

Amendments reported by Committees.

52. That all amendments shall be reported to the House by the Chairman standing in his place. After report, the Bill shall be subjected to debate and amendment in the House, before the Question to engross it shall be put.

Three readings on different days.

53. That every Bill shall receive three several readings, each on different days, previous to its being passed, except in urgent and extraordinary occasions, when it may be read twice or thrice in one day.

Exception.

Readings how certified.

54. That when a Bill is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back.

Bills how read in Committee of the whole.

55. That Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House, shall first be read throughout by the Clerk, and then read by the Chairman and debated by Clauses, leaving the Preamble and Title to be last considered.

Bills passed by the House.

56. That when a Bill passes the House, the Clerk shall certify the same, with the date thereof at the foot of the Bill.

Bills originating in Legislative Council.

57. That a similar mode of proceeding shall be observed with Bills which have originated in and passed the Legislative Council, as with Bills originating in this House.

Certain duties assigned to the Law Clerk.

58. That it shall be the duty of the Law Clerk of this House, to revise all Public Bills after the first reading, and that after such revision, he do mark his initials and certify on the indorsement of the said Bills, in red ink, that the same are correct; and that the said Law Clerk be held responsible for the due performance of such duty, in obedience to this Resolution, and in order that he may be regularly apprised of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, it shall be the duty of the senior Clerk of the Committees of this House, to provide him daily during the Session, with a List of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, and of the day on which they shall be fixed for the second reading; and that in every succeeding stage of such Bills, the said Law Clerk shall be also held responsible for the correctness of the said Bills, should amendments be made thereto, and he shall make a Breviat of every such Bill previous to the second reading thereof.

Bills and Breviats to be printed.

59. That all Bills, Public and Private, and Breviats and Abridgements thereof, be printed before the second reading, for the use of the Members of the Legislature, unless the House in certain cases dispense with such printing, with the exception nevertheless of certain Bills to continue the Acts or Bills of Reimbursements, or other short Bills, not introducing any important innovation, with the printing whereof the Speaker may dispense.

Exception.

Introduction of private Bills.

60. That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced by a Petition to be presented by a Member, and seconded.

To be preceded in certain cases by Report of a Committee.

61. That no Bill be ordered or permitted to be brought in, or any Petition for any work proposed to be carried on by tolls or duties to be levied, by subjecting of particular places to the same, until such Petition has been referred to a Committee, and they have examined the matter thereof, and reported the same to the House.

Petitioners not to be heard until after such Report.

62. That whenever any Petition or Bill presented to the House, shall have been referred to a Committee to examine the matter thereof, and report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House, the House will not admit any Petitioners to be heard by themselves or Council, against such Petition or Bill, until the matter thereof shall have been first reported to the House.

Sitting of any such Committee to be notified.

63. That the Chairman of the Committee for any private Bill do not sit thereupon, without giving a week's notice thereof, set up in the lobby.

64. That all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any private Bill, shall appear in person before the Committee to give their consent, and if they cannot personally appear, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved before the Committee by one or more witnesses.

And persons interested to be heard before it.

65. That when any Bill shall be brought into the House for confirming Letters Patent, there shall be a true copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill.

Bills for confirming Letters Patent.

66. That before any Petition is presented to this House, for leave to bring in a private Bill, whether for the erection of a Bridge or Bridges, for the regulation of a Common, for the making of any Turnpike Road, or for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive rights or privileges whatsoever, or for the alteration or renewing of any Act of the Provincial Parliament, for the like purpose; notice of such application shall be given in one of the newspapers of the District, published in the English, and one in the French language, if any is published therein; and also by a notice affixed on the Church-doors of the Parishes or Townships that such application may affect, or in the most public place, where there is no Church, during two months at least before such Petition is presented.

Petitions for Bills granting exclusive rights to be preceded by certain public notice.

67. That hereafter this House will not receive any Petitions for private Bills after the first fifteen days of each Session.

Time for receiving Petitions for private Bills.

68. That this House will not receive any private Bills except in the first twenty-four days of each Session.

Time for receiving private Bills.

69. That this House will not receive any Report of a Special Committee upon any such private Bills, except within the first forty days of each Session.

Time for receiving reports on private Bills.

70. That before any Petition praying leave to bring in a private Bill for the erection of a Toll-Bridge, is presented to this House, the person or persons purposing to Petition for such Bill, shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the sixty-sixth Rule, also at same time, and in the same manner, give a Notice, stating the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the Arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning whether they purpose to erect a Draw-Bridge or not, and the dimensions of such Draw-Bridge.

Notice (under rule No. 66,) relating to petitions for bridge Bills, to contain certain particulars.

71. That all the expenses and costs attending on private Bills giving any exclusive privilege or advantage, and the relative proceedings in this House thereon, ought not to fall upon the Public, and that it is just and reasonable that part of such expenses and costs should be supported by those who apply for the said Bills; and that a sum not less than £20 be deposited in the hands of the Clerk of this House by the Petitioners before the second reading of any such Bills.

A certain sum to be deposited, before the second reading of a private Bill.

72. That the Clerk of this House be held, immediately after the issuing of the Proclamation convoking the Provincial Parliament for the dispatch of business, to announce in the *Quebec Gazette* and other Newspapers published in this Province, until the opening of Parliament, the day on which the time limited for receiving Petitions for private Bills will expire, according to the Rules of this House; and that the said Clerk be also held to announce, by notice set up in the Special Committee Rooms, and in the Lobby of this House, by the first day of every Session, the days on which, according to the Rules of this House, the time for receiving Petitions for private Bills, Reports on those Petitions, and Reports on the Bills upon those Petitions, are to expire.

Clerk to give notice of the time for receiving petitions for private Bills, and reports, &c., thereon.

PETITIONS, &c.

73. That Petitions, Memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be presented by a Member in his place, who shall be answerable to this House that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

Petitions how presented.