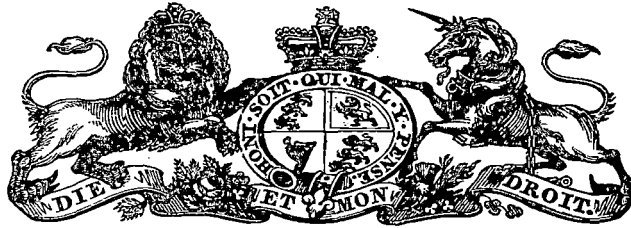


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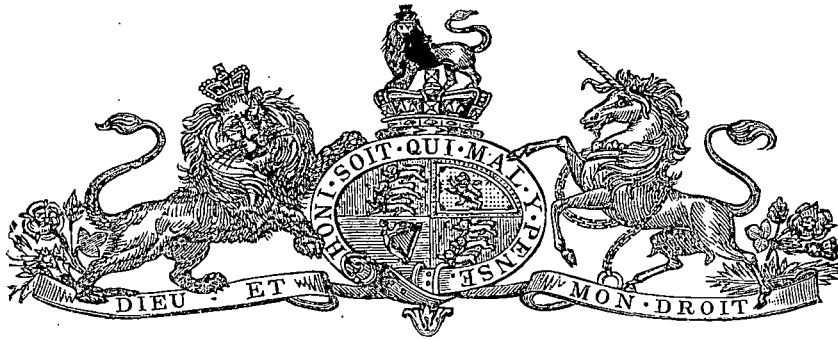
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF THE HOUSE
OF ASSEMBLY :

PROPOSED REVISION.

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MEMORANDUM.

IN accordance with a suggestion made by me at the close of last Session, the Standing Orders of the House have been subjected to a careful revision. The Standing Orders of the British House of Commons, and of the Parliaments of the various Colonies, have been examined with a view to securing any improvements that might be obtainable from such sources. The experienced and valued aid of Mr. E. C. Nowell, Clerk of the Legislative Council, has been freely given, and most of his suggestions have been adopted. It is hoped that the result will render easy the labours of the Select Committee to which the revised Standing Orders will probably be submitted for examination. I feel sure that no one of those who have assisted in this work will grudge a special acknowledgment of the untiring help given by the Honorable Member for Richmond, Mr. Elliott Lewis, whose legal knowledge and training have proved most valuable.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN

Speaker's Room, 25th July, 1892.



STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

PROPOSED REVISION.

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I.—GENERAL RULE FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.	
1. In all cases not provided for hereinafter, or by Sessional or other Orders, resort shall be had to the rules, forms, and practice of the Commons House of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, which shall be followed as far as they can be applied to the proceedings of this House.	Proposed new Rule.
II.—PROCEEDINGS ON THE OPENING OF A NEW PARLIAMENT.	
2. On the first day of the meeting of a new Parliament for the dispatch of business, pursuant to Proclamation, Members shall assemble in the House and await a Message from the Commissioners.	Existing Rule 1.
3. On receiving such Message delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod, Members shall go up to the Legislative Council to hear the Commission read; and upon their return to the House of Assembly, after taking the prescribed Oaths and subscribing the Declarations required by Law, shall proceed to the election of some proper person to be their Speaker.	Proposed new Rule, being existing Rules 2, 3, and 4 collated and amended.
III.—ELECTION OF SPEAKER.	
4. When the House proceeds to elect a Speaker, a Member addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, shall point to him, and then sit down) shall propose another Member, then present, to the House for their Speaker, and move that such Member “do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”	Existing Rule 5 amended.
5. Such Motion having been seconded and supported, if no other Member be proposed as Speaker, the Member so proposed shall be called by the House to the Chair, without any Question being put.	Existing Rule 6.
6. Such Member, on being called to the Chair, shall stand up in his place, and express his sense of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submit himself to the House.	Existing Rule 7.
7. If two Members be proposed as Speaker, a Motion shall be made and seconded regarding each such Member, “That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker;” and each Member so proposed shall address himself to the House.	Existing Rule 8.
8. The Question shall be then put by the Clerk, that the Member first proposed “do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”	Existing Rule 9.

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9. If the Question be resolved in the affirmative, the Member shall be conducted to the Chair; but if in the Negative, the Question shall then be put by the Clerk that the Member next proposed "do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,"—and if it be resolved in the affirmative, that Member shall be conducted to the Chair.	Existing Rule 10.
10. In the event of there being more than two Candidates for the Speakership, the Votes shall be taken for each separately; the Candidate who has the smallest number of Votes shall retire, and the Votes shall be taken for the remaining Candidates separately, and so on until the number of Candidates be reduced to Two. The Member then elected shall be conducted to the Chair.	Existing Rule 11 amended.
11. Having been conducted to the Chair, the Member so elected, standing on the upper step, shall return his acknowledgments to the House for the honour conferred upon him, and assume the Chair.	Existing Rule 12.
12. A Member, having then congratulated Mr. Speaker elect, shall move that the House do now adjourn, and the House shall accordingly adjourn to the following day.	Existing Rule 13.
13. The election of Mr. Speaker shall be notified to the Governor by a Deputation of the House, (18 Vict. No. 17, Sect. 20).	Proposed new Rule.
14. Whenever the House shall be informed by the Clerk at the Table of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees, if present, or in his absence such other Member as the majority of Members then present shall choose, shall take the Chair and shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker in relation to all proceedings of the House as Deputy Speaker for that day only; and in the event of Mr. Speaker's absence continuing for more than one day, the Chairman of Committees, or some other Member so chosen shall, if the House shall so order it, take the Chair, perform the duties, and exercise authority in like manner on any subsequent day during such absence. The Question of the election of a Member other than the Chairman of Committees to act as Deputy Speaker shall be put by the Clerk of the House.	Existing Rule 16 amended.
15. In the case of equality of votes for either Speaker or Deputy Speaker, the Member who has sat continuously for the longest period shall be elected.	Proposed new Rule.
IV.—OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.	
16. On being summoned by the Usher of the Black Rod to attend the Governor or the Commissioners, Mr. Speaker, with the House, shall go up to the Bar of the Legislative Council, to hear the Governor's Speech read.	Existing Rule 17.
17. Mr. Speaker and the House shall then retire from the Bar of the Legislative Council; and returning to the House, pass through the same; and Mr. Speaker shall resume the Chair at four o'clock.	Existing Rule 18.

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18. Before the Governor's Speech is reported, some Bill shall be read a first time <i>pro formâ</i> .	Existing Rule 19.
19. Mr. Speaker shall report that the House has attended the Governor or Commissioners, and shall read a copy of the Speech made by the Governor or Commissioners.	Existing Rule 20.
20. The Speech having been read, a Motion for an Address to the Governor shall be made and seconded.	Existing Rule 21.
21. The Resolution for presenting such Address having been agreed to by the House, with or without amendments, a Select Committee shall be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to the Governor upon the said Resolution.	Existing Rule 22.
22. The Address being reported by the Committee, and adopted by the House, with or without amendments, shall be presented to the Governor by Mr. Speaker, the Mover and Seconder, and such Members of the House as shall think fit to attend, at such time and place as the Governor may appoint.	Existing Rule 23 amended.
23. The Governor's Speech shall be ordered to be taken into consideration at the next Sitting of the House.	Existing Rule 24.
24. A Member returned otherwise than at a General Election shall be introduced to the House by two Members.	Existing Rule 14 amended.
25. Members seated on a decision of the Supreme Court shall not be introduced.	Existing Rule 15 amended.
Existing Rule 25 expunged.	
V.—SITTING AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.	
26. The time for the ordinary Meeting of the House shall be four o'clock, unless some other time shall have been agreed upon.	Existing Rule 26.
27. Mr. Speaker shall take the Chair as soon after four o'clock, or any later hour fixed for the meeting of the House, as it shall be reported to him by the Sergeant-at-Arms that one-third of the Members are present in the Chamber; and if at twenty minutes after four o'clock, or after the later hour so fixed, one-third of the Members, exclusive of the Speaker, are not present, Mr. Speaker shall take the Chair only to adjourn the House, without a question first put, until the next sitting day.	Existing Rule 27 amended
28. When the House meets before the ordinary time, and one-third of the Members, exclusive of the Speaker, are not present, no business shall be entered upon until such number are present; but Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until twenty minutes past four o'clock.	Existing Rule 28 amended.
29. When the attendance of the House in the Legislative Council has been desired by the Governor, or the Commissioners, the House shall attend, and, on its return, shall proceed with business, although less than one-third of the Members, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, be present, until notice be taken thereof.	Existing Rule 29 amended.

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30. If it appear on notice being taken, or on the report of a division of the House by the Tellers, after twenty minutes past four o'clock, that one-third of the Members, exclusive of the Speaker, are not present, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House, without a question first put, till the next sitting day.	Existing Rule 30 amended.
31. If the Chairman of a Committee of the whole House reports to the House that one-third of the Members, including the Chairman, are not present, Mr. Speaker shall count the House; and if one-third of the Members, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, be not present, he shall adjourn the House, without a question first put, till the next sitting day.	Existing Rule 31 amended.
32. When the House meets before the ordinary time, if it appear, on notice being taken, or on a division, or after a Report from a Committee of the Whole House, that one-third of the Members are not present before twenty minutes past four o'clock, business shall be suspended until one-third of the Members are present, and at twenty minutes past four o'clock Mr. Speaker shall again count the House, when, unless one-third of the Members, exclusive of the Speaker, be present, he shall adjourn the House, without a Question first put, until the next sitting day.	Existing Rule 32 amended.
33. The doors of the House shall be unlocked whenever Mr. Speaker is engaged in counting the House.	Existing Rule 33 amended.
34. The bell shall be rung for two minutes before the House is counted by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees.	Proposed new Rule (Sessional Order hitherto).
35. Except in the cases specially provided for, when Mr. Speaker adjourns the House without putting any Question, the House can only be adjourned by its own Resolution.	Existing Rule 34.
36. When the attention of Mr. Speaker, or of the Chairman of Committees, has been called to the fact that there is not a Quorum of Members present, no Member shall leave the Chamber until the House has been counted by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees.	Proposed new Rule.
37. Upon every occasion when the House is counted out, the names of Members present shall be taken down by the Clerk at the Table, and entered in the Journals.	Proposed new Rule.
VI.—RECORDS OF THE HOUSE.	
38. Every Vote and Proceeding of the House shall be entered by the Clerks at the Table and printed, having first been perused by Mr. Speaker, and the Votes and Proceedings so printed shall be the Journals of this House.	Existing Rule 36.
39. The Clerk shall transmit to the Clerk of the Legislative Council a sufficient number of copies of all Papers printed by order of this House, for distribution to the Members of the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 37.
40. The custody of the Journals and Records and of all Papers and Accounts whatsoever presented to this House, shall be in the Clerk, who	Existing Rule 38 amended.

