

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion by Mr. Taney, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the circulation of bank notes, or the notes of any corporate body, under the denomination of one dollar. Ordered, That Messrs. Taney, Winder and Hollyday, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Gale, Ordered, That Messrs. Gale, Winder and Dorsey, be a committee to examine and report on the unfinished business of the last session.

Mr. Gale from the committee appointed to report rules and regulations for the government of the senate, reported the same as follows:

Rule 1st. The president shall take the chair at the hour of meeting.

2d. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.

3d. The names of the Senators shall be in alphabetical order, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

4th. The president having taken the chair, a quorum being present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, that any mistakes that shall have been made in the entries may be corrected.

5th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place and address himself to the president.

6th. No member, at the time of his speaking, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

7th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Senate, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak may have spoken.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time the president shall determine who shall speak first.

9th. If a member, when speaking, is called to order by the president, or any other member, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat, until it is determined whether he is in order or not; and all questions of order shall be determined in the first instance by the president, without debate, but every member shall have a right to appeal from his decision to the judgment of the senate.

10th. Every bill or resolution brought in by a member, or received from the house of delegates, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie for the perusal of the members, unless it be read a second time by especial order; and no bill or other matter of importance, shall have a second reading, until all the members in town be called upon to attend if required by any member.

11th. No bill or resolution shall be read a second time by especial order without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

12th. Every bill or resolution received from the house of delegates shall be committed to a special committee, if required by any member.

13th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the attending members.

14th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the votes taken by yeas and nays, if required by any member.

15th. The name of every member making a motion for leave to bring in a bill, to amend a bill or resolution, when the yeas and nays are called for, presenting a petition, or proposing a resolution, shall be entered on the journal.

16th. The president may not enter into any debate, but may vote on every question.

17th. All committees of the senate, or conferrees, shall be appointed by the president, unless specially required by a member, when they shall be elected by ballot, the number in no case to exceed five.

18th. No member shall depart without leave.

19th. No vote shall be dispensed with without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

20th. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, unless to amend, to commit, for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.

21st. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

22d. The previous question shall be in this form. "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall preclude all amendment and further debate on the main question; and no person shall speak more than once on the previous question.

23. Any member may call for the division of a question where the sense will admit of it.

24th. No motion for reconsideration shall be received unless made by a member, and seconded by another, each of whom voted in the majority on the question in the first instance.

25th. That the assistant clerk of the senate lay upon the desk of the president, every morning, as soon as the senate is formed, all the bills, resolutions and motions, depending before the senate, in the order of time in which they were reported or presented for consideration, and that at all times, while the senate is sitting, when no motion is under consideration, the president shall, without any motion, take up said bills, resolutions and motions, in the above order, and propose them for the consideration of the senate, and they shall then be considered and acted upon unless postponed by the order of the senate.

26th. That all bills and resolutions shall be read three times, with at least an interval of one day between each reading, unless for special reasons the senate may order the successive readings at shorter intervals; and that the second reading be always considered as if it were in committee of the whole senate, as relates to rules of debate and amendments, and that if any amendments are made on the second reading, the bill or resolution be then fairly engrossed preparatory to a third reading.

By order,

T. J. BRICE, Com. Clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 6, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hugblott and Mr. Magruder appeared in the senate, qualified, and took their seats.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 5, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of this morning; this house also is formed and ready to proceed to the business of the session. We have appointed the honourable Nicholas Stonestreet speaker, and Louis Gassaway chief clerk. The time of sitting of this house will be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.