

RULE 20th.

Whilst the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out or cross the House; nor in such case, or while a member is speaking, shall hold private discourse, so as to interrupt debate.

RULE 21st.

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker; or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Clerk, before debate; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member require it.

RULE 22nd.

When a motion is made and seconded, or when a question is under debate, the matter shall receive a determination by the question; or it may be postponed by a motion to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to 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.

RULE 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.

RULE 24th.

On a motion for the previous question, on a motion to lie on the table, or a motion to adjourn, there shall be no debate.

RULE 25th.

Every question shall be entered on the Journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken when required by five 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