

Members interested in petitions for certain corporate powers.

74. That whenever a Petition tending to incorporate any number of persons to carry on any commerce or trade, is presented to this House, such of the Members of this House who are to become incorporated in consequence of such Petition to carry on such commerce or trade, are personally interested in all questions that may arise upon such Petition, and in any after proceedings that may take place upon it.

See also **BILLS PRIVATE**, Rules 63, 66, 67, 68, 69.

PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE—FORM OF READING.

Papers before the House or a Committee, how to be read.

75. That papers laid before this House, or referred to a Committee for their consideration, are of right to be read once by the Clerk or Chairman at the table, but when once read to the House, or Committee, they are then, like every other Paper that belongs to the House, to be moved for to be read, and if objected to, to be decided by taking the sense of the House or Committee.

COMMITTEES.

Committee of the whole House, how formed.

76. That in forming a Committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall leave the Chair, and shall before leaving the same appoint a Chairman to preside, who shall have the same authority in the Chair of the Committee as the Speaker in the Chair of the House, and in other Committees the Chairman shall have the same authority.

Special Committees, mode of appointing.

77. That the mode of appointing a Special Committee, shall be first to determine the number it shall consist of, then each Member naming one, which shall be written down by the Clerk; those who have most voices shall be taken successively, until that the number is completed; 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; but it shall be always understood, that no Member who declares himself or divides against the body or substance of the Bill, motion or matter to be committed, upon any of the Readings thereof, can be nominated to be of a Committee upon such Bill, motion or matter; or the mover may submit the names of the Members to form the Committee, and if not objected to by the House, the Members so nominated shall compose the Committee.

Member introducing the matter referred, to be one of the Committee.

78. That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or Motion upon any object which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House.

Quorum of a Special Committee.

79. 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 in all cases, where the number to form such quorum shall not be specially fixed in the motion of appointment.

MESSENGERS.

Mode of appointing Messengers.

80. That the Speaker of this House shall appoint all Messengers; but it shall be always understood, that the Member who moves for the Message shall of right be one of the number of Messengers, and that any Member who shall declare himself, or divides against the said Message, or against the subject thereof, cannot be appointed to be one of the Messengers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To have preference to motions.

81. That the Order of the Day shall have preference to any motion before the House.

Orders lost for want of a Quorum.

82. That it be a Standing Rule of this House, that when any Order or Orders of the Day shall be lost by a Committee of the whole House breaking up for want of a quorum, or the House adjourning for want of a quorum, the Order or Orders so lost, shall be taken up in succession, as the first business to be proceeded on, at the next meeting of the House.

PRIVILEGES.

Questions of privilege.

83. That whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be immediately taken into consideration.

LIBRARY.

Catalogue to be made.

84. That a Catalogue of the titles, editions, classes, cost and charges of the Books, be kept by the Clerk of the House, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested.

85. That the Library be deposited in the Committee Room, or Clerk's Office, or such other part of this House as may hereafter appear to Mr. Speaker to be most convenient.

Place for the Library.

86. That no person whatsoever be entitled to resort to the Books except the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and House of Assembly, and the Officers of the two Houses for the time being; that access may be had to the books at all hours during the sitting of the Legislature, and on every Tuesday of each week, from the hour of ten in the morning to three in the afternoon, during the prorogations; but on no pretence whatever ought any person, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government excepted, to be permitted to carry any of them out of the building.

Access to the Library. Who may take books from it.

87. That the Clerk shall report regularly to the House, through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each Session, the actual state of the Library.

Clerk to report on the Library.

88. That the Clerk of this House be authorised to import annually the continuation of the Periodical Works in the Library of this House.

Periodical works.

OFFICE HOURS.

89. That the hours of attendance of the respective Officers of this House and the Extra Clerks employed during the Session, be from nine in the forenoon until noon, and from one in the afternoon until eight o'clock, and from thence until the business of the day be completed.

Hours of office.

VACANCIES IN THE OFFICES.

90. That before filling any vacancy in the Offices of this House, enquiry be made touching the necessity of such Office, the amount of the salary and emoluments thereunto annexed, and the fixing such salary *de novo* at every change.

Inquiry previous to filling any vacancy.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

91. That the Clerk of this House do lay before this House, in the course of each Session, a general table of the Imports and Exports of this Province, taken from the returns which may be laid before this House by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief; that the said Clerk do also lay before this House next Session a similar table for the seven last years, and that he do cause the said table to be printed, in order that the same may be added to the Appendix to the Journals of next year, and that in each succeeding year he do cause to be printed a similar table, to be in like manner inserted in the Appendix to the Journals of those periods.

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