

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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 be 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 three several days, with an intermission of one day at least between each reading, during which time it shall lie for the perusal of the members, unless it be read by especial order; and no bill, or other matter of importance, shall have a third 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 third time by special 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, except as is otherwise provided for by the rules of the senate.

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 conferees 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 rule 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.

23d. 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 bill, 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. Whenever any bill, resolution or order, report, or other proposition, shall have been read through the second time without amendment, the president shall propound the question, "Shall this bill, resolution, or order, report, or other proposition, be passed to a third reading?" and if decided in the affirmative it shall be read a third time agreeably to the rules of the senate; if in the negative, the bill, resolution, order or report, or other proposition, shall be considered as rejected. And if amendments have been made, the president shall put the question—"Shall the bill, &c. and amendment, be engrossed for a third reading?" if decided in the negative, the bill, &c. shall be rejected; if in the affirmative, it shall be engrossed and read a third time according to the rules of the senate.

27th. The president of the senate may call any member of the senate to take the chair to relieve him when fatigued in the discharge of his duties.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Com. Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 14, 1819.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This being the day designated by the constitution for the election of the council to the governor, we propose to go into that appointment at 12 o'clock this day. John Stephen, James Butcher, James Nabb, Grafton Duvall, Thomas H. Wilkinson, John Stoops, Arnold E. Jones, John E. Howard, Junr. William G. D. Worthington, Henry H. Chapman, and Henry A. Callis, are put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Marriott and Willis to join the gentlemen you may appoint to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

And the following bills: A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Morgan, his wife, and two children, of Caroline county; and a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of John Thomas, late of Harford county, deceased; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following messages were sent to the house of delegates:

BY THE SENATE, December 14, 1819.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We are prepared this morning to proceed to the election of senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States. No other gentlemen than those mentioned in your message of yesterday are put in nomination by the senate. We have appointed Messrs. West and Hollyday, in conjunction with the gentlemen named by you, to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order,

J. N. WATKINS, Clk.