

pone definitely," or "indefinitely," and "to reconsider," which are drawn from the procedure, not of our own legislative assemblies, but of assemblies in the United States. I have attempted in this treatise to give such explanations as will aid in preventing confusion or doubt in the application of these methods of procedure. In this way, the author hopes he will meet the wants of that large number of persons, who, in this country of popular institutions, are immediately interested in the methodical progress of business, and naturally wish to make themselves conversant, as easily as possible, with the principles, rules and usages that should guide the proceedings of public assemblies of all kinds. At all events, if the numerous persons who have used a good deal of the author's time for years, will refer as a rule to this volume in ordinary cases instead of making personal application to him, he may expect to have more leisure than he has heretofore been able to enjoy. At the same time the author adds that he will be grateful for any suggestions that may make any future edition of this work as accurate and comprehensive as possible, especially in connection with the meetings of municipal councils, for whose proceedings the writer has suggested a uniform code of rules as desirable and easy of accomplishment.