; and whenever the yeas and nays are ordered to be taken, no question of adjournment shall be received or propounded by the speaker, until the yeas and nays are called, counted and reported.

### 25th.

Any member may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends questions so distinct, that one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the House, and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on an amendment, shall be taken first, and then divided, if required, into as many parts as admit of distinct questions.

### 26th.

A motion to strike out and insert, shall be deemed inadvisable, 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.