

Rules and Regulations of House.

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.

#### PETITIONS, &c.

73. That the 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.

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*, Rule 63, 66, 67, 68, 69.

#### PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE.

##### *Form of Reading.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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