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<p>shall neither take, nor permit to be taken, any of such Journals, Records, Papers, or Accounts from the Chamber or Offices, without the express leave or order of Mr. Speaker. Provided, nevertheless, that if it shall be made to appear, by an Order of any Judge of the Supreme Court, that the production of any such Journals, Records, Papers, or Accounts is necessary in the proceedings in any case then pending in any Court, the Clerk shall have authority to produce the same in such Court without the leave or order of Mr. Speaker.</p>	
<p>VII.—ATTENDANCE AND PLACES OF MEMBERS.</p>	
<p>41. Every Member shall attend the service of the House, unless leave of absence be given to him by the House.</p>	Existing Rule 39.
<p>42. No Member shall absent himself during the Session for more than Fourteen days at a time, without express leave of the House, and any Member wilfully infringing this Order shall be held guilty of contempt.</p>	Existing Rule 331.
<p>43. Leave of absence may be given by the House to any Member, on account of his own illness, or of the illness or death of a near relation, or of urgent business, or for other sufficient cause, to be stated to the House.</p>	Existing Rule 40.
<p>44. Notice shall be given of a Motion for giving leave of absence to any Member, stating the cause and period of absence.</p>	Existing Rule 41.
<p>45. A Member shall be excused from service in the House, or on any Committee, so long as he has leave of absence.</p>	Existing Rule 42.
<p>46. Any Member having leave of absence shall forfeit the same by attending the service of the House before the expiration of such leave.</p>	Existing Rule 43.
<p>47. No Order for a Call of the House shall be made for any day earlier than Seven days from the day on which such Order shall have been made.</p>	Existing Rule 47.
<p>48. Notice of a Call of the House shall be forwarded by the Clerk to each Member of the House.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>49. When the Order of the Day for calling over the House is read, unless the same be postponed or discharged, the names of the Members shall be called over by the Clerk alphabetically.</p>	Existing Rule 44.
<p>50. The names of all Members who do not answer when called shall be taken down by the Clerk, and subsequently called over a second time; when those who answer, or afterwards attend in their places on the same day, may be excused.</p>	Existing Rule 45.
<p>51. Members not attending in their places on the same day may be ordered to attend on a future day; when, unless they attend, or a reasonable excuse be offered for their absence, they shall be held guilty of contempt, and shall be dealt with, for their default, as the House may think fit.</p>	Existing Rule 46, amended by inclusion of existing Rule 330

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52. Every Member shall be uncovered when he enters or leaves the House, or moves to any other part of the House during a Debate, and shall bow to the Chair in passing to or from his seat.	Existing Rule 48.
53. No Member shall pass between the Chair and any Member who is speaking; nor between the Chair and the Table.	Existing Rule 49.
54. Every Member of the House, when he comes into the House, shall take his place, and shall not stand in any of the passages or gangways.	Existing Rule 50.
Existing Rule 51 expunged.	
VIII.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.	
55. The House shall proceed each day with, 1. Petitions; 2. Giving Notices of Motions; 3. Questions; 4. Orders of the Day and Motions, as set down in the Notice Paper, unless it shall be otherwise ordered by the House.	Existing Rule 58 amended.
IX. PETITIONS.	
56. Every Petition shall be fairly written, printed, or lithographed, and shall, before presentation, be forwarded for examination not less than two hours before the time of meeting of the House to the Clerk of the House, who, in returning the Petition to the Member in charge thereof, may require its Amendment, in accordance with the Rules of the House.	Existing Rule 237 amended.
57. Every Petition shall contain a prayer.	Existing Rule 238.
58. Every Petition shall be signed by at least one person, on the skin or sheet on which the Petition is written, printed, or lithographed.	Existing Rule 239.
59. Every Petition shall be in the English language, or be accompanied by a translation, certified by the Member who presents it.	Existing Rule 240.
60. Every Petition shall be signed by the parties whose names are appended thereto, by their names or marks, and by no one else, except in case of incapacity by sickness.	Existing Rule 241.
61. Every signature shall be written upon the Petition itself, and not pasted upon, or otherwise transferred thereto.	Existing Rule 242.
62. Petitions of Corporations aggregate shall be under their Common Seal.	Existing Rule 243.
63. A Petition signed by the Chairman of a Public Meeting on behalf of such Meeting, shall be received as the Petition of the person signing it only.	Proposed new Rule.
64. No letters, affidavits, or other documents shall be attached to any Petition, unless such Petition relates to a Private Bill.	Existing Rule 244 amended.
65. No reference shall be made in a Petition to any Debate in Parliament, nor to any intended Motion if merely announced in Debate.	Existing Rule 245 amended.
66. No application shall be made, directly or indirectly, by a Petition for any grant of public money, or for compounding any debts	Existing Rule 246.

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due to the Crown, or for the remission of duties payable by any person, unless it be recommended by the Crown.	
67. Petitions praying that provision may be made for the compensation of the Petitioners for losses contingent upon the passing of Bills pending, may be received.	Proposed new Rule.
68. Every Member presenting a Petition to the House shall affix his Name at the beginning thereof.	Existing Rule 247.
69. Every Member presenting a Petition shall take care that the same is in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House.	Existing Rule 248.
70. Every Petition must be respectful, decorous, and temperate in its language, and free from any disrespectful reference to the Sovereign or the Governor, or offensive imputations upon the character or conduct of either House of Parliament, or the Courts of Justice, or other tribunal or constituted authority.	Existing Rule 249 amended.
71. Petitions shall only be presented to the House by a Member.	Existing Rule 250 expunged.
72. A Member shall not present a Petition from himself.	Existing Rule 251.
73. Every Member offering to present a Petition to the House, not being a Petition for a Private Bill, or relating to a Private Bill before the House, shall confine himself to a statement of the parties from whom it comes, of the number of signatures attached to it, and of the material allegations contained in it, and to the reading of the prayer of such Petition.	Existing Rule 252.
74. When a Petition is presented which contains no matters in breach of the privileges of the House and which is in accordance with the Rules and Practice of the House, it shall be read by the Clerk at the Table without a Question first put; after which a Question shall be put, "that the Petition be received;" but no other Question relating to such Petition shall be then entertained.	Existing Rule 253.
75. In the case of a Petition complaining of some present personal grievance for which there may be an urgent necessity for providing an immediate remedy, the matter contained in such Petition may be taken into consideration on presentation thereof.	Existing Rule 254 amended.
76. Subject to the above Regulations, Petitions against any Resolution or Bill imposing a tax or duty for the current service of the year may be received.	Proposed new Rule.
X.—NOTICES OF MOTION.	Existing Rule 255.
77. Every Member in giving Notice of a Motion shall deliver at the Table two copies of such Notice, fairly written or printed, together with his Name, and the day proposed for bringing on such Motion.	Existing Rule 59.
78. A Member may give Notice for any other Member, not then present, but shall not	Existing Rule 60 amended.

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move any Motion standing in such other Member's name.	
79. Every Notice of Motion shall be printed and circulated prior to the hour fixed for the sitting of the House.	Existing Rule 62 amended.
80. A Member desiring to change the day for bringing on a Motion, may give Notice of such Motion for any day subsequent to that first named, subject to the same rules as other Notices of Motions.	Existing Rule 63.
81. After a Notice of Motion has been given, the terms thereof may be altered by the Member, on delivering at the Table an amended Notice.	Existing Rule 64.
82. A Member may not give two Notices of Motion consecutively unless no other Member has any Notice to give.	Proposed new Rule.
83. No discussion shall take place on a Notice of Motion except with reference to the day on which the Motion shall be made.	Proposed new Rule.
84. A Notice of Motion, having been given for a certain day, may be postponed to a later, but shall not be brought on on an earlier day.	Proposed new Rule.
85. No Notice of Motion shall be received after the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day, unless with the leave of the House.	Proposed new Rule.
86. A Notice of Motion which has lapsed by the absence of a Member when his name is called shall be removed from the Notice Paper, but may be restored by the Notice being renewed.	Proposed new Rule.
87. A Notice of Motion may not be given for the same day.	Proposed new Rule.
88. Notices of Motion shall be set down on the Notice Paper in the order in which they shall have been given, unless the House shall otherwise order.	Proposed new Rule.
XI.—QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.	
89. Before the Orders of the Day or Motions are called on, Questions may be put to Ministers of the Crown, relating to public affairs; and to other Members, relating to any Bill, Motion, or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which such Members may be concerned, but a Minister or other Member may decline to answer a Question except upon Notice given for a subsequent day.	Existing Rule 105 amended.
90. In putting any such Question, no argument or opinion shall be offered, nor any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain such Question.	Existing Rule 106.
91. In answering any such Question, a Member shall not debate the matter to which the same refers.	Existing Rule 107.
92. When Notices of such questions are given the Clerk shall place them at the commencement of the Business Paper, and the reply shall be handed to him in writing when given for entry on the Journals.	Proposed new Rule.

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XII.—ORDERS OF THE DAY.	
93. An Order of the Day is a Bill or other matter which the House has ordered to be taken into consideration on a particular day.	Existing Rule 52 struck out. Existing Rule 53.
94. Unless the House shall otherwise direct, all Orders of the Day set down in the Notice Paper for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays shall be disposed of before the House will proceed upon any Motions of which notices shall have been given.	Existing Rule 54 amended.
95. The Orders of the Day are to be disposed of in the order in which they stand upon the Paper; the right being reserved to Her Majesty's Ministers of placing Government Orders at the head of the List, in the rotation in which they are to be taken on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.	Existing Rule 56 amended.
96. All dropped Orders of the Day are to be set down, in the Order Book, after the Orders of the Day for the next day on which the House shall sit.	Existing Rule 57 amended.
97. At the time fixed for the commencement of Public Business, on days on which Orders have precedence of Motions, and after the Motions have been disposed of on all other days, Mr. Speaker shall direct the Clerk at the Table to read the Orders of the Day, without any Question being put.	Existing Rule 55 amended.
98. An Order of the House may be read and discharged.	Existing Rule 85.
99. If a Debate upon any Order of the Day be interrupted by the House being counted out, such Order may be restored to the Paper for a future day, on Motion upon Notice, and such Debate shall then be resumed at the point where it was so interrupted.	Existing Rule 75.
XIII.—MOTIONS.	
100. No Member shall make any Motion initiating a subject for discussion except in pursuance of Notice, but Motions for the printing of Papers may be made on the presentation of such Papers without Notice.	Proposed new Rule.
101. Motions shall take precedence of Orders of the Day on Fridays, unless the House shall have otherwise directed.	Existing Rule 61 amended.
102. Motions shall have precedence on each day according to the order in which the Notices for the same were originally given: Provided, that if a Notice of Motion has not been called on by reason of adjournment of the House, it shall be continued on the Notice Paper under the same conditions as an original Notice.	Existing Rule 65 amended.
103. Notices of Motion that have been called on, and not proceeded with by reason of the absence of the Member giving Notice thereof shall lapse.	New Rule.

