

Notes:—Rule 537 applies only to motions for the suspension of any rule upon petitions. J. Leg. Ass., 1905, p. 354.

538. No motion for the extension of delays prescribed by rules 510, 511, 516 and 531 shall be entertained unless a report recommending such extension has been made by the committee on standing orders and by one of the standing committees charged with the consideration of private bills.

Section IX.

PARLIAMENTARY AGENTS.

539 No person shall act as parliamentary agent conducting proceedings before the house or any committee thereof, without the express authority of the Speaker.

References:—B., p. 743; M., pp. 709-710; Todd, P. B., p. 30.

Notes:—1. Persons, whether they be lawyers or not, representing before the house and its committees the promoters of or the opponents to any private bill, are parliamentary agents. M., p. 709; C., no. 2412.

2. As the lawyer who has accepted to represent, before the legislative assembly, the promoters of or the opponents to any private bill acts, not as a lawyer, but as a parliamentary agent, he could hardly excuse himself from answering questions in relation to his conduct as agent, on the ground that he cannot be called upon to disclose the secrets of his clients. Cf. C., no. 983.

540. All persons acting as parliamentary agents shall be personally responsible to the house and to the Speaker for the observance of the rules, orders and practice of the Legislative Assembly and rules prescribed by the Speaker, and also for the payment of all fees and charges.