

RULES OF DEBATE.

I.—DURATION OF MEETINGS.

The Speaker shall take the chair and call the House to order at 8 o'clock sharp. The debate shall close at 10.15 o'clock, when a division shall be taken, unless the House adjourns upon a motion (which shall be without debate) or by consent.

II.—LENGTH OF SPEECHES.

The proposer of any measure or resolution shall be allowed twenty minutes, and every other speaker ten minutes to address the House. This rule must be strictly adhered to, and no member shall, under any circumstances, address the House longer than the specified time, unless by the special consent of the House.

III.—MODE OF ADDRESSING.

Every member desiring to speak shall rise in his place, uncovered, and address himself to Mr. Speaker.

IV.—THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.

When two or more members rise to speak, the Speaker shall call upon the member whom he first notices, to address the House.