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104. An urgent Motion, directly concerning the Privileges of the House, shall take precedence of other Motions as well as of Orders of the Day.	Existing Rule 66.
105. A Motion may be made, by leave of the House, without previous notice, provided no Member objects thereto.	Existing Rule 67 amended.
106. Any Motion not seconded shall be forthwith dropped, and no entry thereof made in the Votes.	Existing Rule 69
107. A Member who has made a Motion may withdraw the same by leave of the House, such leave being granted without any negative voice.	Existing Rule 70.
108. A Motion which has been withdrawn by leave of the House may be made again in the same Session.	Existing Rule 83.
109. A Motion shall not be withdrawn in the absence of the Member who made it.	Proposed new Rule
110. When an Amendment has been proposed to a Question, the original Motion shall not be withdrawn until the Amendment has been withdrawn or negatived.	Proposed new Rule.
XIV.—QUESTIONS.	
111. When a Motion has been made and seconded, a Question thereupon shall be proposed to the House by Mr. Speaker.	Existing Rule 68.
112. If a Motion or Amendment be irregular, or out of Order, the Question thereupon shall not be put by Mr. Speaker.	Proposed new Rule.
113. The House may order a complicated Question to be divided.	Existing Rule 78.
114. So soon as the Debate upon a Question is concluded, Mr. Speaker shall <i>put</i> the Question to the House; and if the same should not be heard, shall again state it to the House.	Existing Rule 79
115. A Question being put, shall be resolved in the affirmative or negative by the majority of voices, "Aye" or "No."	Existing Rule 80.
116. Mr. Speaker shall state whether, in his opinion, the "Ayes" or the "Noes" "have it;" but, on the demand of any Member, the Question shall be determined by a division.	Existing Rule 81.
117. No Question or Amendment shall be proposed which is the same in substance as any Question which, during the same Session, has been resolved in the affirmative or negative.	Existing Rule 82.
118. A Question may be superseded, 1. By the Adjournment of the House, either on the Motion of a Member, "That this House do now adjourn;" or on notice being taken, and it appearing that one-third of the Members (exclusive of Mr. Speaker) are not present. 2. By a Motion that "the Orders of the Day be now read;" which Motion, however, shall be restricted to days on which Motions have precedence of Orders of the Day. 3. By the previous Question, viz., "That this Question be now put," being proposed and negatived.	Proposed new Rule.

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119. The Motion for adjournment to supersede a Question shall be simply "That the House do now adjourn."	Existing Rule 71.
120. If the previous Question be resolved in the Affirmative, the original Question shall be put forthwith without any Amendment or Debate.	Existing Rule 72.
121. A Question for reading the Orders of the Day, and also "the previous Question," may be superseded by the Adjournment of the House.	Existing Rule 73.
122. Whenever the Previous Question shall be proposed upon any Question consisting of a series of Resolutions, which have been brought under discussion or debate as one Motion, with the understanding that the Question be put on such Resolutions <i>seriatim</i> , the decision of the Previous Question, before putting the Question on the first of such Resolutions, shall be taken and held to be conclusive, whether in the affirmative or negative, as regards the whole of such Resolutions.	Existing Rule 97.
123. The Previous Question having been proposed, no Amendment of the Main Question shall be entertained unless the Previous Question has been withdrawn.	Proposed new Rule.
124. The Previous Question having been resolved in the affirmative, the Main Question shall be at once put, without Amendment or further Debate.	Proposed new Rule.
125. No Amendment shall be offered to the Previous Question, but such Question may be superseded by the Adjournment of the Council.	Proposed new Rule.
126. The Previous Question shall not be moved upon an Amendment, nor in a Committee of the whole House.	Proposed new Rule.
127. A Debate upon the Previous Question may be adjourned.	Proposed new Rule.
128. The Debate upon a Question may be interrupted—1. By a matter of privilege suddenly arising; 2. By words of heat between Members; 3. By a Question of Order; 4. By a Message from the Legislative Council; 5. By a Motion for reading an Act of Parliament, an entry in the Journal, or other public document, relevant to the Question before the House.	Existing Rule 77.
129. A Resolution or other Vote of the House may be read and rescinded upon Motion of which three days' Notice has been given.	Existing Rule 84, amended.

XV.—AMENDMENTS TO QUESTIONS.

130. A Question having been proposed, may be amended by leaving out certain words only; by leaving out certain words in order to insert or add other words; or by inserting or adding words.	Existing Rule 86.
131. An Amendment proposed, but not seconded, shall not be entertained by the House, nor entered in the Votes.	Existing Rule 87.

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132. When the proposed Amendment is to leave out certain words, Mr. Speaker shall put a Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question," to be resolved by the House in the affirmative or negative, as the case may be.	Existing Rule 88.
133. When the proposed Amendment is to leave out certain words, in order to insert or add other words, Mr. Speaker shall put a Question that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; which, if resolved in the affirmative, shall dispose of the Amendment; but if in the negative, another Question shall be put, that the words of the Amendment be inserted or added instead thereof, to be resolved in the affirmative or negative, as the case may be.	Existing Rule 89.
134. When the proposed Amendment is to insert or add certain words, Mr. Speaker shall put a Question that such words be inserted or added, to be resolved in the affirmative or negative, as the case may be.	Existing Rule 90.
135. No amendment shall be proposed in any part of a Question, after a later part has been amended, or has been proposed to be amended, unless the proposed Amendment has been, by leave of the House, withdrawn.	Existing Rule 91.
136. No Amendment shall be proposed to be made to any words which the House has resolved shall stand part of a Question, or shall be inserted in, or added to, a Question, except the addition of other words thereto.	Existing Rule 92.
137. A proposed Amendment may be, by leave of the House, withdrawn.	Existing Rule 93.
138. Amendments may be proposed to any proposed Amendment, whenever it comes to a question whether the House shall agree to such proposed Amendment, as if such proposed Amendment were an Original Question.	Existing Rule 94, amended.
139. When Amendments have been made the Main Question, as amended, shall be put.	Existing Rule 95.
140. When Amendments have been proposed but not made, the Question shall be put as originally proposed, unless other Amendments be again offered.	Existing Rule 96, amended.
141. When several Amendments have been proposed to be made to a Question, they shall be put singly in the order in which, if agreed to, they would stand in the amended Question.	Proposed new Rule.
142. When a Member has made a Motion, to which an Amendment is moved, he shall not substitute another Motion until the Amendment to the original Motion has been withdrawn.	Proposed new Rule.
143. An Amendment to a Question relating to an Order of the Day must be relevant to such Question.	Proposed new Rule.
144. No Amendment shall be moved to the Question "That the House do now adjourn."	Proposed new Rule.
145. The only Amendment which may be moved to a Question for adjourning the House to a stated time is that the House do adjourn until some other day or time.	Proposed new Rule.

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XVI.—RULES OF DEBATE.	
146. If a Debate on any Motion, moved and seconded, be interrupted by the House being counted out, such Debate may be resumed, at the point where it was so interrupted, on Motion upon Notice.	Existing Rule 74.
147. Every Member desiring to speak shall rise in his place uncovered, and shall address himself to Mr. Speaker.	Existing Rule 98.
148. By the special indulgence of the House, a Member, unable conveniently to stand, by reason of sickness or infirmity, may be permitted to speak sitting and uncovered.	Existing Rule 99.
149. Members shall only speak to a point of order, while the House is dividing, by permission of Mr. Speaker.	Existing Rule 100 amended.
150. No Member shall speak to any Question after the same has been <i>put</i> by Mr. Speaker, and the voices have been given in the affirmative and negative thereon.	Existing Rule 101.
151. When two or more Members rise to speak, Mr. Speaker shall call upon the Member who first rose in his place.	Existing Rule 102.
152. A Motion may be made that any Member who has risen "be now heard," or "do now speak."	Existing Rule 103.
153. A Member may speak to any Question before the House, or upon a Question or Amendment to be proposed by himself, or upon a Question of Order arising out of the Debate ; but not otherwise.	Existing Rule 104.
154. No Member shall speak twice to a Question before the House, except in explanation or reply ; or in Committees of the whole House.	Existing Rule 109.
155. A Member who has spoken to a Question may again be heard to explain himself, in regard to some material part of his speech ; but shall not introduce any new matter.	Existing Rule 110.
156. By the indulgence of the House a Member may explain matters of a personal nature although there be no Question before the House ; but such matters shall not be debated.	Existing Rule 108.
157. A reply shall be allowed to a Member who has moved a substantive Motion to the House, or has moved an Order of the Day, but not to any Member who has moved an Amendment, or an Instruction to a Committee, or the previous Question, or the Adjournment of the House, or the Adjournment of a Debate, and after such reply it shall not be competent for any Member to speak to the Question.	Existing Rule 111 amended.
158. Any Member may rise to speak "to Order," or upon a matter of Privilege suddenly arising.	Existing Rule 112.
159. Upon a Question of Order being raised, the Member called to Order shall resume his seat, and immediately after the Question of Order has been stated to Mr. Speaker by the Member	Existing Rule 113 amended.

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rising to the Question of Order, Mr. Speaker shall give his opinion thereon without further discussion ; but it shall be competent for any Member to take the sense of the House by Motion upon Notice.	
160. No Member shall allude to any Debate of the same Session, upon a Question or Bill not being then under discussion, except by the indulgence of the House, for personal explanations.	Existing Rule 114.
161. No Member shall read from a printed Newspaper or Book the report of any Speech made in Parliament during the same Session.	Existing Rule 115.
162. No Member shall read extracts from Newspapers or other Documents referring to Debates in the House.	Existing Rule 116.
163. No Member shall reflect upon any Vote of the House, except for the purpose of moving that such Vote be rescinded.	Existing Rule 117.
164. No Member shall allude to any Debate in the other House of Parliament. But he may refer to Reports of Committees, or other printed Papers of that House.	Existing Rule 118 amended.
165. No Member shall use the name of the Sovereign or the Governor irreverently in a Debate, or for the purpose of influencing the House in its deliberations.	Existing Rule 119 amended.
166. No Member shall use offensive words against either House of Parliament, nor against any Statute, unless for the purpose of moving for its repeal.	Existing Rules 120, 121, 122, 123.
167. No Member shall refer to any other Member by <i>Name</i> .	Existing Rule 121.
168. No Member shall use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Member of the House.	Existing Rule 122.
169. When any Member objects to words used in debate, and stating them, desires them to be taken down, Mr. Speaker, if it appear to be the pleasure of the House, shall direct them to be taken down by the Clerk accordingly.	Existing Rule 123.
170. No Member shall digress from the subject matter under discussion, or comment upon expressions used by any other Member in a previous Debate ; and all imputations of improper motives, and all personal reflections, shall be deemed highly disorderly.	Proposed new Rule.
171. In a Committee of the whole House the Chairman, if it appear to be the pleasure of the Committee, shall direct words objected to to be taken down, in order that the same may be reported to the House.	Existing Rule 124.
172. Every such objection shall be taken at the time when such words are used, and not after any other Member has spoken.	Existing Rule 125.
173. Any Member having used objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof to the satisfaction of the House, may be censured, or otherwise dealt with as the House may think fit.	Existing Rule 126.

