

messengers shall be appointed to make the said request.

COMMITTEE.

XXIII.—That the rules of the house shall be observed in committee of the whole so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the times of speaking.

XXIV.—That in forming a committee of the whole house, before leaving the chair, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall immediately take the chair without argument or comment.

XXV.—That every member who shall introduce a bill, petition, or motion upon any subject which may be referred to a committee, shall be one of the committee without being named by the house, except in cases of controverted elections.

XXVI.—That of the number of members appointed to compose a Committee, such number thereof as shall be equal to a majority of the whole number chosen, shall be a quorum, competent to proceed to business, (except in election committees,) where the number, to form such quorum, shall not be specially fixed by the House.

XXVII.—That in a Committee of the whole house, a motion that the chairman leave the chair, shall always be in order and take precedence of every other motion, and that when the motion is made on account of any question of order or privilege arising, the Speaker shall resume the chair without discussion or vote of the committee.

XXVIII.—That in a committee of the whole house, all motions relating to the matter under consideration shall be put in the order in which they are proposed.

XXIX.—That the mode of appointing a special committee, consisting of more than five members, shall be, first, to determine the number of which it shall consist, then, each member shall write on a slip of paper the names of as many members as are to form such committee, and deliver the same to the Clerk, who shall thereupon examine the said lists, and report to the Speaker, for the information of the house, who have most voices in their favor; and if any difficulty should arise by two or more having an equal number of voices, the sense of the house shall be taken as to the preference.

YEAS AND NAYS.

XXX.—That the Yeas and Nays shall be taken and entered on the minutes at the request of any one member.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

XXXI.—That one day's notice shall be given of all motions for introducing new matter, other than matters of privilege and bringing up petitions.

XXXII.—That a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

XXXIII.—That after a motion is read by the Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the house, but may be withdrawn at any time

before decision, or amendment, with permission of the house.

XXXIV.—That a motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

AID AND SUPPLY.

XXXV.—That if any motion be made for any public aid, subsidy, duty, or charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereon shall not presently be entered upon, but adjourned till such further day as the house shall think fit to appoint, and shall be referred to a committee of the whole house, and their opinion reported before any resolution or vote of the house do pass thereupon.

BILLS.

XXXVI.—That when a bill or petition is read in the house, the clerk shall certify the readings, and the time, on the back thereof.

XXXVII.—That every bill shall be read twice before it is committed, and engrossed and read a third time before it is sent up to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

XXXVIII.—That when any bill shall be brought down to this house from the honorable the legislative council, or when any bill sent up from this house to the legislative council shall be returned with amendments, such bill so brought down, or the amendments, shall undergo the same readings and formal consideration, and the same shall be committed and be subjected to the same order, form and stages, as are observed upon bills originating in this house.

XXXIX.—That every public bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the object of the bill; or by a motion to appoint a committee to prepare and bring it in; or by an order of the house on the report of a committee: and that every private bill, shall be founded on a petition, notice of the intention of the petitioners having been inserted in the Upper Canada Gazette for the period of six months previous to the meeting of the Legislature.

XL.—That no bill brought into this house shall have more than one reading on the same day.

PETITIONS.

XLI.—That all petitions to be introduced, shall be brought in immediately after the minutes are read, and that such petitions shall be read by the clerk, after the third reading of any bills that may stand for that purpose on the order of the day; provided such petitions shall have lain on the table two days.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

XLII.—That all orders of the day which, by reason of any adjournment, shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered as postponed, till the next day on which the house shall sit, and shall stand first on the order of the day, after the third reading of bills and addresses and reading of petitions.