

JOINT STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Resolved—That

1.

MESSAGES.

I. All communications between the Council and Assembly shall be by Message.

II. Messages from one House to the other shall be in writing, and shall be communicated by the Clerk Assistant of each House respectively, unless the House transmitting the Message shall otherwise direct.

III. Members carrying any Message from either House of the Legislature to the other shall be announced at once, unless any Member shall be addressing the House, or unless the President or Speaker, as the case may be, shall be ascertaining the sense of the House upon any question, in which case the bearer of the Message shall not be announced until the member shall have concluded his speech, or until the sense of the House shall have been declared by the President or Speaker, as the case may be; and the bearer of the Message shall be introduced by the Usher or Serjeant-at-Arms, and shall deliver the Message to the President or Speaker.

IV. Messages carried by the Clerk Assistant of either House shall be delivered to the Usher or Serjeant-at-Arms, as the case may be.

V. Bills, Votes, and Resolutions of either House of the Legislature, to which the consent of the other House shall be desired, shall be communicated to such other House by Message; and, in the first instance, without any reason being assigned for the passing such Bill, Vote, or Resolution.

VI. Bills, Votes, and Resolutions of either House of the Legislature, to which the consent of the other House shall have been desired, shall if returned from such other House be sent by Message; and, in the first instance, without any reason being assigned for passing, declining to assent to, or amending, as the case may be, such Bills, Votes, or Resolutions.

VII. When either House of the Legislature shall not agree to any amendment made by the other House in any Bill, Vote, or other Resolution with which its concurrence shall have been desired, or when either House shall insist upon any amendment previously proposed by such House, and any communication shall be desired, then the communication shall be by Message, and the House transmitting such Message shall at the same time transmit written reasons for not agreeing to the amendment proposed by the other House, or for insisting upon any amendment previously proposed by the House sending such Message.

VIII. The number of Members of each House appointed to serve on any Joint Committee shall be equal, and the Chairman thereof shall have a vote, but not a casting vote.

IX. At the commencement of each Session there shall be appointed by each House a Committee of five Members respectively to constitute a Joint Committee to manage the Library; another Committee of five Members of each House respectively to constitute a Joint Committee for the management of the Refreshment Rooms; another Committee of five Members of each House respectively to constitute a Joint Committee for the management and superintendence of the Parliament Buildings; and five Members shall form a quorum of each of the said Committees.

X. Every proposal for a Joint Committee not provided for in these Rules shall be by Message; shall state the object of such Committee, the number of Members to serve thereon, not less than ten or more than fifteen; and the number of Members to form a quorum thereof; and the House whose concurrence shall be desired shall name the time and place of meeting.

2.

BILLS.

XI. Every Bill shall be printed fair immediately after it shall have been passed in the House in which it originated; and the Clerk of the House in which the Bill shall have passed shall certify the passing thereof on such fair print, together with day upon which the Bill did pass.

XII. If any amendment shall be made by the House to which the Bill shall be sent, such amendment shall be written on paper and attached to the Bill, and reference shall be made to the section and line of the Bill where the words are to be inserted or omitted, as the case may be, and such amendment shall be certified by the Clerk of the House in which it shall have passed.

XIII. When such Bill shall have passed both Houses of the Legislature, it shall be fair printed by the Government Printer, who shall furnish three fair prints thereof on vellum to the Clerk of the Parliaments.

XIV. Such three fair prints of each Bill shall be duly authenticated by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

XV. The three fair prints of all Bills, except the Appropriation Bill, when passed, shall be presented to the Governor for Her Majesty's assent, by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

XVI. In case of amendments to Bills, made upon a message from the Governor, pursuant to the XXXVI. clause of the Constitution Statute, after such Bills shall have passed the two Houses of Parliament, the Clerk of the Parliaments shall endorse the same on the original Bill and shall order three fair prints of the Bill on vellum as amended, and shall authenticate the same before they are presented for Her Majesty's assent.

XVII. When the Governor shall have assented in the name of Her Majesty to any Bill, one of the fair prints thereof, on vellum, shall be deposited by the Clerk of the Parliaments with the Registrar of the Supreme Court, another shall be delivered to the Private Secretary of His Excellency the Governor, for transmission to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the third shall be retained in the record office of the Parliament Houses.

XVIII. The Title of every Bill shall succinctly set forth the general object thereof.

XIX. Every Act of the Legislature, commencing No. 1, from the 1st January, 1857, shall be numbered in regular arithmetical series, in the order in which the same shall be assented to by the Governor.

XX. In case of unavoidable absence or illness of the Clerk of the Parliaments, the duties imposed upon him by these Rules shall be performed by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Council.

*Adopted by the Legislative
Assembly the twenty third day of
July one thousand eight hundred
and fifty seven*

Alfred Barton

Clerk of Assembly

*Adopted by the Legislative Council
of Victoria the thirtieth day of July
one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven*

*W. P. Riddell
Clerk of the Legislative Council and Clerk of the Parliaments*

Approved

*Henry Barkly
Governor*

By Authority: JOHN FERRIS, Government Printer, Melbourne.

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