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174. Members shall not be permitted by the House to prosecute any quarrel arising out of Debates or Proceedings of the House, or any Committee thereof.	Existing Rule 127.
175. No Member of the House shall make any noise or disturbance whilst any Member is orderly debating, or whilst any Bill, Order, or other matter is being read or opened; and in case of such noise or disturbance, Mr. Speaker shall call upon the Member, by name, making such disturbance; and every such person may be censured or otherwise dealt with as the House may direct.	Existing Rule 128 amended.
176. The several Rules for maintaining order in Debate shall be observed in every Committee of the whole House.	Existing Rule 129.
177. Order shall be maintained in the House by Mr. Speaker, and in a Committee of the whole House by the Chairman of such Committee; but if any disorder occur in Committee the Chairman shall immediately report the same to the House.	Existing Rule 130 amended.
178. Whenever Mr. Speaker rises during a Debate, any Member then speaking, or offering to speak, shall sit down, and Mr. Speaker shall be heard without interruption.	Existing Rule 131.
179. Every Member against whom any charge has been made, having been heard in his place, shall withdraw while such charge is under debate.	Existing Rule 132.
180. A Debate may be adjourned to a later hour on the same day, or to any other day.	Proposed new Rule.
181. An adjourned Debate on a Question relating to the privileges of the House shall stand first on the Notice Paper for the day of adjournment.	Proposed new Rule.
182. When a Debate is adjourned, no Member who has spoken to a Question may speak again to the same Question when the Debate is resumed.	Proposed new Rule.
183. A Member who has spoken to a Question may speak again to the Question of Adjournment, or to any other new Question which may arise.	Proposed new Rule.
184. A Member who has spoken only on the Question of Adjournment may speak subsequently on the main Question.	Proposed new Rule.
185. A Member who has spoken on the main Question may not again enter upon it when speaking to the Question of Adjournment.	Proposed new Rule.
186. A Member who has spoken may not move an Amendment, or the Adjournment of the House, or the Adjournment of the Debate, or any similar matter, but he may speak on any such Motion, when it is made by another Member.	Proposed new Rule.
187. A Member who has moved the Adjournment of the House may not afterwards move the Adjournment of the Debate, or <i>vice versa</i> .	Proposed new Rule.

Proposed Rules.	Remarks.
188. If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House or of the Debate has been negatived, it shall not be proposed again until some other Question has intervened.	Proposed new Rule.
189. If a Debate on any Motion or Order of the Day be interrupted by the House being counted out, such Debate may be resumed by Motion on Notice at the point where it was so interrupted.	Proposed new Rule.
190. The Debate upon a Question may also be interrupted,—1st. By a matter of privilege suddenly arising. 2nd. By words of heat between Members. 3rd. By a Question of Order. 4th. By a Message from the Governor. 5th. By an answer to an Address. 6th. By a Message from the Legislative Council. 7th. By the time being come for a Conference. 8th. By a Member appearing to be sworn. 9th. By a Motion for reading an Act of Parliament, an entry in the Journal, or other public document, relevant to the Question before the House.	Existing Rule 77 amended.
191. No reference shall be made to any proceedings of a Committee of the whole House, or of any Select Committee until the same have been reported to the House.	Proposed new Rule.
XVII. DIVISIONS.	
192. When a Division is demanded, the Division bell shall be rung, and the Clerk shall turn a two-minute glass to be kept on the Table for that purpose, and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of two minutes as indicated by such sand-glass.	Existing Rule 133 amended.
193. The doors shall be locked so soon after the lapse of two minutes as the Speaker or the Chairman of a Committee of the whole House shall think proper to direct.	Existing Rule 134.
194. When the doors have been locked, and all the Members are in their places, Mr. Speaker shall put the Question, and after the voices have been given, he shall, without allowing further debate, direct the "Ayes" to go to the right and the "Noes" to the left of the Chair, and shall appoint one Teller for each side.	Existing Rule 135 amended.
195. Members having taken their sides, every Member shall then be counted, and his name taken down by the Teller on either side, who shall sign his list and present the same to Mr. Speaker, who will declare the result to the House.	Existing Rule 136 amended.
196. An Entry of the Division Lists shall be made in the Journals.	Proposed new Rule.
197. In case of confusion or error concerning the numbers reported, unless the same can be otherwise corrected, the House shall proceed to a second Division.	Existing Rule 137.
198. No Member shall vote in any Division unless he was present in the House when the Question was finally put; and the Vote of any Member who was not so present shall be disallowed.	Existing Rule 138 amended.

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199. Every Member present in the House when the Question is finally put shall be required to vote.	Existing Rule 139.
200. If the numbers have been inaccurately reported, the House, on being afterwards informed thereof, may order the Journal to be corrected.	Existing Rule 140.
201. A Division shall be called for only by a Member who has given his voice with the minority.	Proposed new Rule.
202. A Member having given his voice with the Ayes or Noes as the case may be, shall not, on a Division being taken, be at liberty to vote with the opposite party; and should he do so, Mr. Speaker, on being informed thereof, shall order the Division List to be corrected.	Proposed new Rule.
203. In case of an equality of Votes, Mr. Speaker shall give a casting voice, and shall state the reasons of his Vote; and any reasons so stated by him shall be entered in the Journals of the House.	Existing Rule 141 amended.
204. Divisions shall be taken in a Committee of the Whole House, in the same manner as in the House itself.	Existing Rule 142.
205. No Member shall be entitled to vote upon any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest, such interest being of an immediate and personal, and not merely of a general or remote description; and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed, but any such Member shall not be precluded from proposing any Motion or Amendment relating to such Question.	Existing Rule 143 amended.
206. The vote of any private Member who is supposed to have a direct pecuniary interest in a matter under the consideration of the House may be taken notice of by a Motion that the vote be disallowed, and, after the Member whose vote has been challenged has been heard in his place, his vote may be allowed or disallowed by the House.	Proposed new Rule.
207. The Rule of this House, relating to the vote, upon any Question in the House, of a Member having an interest in the matter upon which the vote is given, shall apply likewise to any vote of a Member so interested, in a Committee.	Existing Rule 144.
208. A Member, when proposing a Question of Order for the decision of Mr. Speaker during a Division, shall remain sitting.	Proposed new Rule.
XVIII. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.	
209. When a Message is brought from the Governor, the Messenger shall be desired by Mr. Speaker to bring it up and present it at the Table.	Existing Rule 229.
210. Mr. Speaker shall immediately read the Message to the House, all the Members being uncovered, and, if necessary, the House shall fix a future day for taking, or forthwith take, the same into consideration.	Existing Rule 230 amended.

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211. A verbal Message from the Governor may be communicated to the House by a Minister of the Crown, being a Member.	Existing Rule 231.
212. The recommendation or consent of the Governor to the introduction of any Motion or Bill may be signified to the House by a Minister of the Crown, being a Member.	Existing Rule 232.
XIX. ADDRESSES TO THE CROWN.	
213. Whenever it be deemed proper to present an Address to Her Majesty, or to the Governor, the same shall be proposed on Motion after Notice in the usual manner.	Proposed new Rule.
214. Addresses of Congratulation or Condolence to Members of the Royal Family should also be proposed in a similar manner.	Proposed new Rule.
215. Addresses to Her Majesty shall be transmitted to the Governor by Mr. Speaker, requesting His Excellency to cause the same to be forwarded for presentation.	Proposed new Rule.
216. Addresses to the Governor shall be presented by the Whole House, or by such Members as the House may name for that purpose, or may be forwarded by Mr. Speaker.	Existing Rule 233 amended.
217. When an Address is to be presented by the Whole House, Mr. Speaker, with the House, or such Members as may accompany him, shall wait upon the Governor, and Mr. Speaker shall read the Address, the Members who moved and seconded such Address being on his left hand.	Existing Rule 234 amended.
218. The concurrence of the Legislative Council in any Address to the Governor if required shall be desired at a Conference at which the Address shall be communicated or by Message with a blank for the insertion of "the Legislative Council."	Existing Rule 235 amended.
219. The concurrence of this House in an Address communicated by the other shall be signified by Message.	Existing Rule 236.
220. The Governor's Answer to any Address presented by the Whole House shall be reported by Mr. Speaker.	Proposed new Rule.
XX. PUBLIC BILLS.	
<i>Initiation.</i>	
221. Every Bill shall be brought in upon Motion made and Question put, that leave be given to bring in such Bill.	Existing Rule 256.
222. The House shall not proceed upon any Petition, Motion, or Bill for granting any money, or for releasing or compounding any sum of money owing to the Crown; except in a Committee of the whole House.	Existing Rule 257.
223. Every Bill not prepared pursuant to the Order of Leave, or according to the Rules and Orders of the House, shall be withdrawn.	Existing Rule 258.
224. A Member bringing in a Bill shall appear at the Bar for that purpose, and shall be desired by Mr. Speaker to bring it up.	Existing Rule 259 amended.

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225. Matters which have no proper relation to each other shall not be intermixed in one and the same Bill.	Proposed new Rule.
226. No perpetual clause shall be inserted in any Bill the main provisions of which are temporary.	Proposed new Rule.
227. The precise duration of every temporary Bill shall be expressed in a distinct clause at the end of the Bill.	Proposed new Rule.
228. On every reading of a Bill the Title only shall be read.	Proposed new Rule.
<i>First Reading.</i>	
229. The first reading of every Bill shall be proposed immediately after the same has been presented.	Existing Rule 260.
230. When any Bill shall be presented by a Member in pursuance of an Order of this House, or shall be brought from the Legislative Council, the Questions, "That this Bill be <i>now</i> read a First time," and "That this Bill be printed," shall be decided without amendment or debate.	Existing Rule 261.
231. Every Bill read a First time shall be printed with as little delay as possible, and a copy shall be provided for each Member by the Clerk.	Proposed new Rule.
232. No Bill (not being a Bill introduced in compliance with an instruction of this House, or a Committee thereof) shall be read a Second time until Seven days after printed copies shall have been distributed to Members.	Proposed new Rule, Sessional Order hitherto.
233. A Bill having been read a First time, shall be ordered to be read a Second time on a future day.	Existing Rule 262.
<i>Second Reading.</i>	
234. On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of a Bill, a Question shall be put, "That the Bill be <i>now</i> read a second time."	Existing Rule 263.
235. Amendments may be moved to such Question by leaving out " <i>now</i> ," and inserting "Three months," "Six months," or any other time; or that the Bill be rejected or withdrawn, or the previous Question may be moved.	Existing Rule 264 amend.
236. No other Amendment shall be moved to such Question, unless the same be strictly relevant to the Bill.	Existing Rule 265.
<i>Committal and Consideration in Committee.</i>	
237. A Bill having been read a Second time, shall be committed to a Committee of the Whole House; or, in certain cases, to a Select Committee.	Existing Rule 266.
238. On the Order of the Day being read for the Committee on a Bill, Mr. Speaker shall put the Question, "That I do now leave the Chair;" which being resolved in the affirmative, the House shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the Bill; but where the Committee has reported progress, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question.	Existing Rule 267.

