

The Committee who were appointed to report Rules for the government of this Branch reported the Rules heretofore adopted, with an amendment in the twentieth article, which being read was concurred in. Viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll shall be called over and the absent members, if any be, called over.
- 2<sup>d</sup> Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and with respect and decency address himself to the president.
- 4<sup>th</sup> No member while speaking in debate shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.
- 5<sup>th</sup> If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall declare who shall speak first.
- 6<sup>th</sup> No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Any member called to order by the president or by any member, must take his seat.

When the Branch is sitting no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and if desired by the president or any member, shall be reduced to writing, delivered in at the table and read by the clerk.

When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by general consent or the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays may be collected by any member on any question.

The previous question, that is, whether the question propounded be now put, may be called by any member, or any question except to an amendment or other matter which cannot by its nature be postponed.

If any question in debate contains more parts than one, any member of right may have it divided into as many questions as parts.

All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, whenever