

6. That the place and date of each meeting of Presbytery be put on the margin, at the head of the page.
7. That all sums of money be given in words, as well as in figures.
8. That no unnecessary vacant space be left between the minutes of sederunts.

OVERTURE ON CERTAIN STANDING ORDERS.

Whereas, by the present method of voting on resolutions, confusion arises and time is lost; and whereas it is desirable to have some regulations by which discussion may be closed and any matter—which a majority of the Synod may be unwilling, for the present, to consider—laid aside; it is humbly and respectfully overtured by the undersigned, that the "Standing Orders" anent the "Conducting of Business" be sent down to Presbyteries, that the same may be amended by the adoption of the following:—

1. That sections 10 and 11 be repealed.
2. That each motion shall be put to the House, and voted upon by itself, beginning with the last amendment, and the first resolution that obtains a majority shall be declared carried, and the remaining ones, if any, lost. In voting, whether by a show of hands, or by calling the roll, the question shall be "aye" or "no."
3. That the previous question may be moved, and when moved no further discussion shall be allowed until it shall have been decided. The previous question shall be, whether the vote on the resolution or resolutions before the House be now taken. Should it be carried, the vote shall be immediately taken, but should it be lost, the discussion may proceed.
4. That it shall be competent for any two members to move that the matter before the Synod be laid on the table. When this motion is made, no further discussion shall be allowed, until it is decided by a vote of the House. Should it be decided in the negative, the discussion may proceed; but if in the affirmative, the matter shall not again be taken up, except by a resolution to this effect carried by a majority.

ALEX. F. KEMP and others.

OVERTURE ANENT PRINTING OF PAPERS IN CAUSES.

Whereas it is of importance for the right consideration and adjudication of causes coming before the Synod, that the facts stated and pleas urged should be fully and distinctly understood; and whereas it is difficult for members to obtain this distinct understanding from merely hearing the papers read by the Clerk; it is hereby humbly overtured by the undersigned, that it be ordered, That all papers in causes coming before the Synod be printed by the parties bringing such causes, and put into the hands of members at least a day before these causes are brought before the Court; and that in the cases of parties who may be unable to bear the expense of such printing, the Committee of Bills and Overtures be empowered to have the papers printed at the expense of the Synod.

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