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239. Amendments may be moved to the Question for Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair, by leaving out all the words after the word "that," in order to add the words "this House will on this day Three months (or Six months) (or other time) resolve itself into the said Committee."	Existing Rule 268,
240. An Instruction may be moved to the Committee on the Bill, but shall not be moved by way of Amendment.	Existing Rule 269.
241. Bills which may be fixed for consideration in Committee on the same day, whether in progress or otherwise, may be referred together to a Committee of the Whole House, which may consider on the same day all the Bills so referred to it, without the Chairman leaving the Chair on each separate Bill: Provided that, with respect to any Bill not in progress, if any Member shall raise an objection to its consideration, such Bill shall be postponed.	Existing Rule 270.
242. It shall not be necessary to read a Bill a First or Second time in a Committee of the Whole House.	Existing Rule 271.
243. When a Bill is under consideration in Committee, the marginal note only of each Clause shall be read; but, if a Member so require, any Clause shall be read at length.	Proposed new Rule.
244. The Chairman shall put a Question, "That the Preamble be postponed," which, being agreed to, every Clause shall be considered by the Committee <i>seriatim</i> .	Existing Rule 272.
245. Any Amendment may be made to a Clause, provided the same be relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill, or pursuant to an Instruction, and be otherwise in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House; but if any Amendment shall not be within the title of the Bill, the Committee shall amend the title accordingly, and report the same specially to the House.	Existing Rule 273.
246. The Chairman of Committees shall put a Question on each Clause of the Bill, "That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill."	Existing Rule 274 amended.
247. Such question being proposed, Amendments may be proposed to the Clause— 1. To leave out words. 2. To leave out words in order to add or insert other words instead thereof. 3. To add or insert words. And such Amendment shall be given to the Chairman of Committees in writing, and be dealt with as in the House itself. (<i>Vide</i> Amendments.)	Proposed new Rule.
248. When a Clause has been amended, the Question shall be put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."	Proposed new Rule.
249. In going through a Bill, no questions shall be put for the filling up of words already printed in <i>italics</i> , and commonly called "blanks," unless exception be taken thereto; and if no alterations have been made in the words so printed in <i>italics</i> , the Bill shall be reported with-	Existing Rule 275.

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out amendments, unless other amendments have been made thereto.	
250. Any Clause may be postponed, unless the same has already been considered and amended.	Existing Rule 276.
251. After every Clause and Schedule have been agreed to, and any Clauses added which are within the Title of the Bill, or pursuant to any Instruction, the Preamble shall be considered, and, if necessary, amended; and the Question shall be put, "That this be the Preamble of the Bill."	Existing Rule 277.
252. No notice shall be taken of any Proceedings in a Committee of the Whole House, or a Select Committee on a Bill, until such Bill has been reported.	Existing Rule 278.
253. When all the Clauses of a Bill have not been considered, the Chairman shall be directed to report progress, and ask leave to sit again.	Existing Rule 279.
<i>First Report to Adoption of Final Report.</i>	
254. The Bill having been fully considered, the Chairman shall be directed to report the Bill, or report the Bill with the Amendments, to the House.	Existing Rule 280.
255. At the close of the proceedings of a Committee of the Whole House on a Bill, the Chairman shall report the Bill forthwith to the House; and when Amendments have been made thereto, the same shall be received without debate, and a future day appointed for taking the same into consideration.	Existing Rule 281 amended.
256. A Bill being reported without Amendment, shall be ordered to be read a Third time, at such time as may be appointed by the House.	Existing Clause 282.
257. On a Clause being offered in Committee, or on the consideration of Report or Third reading of a Bill, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall desire the Member to bring up the same, whereupon it is to be read a First time without Question put; but no Clause shall be offered on consideration of Report or Third reading without notice.	Existing Clause 283.
258. A Clause containing any Rates, Penalties, or other blank, after having been read a Second time, shall also be considered in Committee, before it is made part of the Bill; and if any such Clause be for increasing any burthen upon the people, the Bill shall be recommitted, and the Clause proposed in Committee on the Bill.	Existing Clause 284.
259. A Clause or Schedule, proposed to be added in Committee, or on consideration of the Bill as amended, having been read the first and second time, the Question shall be put by the Chairman or Mr. Speaker, "That this Clause (or Schedule), or this Clause as amended, be made part of (or added to) the Bill."	Proposed new Rule.
260. On consideration of the Bill as amended, the Bill may be ordered to be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House, or to a Select Committee.	Existing Rule 285.

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261. After the Amendments have been considered and agreed to or disagreed to by the House, the Bill shall be ordered to be read a Third time, at such time as may be appointed by the House.	Proposed new Rule.
<i>Third Reading and Passing.</i>	
262. The Order for the Third reading of a Bill may be read and discharged, and the Bill ordered to be re-committed.	Existing Rule 286.
263. When Amendments have been made to a Bill on re-committal, the Bill as amended shall be taken into consideration on a future day.	Proposed new Rule.
264. The Order of the Day being read for the Third Reading of a Bill, a Question shall be put, That the Bill be <i>now</i> read a third time, to which Amendments may be moved, as on the Second Reading.	Existing Rule 287.
265. A Bill having been read a Third time, Clauses may be read Three times (and also committed if containing Rates, &c.), and added to the Bill, and other Amendments made.	Existing Rule 288.
266. Amendments merely of a verbal or formal nature may be made, on motion, in any part of a Bill, at any time during its progress through the House, or in Committee of the whole House.	Existing Rule 289.
267. Clerical and typographical errors may be corrected in any part of a Bill by the Chairman of Committees before it is sent to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.	Existing Rule 290.
268. After the Third Reading, and further proceedings thereon, a Question shall be put, "That this Bill do pass;" after which the Title of the Bill shall be agreed to, or amended and agreed to.	Existing Rule 291.
269. Before putting the Question, "That this Bill do now pass?" Mr. Speaker shall in every case report that the Chairman of Committees has certified that it is in accordance with the Bill as passed through all its previous stages in this House.	Existing Rule 292.
270. The further proceedings on a Third reading may be adjourned to a future day.	Existing Rule 293.
271. Bills of an urgent nature may be passed with unusual expedition through their several stages.	Existing Rule 294.
272. The precise duration of every temporary Law shall be expressed in a distinct Clause.	Existing Rule 295.
273. When a Bill originated in this House shall have passed, the Clerk shall forthwith certify at the top of the first page, that "This Public (or Private) Bill originated in the House of Assembly; and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Council for its concurrence."	Existing Rule 296.
<i>Transmission to Council.</i>	
274. When all the proceedings on a Bill have been concluded, two Members shall carry the Bill to the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 297 amended

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<i>Council's Amendments on Bills originated in the Assembly.</i>	
275. When a Bill is returned from the Legislative Council such Amendments shall be appointed to be considered on a future day, unless the House shall order them to be considered forthwith.	Existing Rule 299.
276. With respect to any Bill brought to the House from the Legislative Council, or returned by the Legislative Council to the House, with Amendments, whereby pecuniary penalty, forfeiture, or fee shall be authorised, imposed, appropriated, regulated, varied, or extinguished, the House shall not insist on its privileges in the following cases :—	Proposed new Rule.
I. When the object of such pecuniary penalty or forfeiture is to secure the execution of the Act, or the punishment or prevention of offences.	
II. Where such are imposed in respect of benefit taken or service rendered under the Act, and in order to the execution of the Act, and are not made payable into the Treasury, or in aid of the Public Revenue, and do not form ground of public accounting by the parties receiving the same, either in respect of deficit or surplus.	
III. When such Bill shall be a private Bill for a Local or Personal Act.	
277. Amendments made by the Legislative Council shall be agreed to either with or without Amendments; or disagreed to; or the consideration thereof postponed; or the Bill ordered to be laid aside.	Existing Rule 298 amended.
278. The consideration of all Amendments made by the Legislative Council in Bills which shall have first passed this House, shall be in a Committee of the whole House.	Proposed new Rule.
279. When Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in Bills which shall have first passed this House, shall have been agreed to by the House without Amendments, a Message shall be sent informing the Legislative Council thereof; and if they shall have been agreed to with Amendments, the Bill shall be returned with a Schedule of such further Amendments, in a Message desiring the concurrence of the Legislative Council therein; and if they shall have been disagreed to, the Bill may be laid aside, or it may be again sent to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring its reconsideration.	Proposed new Rule.
280. In any case, when a Bill is returned to the Legislative Council with any of the Amendments made by the Council disagreed to, the Message containing such Bill shall also contain written reasons for the House not agreeing to the Amendments proposed by the Legislative Council; and such reasons shall be drawn up by a Committee of three Members, to be appointed for that purpose when the House adopts the Report of the Committee of the whole House disagreeing to the Amendments in question.	Proposed new Rule.
281. When an Amendment shall have been made by the Assembly on the Council's Amend-	Proposed new Rule.

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<p>ments, a Schedule of such further Amendments shall be prepared, containing reference to each Amendment of the Council which has been amended by the Assembly, and describing the further Amendment proposed; and this Schedule shall be written on paper, and attached to the Bill, and certified by the Clerk of the House.</p>	
<p>282. If the Legislative Council shall return the Bill with any of the Assembly's Amendments on the Council's original Amendments disagreed to, and shall insist on its original Amendments, stating the reasons for so doing, or shall agree to the Assembly's Amendments thereon, with further Amendments, the Message returning the Bill shall be ordered to be printed, and a day fixed for taking the same into consideration, which shall be in a Committee of the Whole House; and the Bill shall then be finally passed, or laid aside, according as the House may agree or disagree to the requirements of the Legislative Council, unless the House determines to request a Conference.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>283. If the Council's Amendments shall be agreed to, and the Bill finally passed by this House, a Message shall be sent informing the Legislative Council thereof.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>284. In whatever way the House shall dispose of a Bill returned with Amendments by the Council, as hereinbefore described, the Clerk of the House shall, at every stage, certify accordingly on the first page of the Bill.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p><i>Bills received first time from the Council.</i></p>	
<p>285. Bills coming to this House the first time from the Legislative Council shall be proceeded with in all respects as similar Bills presented in pursuance of Orders of the House.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>286. When every such Bill shall have been passed by the House, it shall be returned to the Legislative Council by Message, with the Clerk's certificate "That the House of Assembly have this day agreed to this Bill without Amendment," or "with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule," as the case may require.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>287. If the Legislative Council shall return such Bill with any of the Amendments made by the House disagreed to, or further Amendments made thereon, together with written reasons for its disagreeing to any such Amendments proposed by the House the Message returning the Bill shall be ordered to be printed, and a day fixed for taking the same into consideration in a Committee of the whole Assembly.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>288. The Amendments made by the Council shall be then either agreed to with or without further Amendments, or disagreed to, and the original Amendments made by the House insisted on; or the Bill may be ordered to be laid aside.</p>	Proposed new Rule.
<p>289. If the Amendments made by the Council on the Assembly's Amendments are agreed to without further Amendment, or disagreed to, and the original Amendments made by the</p>	Proposed new Rule.

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House insisted on, the Bill shall be returned to the Legislative Council in a Message to that effect ; or, if the Amendments made by the Council are agreed to with further Amendments, the Bill shall be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

290. In any case, when a Bill is returned to the Legislative Council, with any of the Amendments made by the Council on the Assembly's Amendments disagreed to, the Message containing such Bill shall also contain written reasons for the House not agreeing to the Amendments proposed by the Legislative Council; and such reasons shall be drawn up by a Committee of three Members, to be appointed for that purpose when the House adopts the report of a Committee of the Whole House, disagreeing to the Amendments in question.

Proposed new Rule.

