

the House. 2. The several Standing Committees of the House may be summoned to meet at any time after an address to the Lieut.-Governor in reply to the Speech shall have been moved in the House, although the debate on such an address may not have been concluded.

PRIVATE BILLS.—3. The promoters of any private Bill shall lodge with the Clerk of the House a statement as to the compliance by them with the standing orders of the House in relation to such Bill, on or before the first day of each session. 4. A copy of the petition intended to be presented to the House, praying for the passing of any private Bill, shall be lodged on or before the first day of each session with the Clerk of the House, who shall file the same in his office, and shall prepare for the Committee on Standing Orders at the first meeting thereof a report, in which he shall state the result of his examination into the facts required to be proved before the Committee relating to the compliance or non-compliance with the standing orders of the House. 5. The Committee shall determine, upon the facts reported or certified by the Clerk, whether the standing orders have been complied with in respect of each petition, and whether the standing orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with, and shall report the same to the House.

BILLS.—6. All proceedings upon any Bills which may be introduced to the House, and which shall not have been disposed of prior to the prorogation, shall be suspended on the day on which the Legislature shall be prorogued, in order that the promoters thereof may proceed with the same Bills in the next Session of the same Legislature. 7. An alphabetical list of all such Bills, with a statement of the stage at which the same were suspended, shall be prepared by the Clerk of the House, and printed. 8. A list of such Bills, with the certificate of the Clerk of the House as to the stage at which proceedings were suspended, shall be laid upon the Table of the House in the next Session, in the order in which they shall stand upon such list. 9. In respect of every Private Bill so laid upon the Table, the Petition for the Bill, and the order of leave to bring in the same in the preceding Session, shall be read, and thereupon such Bill shall be read a first time, and a second time (if the Bill shall have been read a second time previously to its being suspended), and if such Bill shall have been reported by any Committee in the preceding session, the order for referring the Bill to a Committee shall be dispensed with, and the Bill ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, or to be read a third time, as the case may be. 10. All petitions presented in any session for and against any Private Bills which may not have been disposed of by the Committee, and which stood referred to the Committees on such Bills, shall stand referred to the Committees on the same Bills in the next session. 11. All instructions to Committees on Bills in any session, which shall be suspended previously to their being reported by any Committee, shall be instructions to the Committee on the same Bills in the next session. 12. The foregoing orders shall be considered standing orders, and shall be taken as rules of the House in addition to the existing rules of the House. The above rules shall have full force and effect during the continuance of the present Legislature.
