

Mode of considering bills and other matters.

56TH. Bills and other matters shall be considered in Committee of the Whole in the following manner, viz:—They shall be first read through, unless the Committee shall otherwise order; and, unless the Committee shall then decide to strike out the enacting clause, they shall be read and considered by sections, leaving the title to be last considered. All amendments, in their coherence, shall be reported to the House by the chairman.

Amendments—how noted.

57TH. The body of the bill shall not be defaced nor interlined, but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the Committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses, before a question to engross it be taken.

May be amended after report.

Rules of proceeding.

58TH. The rule of proceeding in the House shall be observed in a Committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking; but no member shall speak twice to any question until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.