291. When any Amendments shall have been made by the House on a Bill which shall have been first passed by the Council, a Schedule of such Amendments shall be prepared, containing reference to the page and line of the Bill where the words are to be inserted or omitted, and describing the Amendments proposed ; and this Schedule shall be attached to the Bill, and certified by the Clerk of the House.

Proposed new Rule.

292. When any further Amendments have been made by the House on the Council's Amendments on the Assembly's original Amendments in a Bill which shall have been first passed by the Council, a Schedule of such further Amendments shall be prepared, containing reference to each Amendment of the Council which has been amended by the House, and describing the further Amendment proposed ; and this Schedule shall be attached to the Bill, and certified by the Clerk of the Assembly.

Proposed new Rule.

293. In whatever way the Assembly shall dispose of a Bill returned with Amendments by the Council on the Assembly's Amendments, as hereinbefore described, the Clerk of the House shall, at every stage, certify accordingly on the first page of the Bill.

Proposed new Rule.

Presentation for Assent.

294. All Bills, whether originating in this House or in the Legislative Council, shall, so soon as they have passed through their several stages, be forwarded to the President of the Legislative Council to await the Governor's assent, excepting Bills of Supply, which shall be presented for the Governor's assent by Mr. Speaker.

Existing Rule 300.

Amendments proposed by the Governor.

295. Whenever the Governor shall transmit by Message to the House any Amendment which he shall desire to be made in any Bill presented to him by the Speaker for Her Majesty's assent, such Amendment shall be treated and considered in the same manner as Amendments proposed by the Legislative Council.

Proposed new Rule.

296. When the House shall have agreed to any Amendment proposed by the Governor,

Proposed new Rule.

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such Amendment, together with any alterations rendered necessary to be made in the Bill in consequence of such Amendment, shall be forwarded to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.	
297. Amendments by the Governor in Bills originated in the Legislative Council, which shall be agreed to by the Legislative Council and forwarded for the concurrence of this House, shall be proceeded with in the same manner as Amendments made by the Council on the Assembly's Amendments on Bills first received from the Council.	Proposed new Rule.
ROYAL ASSENT.	
298. The Royal Assent is signified to every Bill by the Governor, in person or by Commission, the attendance of the House of Assembly in the Legislative Council having been desired for that purpose.	Existing Rule 301.
XXI. COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.	
299. A Committee of the Whole House shall be appointed by a Resolution, "That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House."	Existing Rule 145.
300. When such a Resolution has been agreed to, or an Order of the Day read for the House to resolve itself into Committee, Mr. Speaker shall put a Question, "That I do now leave the Chair," which being agreed to, he shall leave the Chair accordingly.	Existing Rule 146.
301. Amendments may be moved to the Question for Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair, by leaving out all the words after the word "That," in order to add the words "this House will on this day Three months (or Six months, or any other time) resolve itself into the said Committee."	Proposed new Rule.
302. When a Bill or other matter (except Supply or Ways and Means) has been partly considered in Committee, and the Chairman has been directed to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again, and the House has ordered that the Committee shall sit again on a particular day, Mr. Speaker, when the Order for the Committee has been read, shall forthwith leave the Chair without putting any Question, and the House shall thereupon resolve itself into such Committee.	Existing Rule 147.
303. So soon as Mr. Speaker has left the Chair, the Chairman shall take the Chair of the Committee, at the Table.	Existing Rule 148.
304. A Committee shall consider such matters only as have been referred to them by the House.	Existing Rule 149.
305. Every Question in Committee shall be decided by a majority of voices; and in case of an equality of voices, the Chairman shall give a casting voice.	Existing Rule 150.
206. A Motion made in Committee need not be seconded.	Existing Rule 151.

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307. No Motion for the previous Question shall be made in Committee.	Existing Rule 152.
308. When there comes a Question between the greater and lesser sum, or the longer or shorter time, the least sum and the longest time shall first be put to the Question.	Existing Rule 153.
309. In Committee Members may speak to a Question before the Committee more than once, but not more than three times except in explanation.	New Rule. Sessional Order hitherto, (amended.)
310. The same order in debate shall be observed as in the House itself, and the same proceedings in regard to Divisions.	Existing Rule 154 amended.
311. If any sudden disorder should arise in Committee, Mr. Speaker shall resume the Chair, without any Question being put.	Existing Rule 155.
312. Mr. Speaker shall also resume the Chair if the time be come for holding a Conference with the Legislative Council, or if a Message be brought from the Legislative Council, or to attend the Governor or the Commissioners in the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 156 amended.
313. If notice be taken, or it appears upon a Division in Committee, that one-third of the Members, including the Chairman of Committees, are not present, the Chairman shall leave the Chair, and Mr. Speaker resume the Chair.	Existing Rule 157 amended.
314. If there be one-third of the Members, exclusive of Mr. Speaker present, when the House is counted by Mr. Speaker, the House shall again resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House; but if the House be thereupon adjourned for want of a Quorum, the House may, by Motion on Notice, order the resumption of such Committee, and the Debate shall be resumed at and all other proceedings restored to the point at which it or they were interrupted.	Existing Rule 158 amended.
315. When all the matters referred to a Committee have been considered, the Chairman shall be directed to report the same to the House.	Existing Rule 159 amended.
316. When all such matters have not been considered, the Chairman shall be directed to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.	Existing Rule 160.
317. A Motion may be made during the proceedings of a Committee that the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.	Existing Rule 161.
318. A Motion that the Chairman do now leave the Chair shall, if carried, supersede the proceedings of a Committee, but such proceedings may, by Motion on Notice, be revived by Order of the House.	Existing Rule 162 amended.
319. A Committee of the Whole House cannot adjourn its own sittings, or any Debate in the Committee.	Proposed new Rule.
320. Every Report from a Committee of the Whole House shall be brought up without any Question being put.	Existing Rule 163.

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321. The Resolutions reported from a Committee shall be read a first and second time, and may be agreed to or disagreed to by the House, or agreed to with Amendments, or recommitted to the Committee, or the further consideration thereof postponed.	Existing Rule 164.
322. Lists of Divisions in Committees of the Whole House shall be printed weekly.	Existing Rule 165.
XXII.—SUPPLY, AND WAYS AND MEANS.	
323. The House shall receive no Petition for any sum of Money relating to Public Service, or proceed upon any Motion involving the granting of any Money, but what is recommended from the Governor.	Existing Rule 307.
324. This House shall not proceed upon any Petition, Bill or Motion for granting any Money, or for releasing or compounding any sum of Money owing to the Crown, but in a Committee of the Whole House.	Existing Rule 308.
325. If any Motion be made in the House for any Public Aid, or Charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not be presently entered upon, but shall be adjourned till such further day as the House shall think fit to appoint, and then shall be referred to a Committee of the Whole House before any Resolution or Vote of the House do pass therein.	Existing Rule 309.
326. The House shall not proceed upon any Motion for an Address to His Excellency, praying that any Money may be issued, or that any expense may be incurred, except in a Committee of the Whole House.	Existing Rule 310.
327. On the House proceeding to take into consideration the Governor's Speech, according to Order, so much of the same as was addressed to the House of Assembly shall again be read by Mr. Speaker; and a Motion being made, "That a Supply shall be granted to Her Majesty," the House shall appoint a day when it will resolve itself into a Committee to consider that Motion, which Committee shall be the Committee of Supply.	Existing Rule 311.
328. The House shall next proceed to the Election of a Chairman of Committees, who shall continue to take the Chair of all Committees of the Whole House until the Parliament shall be dissolved, at which election the Rules prescribed for the Election of Mr. Speaker shall be observed.	Existing Rule 312.
329. Whenever the House shall be informed by the Speaker of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees, such Member as the majority of Members then present shall choose shall take the Chair as Deputy Chairman for that day only; and in the event of the Chairman's absence continuing for more than one day, such, or any Member so chosen shall, if the House shall so order it, take the Chair in like manner on any subsequent day during such absence. In the event of the absence of the Chairman occurring while the House is in Committee, the Speaker shall immediately resume the Chair, and the House shall proceed to the election of a Deputy Chairman as hereinbefore provided.	Proposed new Rule.

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330. The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply, His Excellency's Speech to both Houses, and Accounts and Estimates, shall be referred, and the House shall resolve itself into the Committee to consider the matters to them referred.	Existing Rule 313.
331. When the first Resolutions of the Committee of Supply have been read a second time and agreed to, the Question shall be put, "That this House will, on ——— next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty;" which Committee shall be the Committee of Ways and Means.	Existing Rule 314.
332. The Committees of Supply and Ways and Means shall be appointed by resolution "That this House will, on ——— next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply" (or Ways and Means, as the case may be), so soon as the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech has been agreed to; and any Estimates presented to the House during the Session shall be referred to the Committee of Supply.	Proposed new Rule suggested by Mr. Nowell, Clerk of the Legislative Council, to be adopted from House of Commons Rules 40 and 41, and 416 to 421.
333. When a Motion is made in Committee of Supply to omit or reduce any item of a Vote, a question shall be proposed from the Chair for omitting or reducing such item accordingly, and Members shall speak to such question only until it has been disposed of.	Ditto.
334. When several Motions are offered, they shall be taken in the order in which the items to which they relate appear in the printed Estimates.	Ditto.
335. After a Question has been proposed from the Chair, for omitting or reducing any item, no Motion shall be made or Debate allowed upon any preceding item.	Ditto.
336. When it has been proposed to omit or reduce items in a Vote, the Question shall be afterwards put upon the original Vote, or upon the reduced Vote, as the case may be.	Ditto.
337. After a Question has been proposed from the Chair for a reduction of the whole Vote, no Motion shall be made for omitting or reducing any item.	Ditto.
338. Any report of Resolutions from the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means shall be received on a future day.	Ditto.
339. Resolutions of the Committees of Supply, and Ways and Means, reported to the House shall be read a first and second time, and may be agreed to, amended, postponed, re-committed, or disagreed to.	Existing Rule 315.
340. No Amendment, whereby the charge upon the people will be increased, shall be made to any such Resolution, unless such charge so increased shall not exceed the charge already existing by virtue of any Act of Parliament.	Existing Rule 316.
XXIII. INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEES.	
341. An Instruction shall empower a Committee of the whole House to consider matters or otherwise referred to them.	Existing Rule 190.

