

55. No motion for a suspension of the Rules upon any Petition for a Private Bill shall be entertained, until the same shall have been reported upon by the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

56. All Private Bills shall be introduced on Petition, and may be presented upon a motion for leave, after such petition shall have been favorably reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders.

57. When any Bill for confirming Letters Patent shall be presented to The House, a true copy of such Letters Patent shall be attached thereto.

58. The expenses and costs attending on Private Bills giving any exclusive privilege, or for any object of profit, or private, corporate, or individual advantage; or for amending, extending, or enlarging any former Acts in such manner as to confer additional powers, ought not to fall on the public; accordingly the parties seeking to obtain any such Bill shall be required to pay into the Private Bill Office the sum of sixty dollars immediately after the Second Reading thereof; and all such Bills shall be prepared in the English and French languages, by the parties applying for the same, and printed by the Contractor for printing the Bills of the House, and 350 copies thereof in English shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, with 200 copies in French also of such Bills as relate to Lower Canada, before the Second Reading; and no such Bill shall be read a Third time until a certificate from the Queen's Printer shall have been filed with the Clerk, that the cost of printing 500 copies of the Act in English and 250 in French, for the Government, has been paid to him.

59. The Fee payable on the Second Reading of any Private Bill, shall be paid only in the House in which such Bill originates, but the cost of printing the same shall be paid in each House.

60. Every Private Bill, when read a Second time, shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, if any such shall have been appointed, or to some other Standing Committee of the same character; and all petitions before the House for or against the Bill shall be considered as referred to such Committee.

61. No Committee on any Private Bill of which notice is required to be given shall consider the same until after a week's notice of the sitting of such Committee has been first affixed in the Lobby.

62. A copy of the Bill containing the Amendments proposed to be submitted to the Standing Committee shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, one clear day before the meeting of the Committee thereupon.

63. All persons whose interests or property may be affected by any Private Bill, shall, when required so to do, appear before the Standing Committee touching their consent, or may send such consent in writing, proof of which may be demanded by such Committee. And in every case the Committee upon any Bill for incorporating a Company may require proof that the persons whose names appear in the Bill as composing the Company, are of full age, and in a position to effect the objects contemplated, and have consented to become incorporated.

64. All questions before Committees on Private Bills are decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal, the Chairman has a second or casting vote.

65. It shall be the duty of the Select Committee to which any Private Bill may be referred by The House, to call the attention of The House specially to any provision inserted in such Bill that does not appear to have been contemplated in the Notice for the same, as reported upon by the Committee on Standing Orders.

66. The Committee to which a Private Bill may have been referred, shall report the same to The House, in every case; and when any material alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, together with the reasons for the same, shall be stated in the Report.

67. When the Committee on any Private Bill shall report to The House that the Preamble of such Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction, they shall also state the grounds upon which they have arrived at such a decision; and no Bill which shall have been so reported on shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day, unless by special order of The House.