

XXXIX.

Every bill shall receive three readings in the House on three different days of the Session previous to its passage, unless three-fourths of the members of the House otherwise determine ; the first of which readings shall be by the title only, unless a majority of the House shall otherwise order.

XL.

The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be: "*Shall this bill be considered?*" If no opposition be made, or if the question to consider be decided in the affirmative, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

XLI.

All Bills of a local character and of a partial operation, received from the Senate, shall be referred to a Select Committee of three Members, to be appointed by the Speaker ; and Bills of a public or general character, received from the Senate, relating to subjects upon which Committees have been appointed, shall be referred, severally, to the Committee to which the same belong respectively.

XLII.

Every Resolution originating in this House, or received from the Senate, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table, for the perusal of Members, unless on very urgent occasions, the House, by special order, two-thirds of the Members present agreeing, dispense with the rule ; which order shall be entered on the Journal.

XLIII.

No resolution shall have a second reading, or a bill a third reading, until every Member in the city shall be called upon to attend, (if required by three Members,) except he be excused by the House for indisposition, or a necessary attendance on public business ; but calls of the House shall be made, if required by seven Members, at any time, when a subject is under consideration.

XLIV.

All joint resolutions which have been once read, and are entitled to a second reading, and all bills which have been once or twice read, and are entitled to a second or third reading by the Rules of the House, shall be arranged every morning agreeably to seniority, by the Clerk, placed on the Speaker's desk, taken up by him in due order, the date of their last reading announced, and read a second or third time, although no motion for a second or third reading may have been made.