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342. All Committees of the Whole House to whom Bills may be committed shall have power, without any special Instruction, to make such Amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided they be relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill; but if any such Amendments shall not be within the Title of the Bill, they shall amend the Title accordingly, and report the same specially to the House.	Existing Rule 191.
343. No Instruction shall be moved to order a Committee to make provision in a Bill; nor to empower a Committee to make provision, if they already have power to make such provision.	Existing Rule 192.
344. Before the first sitting of the Committee, an Instruction shall be proposed only as a distinct Motion after the Order of the Day for the Committee has been read, and before any Question has been proposed thereupon, and not as an Amendment to the Question, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."	Existing Rule 193 amended.
345. When after the first sitting of the Committee it is proposed to move a distinct Instruction, it shall be done before the Order of the Day for the Committee is read.	Proposed new Rule.
346. An Instruction to a Select Committee may extend or restrict the Order of Reference.	Existing Rule 194.
XXIV. MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES.	
347. Communications with the Legislative Council may be by Message, by Conference, by a Joint Committee, or by Select Committees conferring with each other.	Existing Rule 195.
348. Every Message from this House to the Legislative Council shall be in writing, signed by Mr. Speaker, and entered upon the Journals, and delivered to the President by two Members.	Existing Rule 196 amended.
349. Every Message from the Legislative Council to this House, if conveyed by Members of that Council, shall be received by Mr. Speaker at the Bar, and the business before the House shall be suspended. The Clerk shall then read the Message to the House; and, if necessary, the House shall fix a future day for taking, or forthwith take, the same into consideration.	Existing Rule 197 amended.
350. This House will receive from the Legislative Council, in one Message, all Bills first communicated, all Bills returned without amendment, and all Bills with the Amendments of this House agreed to without amendment; a List of such Bills, with a statement of the Assent of the Legislative Council thereto, being delivered together with such Message and Bills.	Existing Rule 198.
XXV. CONFERENCES.	
351. Conferences desired by this House with the Legislative Council shall in all cases be requested by Message.	Existing Rule 199.
352. During any Conference between the two Houses the business of the House shall be suspended.	Existing Rule 200.
353. Every Notice of Motion requesting any Conference between the Houses shall contain the	Existing Rule 201.

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names of the Members proposed by the Mover to be Managers of such Conference for this House.	
354. If upon such Motion any one Member shall so require, the Managers for this House shall be selected by ballot in the same manner as the Members of a Select Committee.	Existing Rule 202 amended.
355. In requesting any Conference, the Message from this House shall state, in general terms, the object for which the Conference is desired, and the number of Managers proposed to serve thereon.	Existing Rule 203.
356. The Managers to represent this House at any Conference required by the Legislative Council shall consist of double the number of those of the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 204.
357. Conference is to be required by that House which at the time of the Conference demanded shall be possessed of the Bill, and not by the other House.	Existing Rule 205.
358. In cases in which the Legislative Council disagree to any Amendments made by this House, or insist upon any Amendments to which this House have disagreed, this House will receive the reasons of the Legislative Council for their disagreement or insisting (as the case may be) by Message, without a Conference, unless at any time the Legislative Council should desire to communicate the same at a Conference.	Existing Rule 206.
359. When a Conference is agreed to, such agreement shall be communicated by Message.	Existing Rule 207.
360. In respect of any Conference requested by the Legislative Council, the time and place for holding the same shall be appointed by this House; and when this House requests a Conference, this House will agree to its being held at such time and place as shall be appointed by the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 208.
361. The time for holding a Conference being come, the names of the Managers shall be called over, and they shall repair to the Conference Chamber.	Existing Rule 214.
362. At all Conferences requested by the Legislative Council, the Managers for this House shall assemble at the time and place appointed, and receive the Manager of the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 209.
	Rules 210, 211, and 213 expunged.
363. At all Conferences, the Managers for this House shall be at liberty to confer freely, by word of mouth, with the Managers for the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 215 amended.
364. In all cases of Conference, the Managers for this House shall, when the Conference has terminated, return to this House and report their proceedings.	Existing Rule 216.
365. If either House should not insist upon its Amendment, or its disagreement to Amendments to any Bill, after a Conference, such Resolution shall be communicated by a Message.	Existing Rule 212.

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XXVI. SELECT COMMITTEES.	
366. It shall not be compulsory on Mr. Speaker to serve on any Select Committee.	Proposed new Rule.
367. No Select Committee shall, without leave of the House, consist of more than seven Members; such leave may be moved for without Notice; and in the case of Members proposed to be added or substituted after the first appointment of the Committee, the Notice shall include the Names of the Members proposed to be added or substituted.	Existing Rule 166.
368. Every Member intending to move for the appointment of a Select Committee shall endeavour to ascertain previously whether each Member proposed to be named by him on such Committee will give his attendance thereupon.	Existing Rule 167.
369. Every Member intending to move for the appointment of a Select Committee shall, on the day on which he gives notice of his intention to move the appointment of such Committee, name the Members intended to be proposed by him to be Members of such Committee.	Existing Rule 168.
370. Every Member proposing a Select Committee, and every Member introducing any Bill, Petition, or Motion, upon any subject which may be referred to a Select Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House or balloted for.	Existing Rule 169 amended.
371. If, upon any Motion for a Select Committee, any Member shall require it, such Committee, exclusive of the Mover, shall be chosen by ballot, in the manner following; viz.—Each Member shall give in to the Clerk a list of the Members who he intends shall serve on the Committee, not exceeding the number proposed in such Motion; and if any such list contain a larger number of names, it shall be void and rejected; and the Members who shall be reported by the Clerk to have the greatest number of Votes shall be declared by Mr. Speaker to be, with the Member or Members entitled to serve on the Committee as of course, the Members of such Committee; and in any case of doubt arising from two or more Members having an equality of Votes, Mr. Speaker shall decide which shall serve on such Committee.	Existing Rule 170 amended.
372. On the appointment of every Select Committee, a day shall be fixed for the reporting of their proceedings to the House, and on such day the final Report of the Committee shall be brought up by the Chairman, unless further time be moved for and granted.	Proposed new Rule.
373. The Mover of the Committee shall fix the time for the first meeting of the Committee.	Proposed new Rule.
374. In all Select Committees three shall form a Quorum to take evidence, and five to pass Resolutions.	Existing Rule 171 amended.
375. If, at any time during the sitting of a Select Committee of this House, the Quorum of Members fixed by the House be not present, the Clerk of the Committee shall call the atten-	Existing Rule 177.

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tion of the Chairman to the fact, who shall thereupon suspend the Proceedings of the Committee until a Quorum be present, or shall adjourn the Committee to some future day.	
376. Every Select Committee, previously to the commencement of business, shall elect one of its Members to be the Chairman. In his absence the Members present shall elect another <i>pro tempore</i> .	Existing Rule 172 amended.
377. Lists shall be affixed in some conspicuous place in the Lobby of the House of all Members serving on each Select Committee.	Existing Rule 173.
378. The examination of Witnesses before every Select Committee shall be conducted as follows, viz :—The Chairman shall first put to the Witness, in an uninterrupted series, all such Questions as he may deem essential, with reference either to the subject referred to therein, or to any branch of that subject, according to the mode of procedure agreed on by the Committee. The Chairman shall then call on the other Members severally by name to put any other Questions which may have occurred to them during his conduct of the examination; and the name of every Member so interrogating a Witness shall be noted and prefixed to the Questions asked. All replies to questions put shall be recorded in writing; but, if the Committee be attended by a shorthand writer, the notes of such shorthand writer shall be sufficient.	Existing Rule 174 amended.
379. The names of the Members present each day on the sitting of any Select Committee shall be entered on the Minutes of Evidence, or on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee (as the case may be).	Existing Rule 175.
380. In the event of any Division taking place in any Select Committee, the Question proposed, the Name of the Proposer, and the respective Votes thereupon of each Member present, shall be entered on the Minutes of Evidence, or on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee (as the case may be).	Existing Rule 176.
381. Members may be afterwards discharged from attending a Select Committee; and other Members appointed, after notice has been given.	Existing Rule 178 amended.
382. Members nominated to serve on Select Committees of the House who shall neglect or refuse to attend such Committees shall be reported by the Chairman to the House, which will thereupon deal with them for their default as it may think fit.	Proposed new Rule.
383. Whenever it may be necessary, the House may give a Committee power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.	Existing Rule 179.
384. When a Committee is examining Witnesses, it may admit or exclude Strangers at its pleasure; but shall always exclude them when deliberating.	Existing Rule 180.
385. At the request of any Member, or in his own discretion, the Chairman of any Select Committee shall order the withdrawal of Strangers at any time.	Existing Rule 181.

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386. Members of the House may be present during the sitting of every Select Committee ; but shall not be allowed to speak or in any way interfere in the proceedings of the Committee unless he be a Member thereof ; and shall withdraw, if required by the Committee, when the Committee is deliberating.	Existing Rule 182.
387. No Strangers, or Members not being of the Committee, shall be admitted, at any time, to a Secret Committee.	Existing Rule 183.
388. The Chairman of a Select Committee shall only vote when there is an equality of voices.	Existing Rule 184.
389. Select Committees may meet for the despatch of business on any day, except Sunday, during any adjournment of the House which shall not exceed seven days.	Proposed new Rule.
390. A Select Committee may adjourn from time to time ; and, by leave of the House, from place to place.	Existing Rule 185.
391. Except by leave of the House, no Select Committee shall sit during the sitting of the House.	Existing Rule 186.
392. The Evidence taken by any Select Committee of this House, and Documents presented to such Committee, which have not been reported to this House and ordered to be printed, and the Report of such Committee, shall not be referred to in the House by any Member of such Committee, or published by any Member or Officer of the House or by any witness or any other person.	Existing Rule 187 amended.
393. By leave of the House, a Committee may report its opinions or observations from time to time, or report the Minutes of Evidence only, or Proceedings from time to time.	Existing Rule 188.
394. The Chairman shall read to the Committee convened for the purpose of considering the Reports, the whole of his Draft Report, which, if desired by any Member, shall be printed and circulated amongst the Committee, and a subsequent day fixed for its consideration ; and when the Committee are desirous of taking the Report into consideration, the Chairman shall read the Draft Report, paragraph by paragraph, putting the Question to the Committee at the end of each paragraph—“That it do stand part of the Report.” A Member objecting to any portion of the Report shall propose his Amendment at the time the paragraph he wishes to amend shall be under consideration.	Proposed New Rule.
395. The Report of a Committee shall be signed and brought up by the Chairman, and shall lie upon the Table, or be otherwise dealt with as the House may direct.	Existing Rule 189.
XXVII.—JOINT COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSES.	
396. No Select Committee of this House shall confer with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council without an Order of this House made on Motion.	Existing Rule 217.

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397. When any such Order has been made, it shall be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council, with a request that leave may be given to the Select Committee of the Legislative Council to confer with the Select Committee of this House.	Existing Rule 218.
398. Every Select Committee of this House directed to confer with any Select Committee of the Legislative Council may confer freely by word of mouth, unless this House shall otherwise order.	Existing Rule 219 amended.
399. The proceedings of every Conference between a Select Committee of this House and a Select Committee of the Legislative Council shall be reported in writing to this House by its own Committee.	Existing Rule 220.
400. Where the proposal for the appointment of a Joint Committee originates in this House, a Motion shall be made that the Legislative Council be requested to agree thereto ; which Motion shall state, in general terms, the object for which the Committee is desired, and the number of Members proposed to serve thereon.	Existing Rule 221.
401. If that Motion be carried, the same shall be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council, with a request that they will agree to the appointment of such Joint Committee : upon being informed of such agreement, this House will appoint the Members to serve on such Committee.	Existing Rule 222.
402. This House, where it agrees to the appointment of any Joint Committee proposed by the Legislative Council, shall forthwith name the Members of this House to serve on such Committee.	Existing Rule 223
403. The Members of this House to serve on any such Committee shall, in every case, be the same in number as those appointed by the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 224.
404. When the proposal for the Committee originates in the Legislative Council the time and place for holding the first Meeting shall be appointed by this House ; and when the proposal originates in this House, this House will agree that the first Meeting shall be held at a time and place appointed by the Legislative Council.	Existing Rule 225.
405. The presence of at least three of the Members appointed by this House to serve on a Joint Committee shall be necessary at every Meeting of such Committee.	Existing Rule 226.
406. The Chairman of every Joint Committee shall be appointed by the majority of the Members present at any Meeting thereof.	Existing Rule 227.
407. When the Committee has concluded its Sittings, the Members of this House serving thereon shall report in writing to the House the proceedings of such Committee.	Existing Rule 228.
408. At the commencement of every Session this House shall appoint three Members to serve on a joint Committee of the two Houses, to regulate the arrangements for the use in common	Existing Rule 335.

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by the Members of both Houses of the Library and Refreshment-rooms, provided for the accommodation of the Parliament.	
XXVIII. WITNESSES.	
409. Witnesses may be summoned, in order to be examined at the Bar of the House, or before a Committee of the Whole House, or a Select Committee; the Summons being signed by (Mr. Speaker or Chairman, as the case may be 22 Vict. No. 17, sect. 2, and 49 Vict. No. 25.)	Proposed new Rule.
410. When a Witness is examined by the House at the Bar, all Questions addressed to him shall be put through Mr. Speaker.	Proposed new Rule.
411. In Committee of the Whole House any Member may put Questions directly to the Witness.	Proposed new Rule.
412. If any Question be objected to, or other matter arise, the Witness shall be ordered to withdraw while the same is under discussion.	Proposed new Rule.
413. When the attendance of a Member is desired, to be examined by the House, or a Committee of the Whole, he shall be ordered to attend in his place for that purpose, and shall be there examined.	Proposed new Rule.
414. When the attendance of any Member or Officer of the Legislative Council is desired, to be examined by the House or any Committee thereof, a Message shall be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that leave may be given to such Member or Officer to attend in order to his being examined accordingly upon the matters stated in such Message.	Proposed new Rule.
415. Witnesses, whether Members or any other persons, who shall disobey any Order of the House, or of any Committee thereof duly authorised in that behalf, to attend, or to produce papers, books, records, or other documents, or shall refuse to be examined, or to answer any lawful and relevant question, are liable to be summarily punished by imprisonment for any time during the continuance of the Session. (22 Vict. No. 17, sect. 3.)	Proposed new Rule.
416. Every Select Committee shall have power to award payment to any professional or other Witnesses they may deem it necessary to summon, or for any professional or other assistance they may be authorised to employ in furtherance of the enquiry with which the Committee is charged; and the production of the Chairman's Certificate by any such Witness, with a copy of such award signed by the Clerk of the House, shall entitle him to Mr. Speaker's written order to the Clerk for payment of such sum as may be therein stated to be due to him for the special service to be therein named; and such order, with the Chairman's Certificate, and the copy of the award thereto appended, shall be sufficient authority and discharge to the Clerk for making such payment out of any public moneys in his hands, or by the ordinary course of public payments through the Colonial Treasury; and every such award, with the sum awarded, the particulars	Proposed new Rule.

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of the service rendered, and the name of the party in whose favour made, shall be entered on the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee.	
417. If any Member of a Select Committee or a Joint Committee of both Houses shall so require, a Witness shall be examined upon his solemn Declaration, as provided by Law (35 Vict., No. 11.)	Proposed new Rule.
XXIX. PRIVATE BILLS.	
418. Notice of the intention to apply for every Private Bill shall be published once a week, for four consecutive weeks, in the Government <i>Gazette</i> , in one or more public newspapers published in Hobart, and in one or more public newspapers published in or nearest to the District affected by the Bill, which notice shall contain a true statement of the general objects of the Bill.	Existing Rule 317.
419. No Private Bill shall be initiated in this House but upon a Petition first presented and received; and such Petition shall be signed by one or more of the parties applying for the Bill.	Existing Rule 318.
420. All Petitions for Private Bills to be initiated in this House shall be presented within thirty days from the commencement of the Session, having been previously lodged with the Clerk of the House for seven days.	Existing Rule 319.
421. Every Petition for a Private Bill shall commence by setting forth that, within the three months previously to its presentation to the House, the Public Notice required has been duly given of the general objects of and the intention to apply for such Bill, and shall conclude with a true statement of the general objects of the Bill, and a prayer for leave to introduce it; and the production of the numbers of the <i>Gazette</i> , and Newspaper or Newspapers containing such Notice, shall be sufficient proof of such Notice.	Existing Rule 320.
422. The Clerk of the House shall certify whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with; and when they have not been complied with, he shall also report the facts upon which his Report is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.	Proposed new Rule.
423. When the Petition shall have been received, Notice of Motion for leave to bring in the Bill shall be given, as in the case of a Public Bill.	Existing Rule 321.
424. Before the Bill is printed, £50 shall be paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue, and a certificate, signed by the Under Treasurer, of such payment shall be produced to the Government Printer before he shall proceed to print the Bill.	Proposed new Rule.
425. When leave to bring in a Private Bill shall have been obtained, and before it shall be read a first time, it shall be printed by the Government Printer, at the expense of the parties applying for it, in the same form as	Existing Rule 322 amended.

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Public Bills, and a sufficient number of copies of it shall be delivered to the Clerk, for the use of the House, and distributed amongst Members at least three days before the Motion that the Bill be read a first time is proceeded with.																													
426. Before a Private Bill shall be read a first time, a further sum of £50, to meet the expenses attendant on such Bill, shall be paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and a certificate of such payment shall be produced by the Member having charge of the Bill.	Existing Rule 323.																												
427. When a Private Bill shall have been read a First time, it shall be referred to a Select Committee, to be appointed on Motion upon Notice, and such Committee shall require proof of the allegations contained in the Preamble.	Existing Rule 324.																												
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430. Every Select Committee on a Private Bill may, in its discretion, hear Counsel if it be desired ; and may also take such oral or other evidence as it may think requisite ; and may decide on matters in issue between the persons conducting and opposing the Bill ; after which, the Question shall be put from the Chair, “ That this Preamble stand part of the Bill ? ” ; and if the Question pass in the negative, it shall be fatal to the Bill, and the Committee shall report accordingly ; but if the Question pass in the affirmative, the several clauses of the Bill shall next be proceeded with, and the Amendments, if any, carefully noted for report to the House,—care being taken that no clause be inserted or Amendment made in the Bill which shall be foreign to the import of the Notice required to be given by the party or parties applying for it.	Existing Rule 326.																												
431. When a Select Committee shall have reported in favour of a Private Bill, such Bill shall be proceeded with as in the case of Public Bills, and a future day, subsequent to the distribution of the printed Report and Evidence, shall be appointed for the second reading.	Existing Rule 327.																												
432. Prior to the First reading of a Private Bill, the Promoter thereof shall give to the Clerk of the House a written guarantee that he will be responsible to the Treasurer of the Colony for all the above-mentioned fees and for all the expenses incurred in the printing, passing, &c. of the Select Committee on the Bill in question over and above the £100	Proposed new Rule.																												

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deposited. In the event of such fees and expenses not amounting to £100, the difference shall be returned to the Promoter by the Treasurer.	
433. The costs for printing Bills, Evidence, Papers, Reports, &c., shall be assessed by the Government Printer; and in event of any dispute arising as to any such charges connected with Private Bills, the matter in dispute shall be referred to Mr. Speaker, whose decision thereon shall be final.	Proposed new Rule.
434. Every Private Bill sent from the Legislative Council, if accompanied by a printed copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of that House to which it shall have been referred, and a certificate of the President that the fees hereinbefore mentioned have been paid, shall be dealt with in the same manner as a Public Bill, and shall not be referred to a Select Committee of the House of Assembly unless on a Motion for such reference.	
XXX. ACCOUNTS AND PAPERS.	
435. Accounts and Papers may be <i>ordered</i> to be laid before the House.	Existing Rule 302.
436. When Her Majesty's prerogative is concerned in any Account or Paper required by the House, an Address shall be presented to the Governor by Resolution of the House, praying that the same may be laid before the House. Papers may also be presented pursuant to Act or by command of the Governor.	Existing Rule 303 amended.
437. The Clerk of the House shall transmit to the Clerk of the Legislative Council a sufficient number of all Papers printed by order of the House for distribution to the Members of the Legislative Council.	Proposed new Rule.
438. When any Account or Paper is presented by a Member, he shall bring it up from the Bar, on being desired by Mr. Speaker, and deliver it to the Clerk of the House.	Existing Rule 304.
439. Accounts and other Papers which shall be required to be laid before this House by any Act of Parliament, Act of Council, or by any Order of the House, may be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of this House, and the same shall be laid on the Table, and a list of such Accounts and Papers read by the Clerk of the House.	Existing Rule 305.
440. All Orders for Papers made by the House shall be communicated to the Chief Secretary by the Clerk of the House.	Proposed new Rule.
441. If it be desired that any Paper in the possession of the Legislative Council may be laid before the House, a Message shall be ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council requesting that such Paper (or a copy thereof) may be communicated to the House.	Proposed new Rule.
442. At the commencement of each Session a Select Committee shall be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in all matters which relate to the Printing executed by Order of the House; and for the purpose of selecting and arranging for	Existing Rule 306.

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printing Returns and Papers presented in pursuance of Motions made by Members.	
XXXI. STRANGERS.	
443. No Member of this House shall bring any Stranger into any part of the House appropriated to the Members of this House, while the House, or a Committee of the whole House, is sitting.	Existing Rule 35.
444. Mr. Speaker only shall have the privilege of admitting Strangers to the Body of the House, but every Member shall have the privilege of admitting, by orders, not transferable, three Strangers to the Gallery.	Existing Rule 328.
445. On the request of any Member, or in his own discretion, Mr. Speaker shall and may at any time order Strangers to withdraw, and such Strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly.	Existing Rule 329.
XXXII. CONTEMPT.	
446. Any Member who shall wilfully disobey any lawful Order of the House, and any Member or other person who shall wilfully or vexatiously interrupt the orderly conduct of the business of the House, shall be guilty of contempt.	Existing Rule 332.
447. Every Member or other person adjudged by the House, for any of the causes hereinbefore mentioned, guilty of contempt, shall be fined in a penalty, at the discretion of the House, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and in default of immediate payment shall be committed, by the Warrant of Mr. Speaker, to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms for a period not exceeding fourteen days; and it shall be lawful for the Sergeant-at-Arms to detain such Member or person in his custody for the period directed by the House, unless sooner discharged by order of the House, or unless the amount of fine imposed shall be sooner paid; but in either case he shall pay a fee of Two Pounds to the Sergeant-at-Arms for every day he shall have been so detained.	Existing Rule 333 amended.
XXXIII. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.	
448. In cases of urgent necessity any Standing Order or Orders of the House may be suspended on a Motion duly made and seconded without Notice, provided that such Motion has the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of the Members present.	Existing Rule 334 amended.
449. When a Motion for the suspension of any Standing Order or Orders appears on the Notice Paper, such Motion may be carried by a majority of voices.	Proposed new Rule.
XXXIV. DURATION OF STANDING ORDERS.	
450. The whole of these Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended, or repealed.	Proposed new Rule.