

SENATE No. 18.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 13, 1880.

The Committee on Rules and Orders, to whom was referred the subject of reporting rules and orders for the government of the two branches, report recommending the adoption of the Joint Rules and Orders of the last General Court, except Rule No. 1, with the following amendments: For Rule No. 6, substitute the following: "Whenever, upon any application for an Act of Incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under existing laws, or, without detriment to the public interests, by a general law, the committee to which the matter is referred shall in all cases report such general law, or 'leave to withdraw,' or, 'inexpedient to legislate.'"

For Rule No. 9, substitute the following: "If any petition, memorial, bill, resolve, or order, presented or originating in one branch, shall fail to pass, or shall be adversely acted upon in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the clerk, to the branch in which the same originated."

In Rule No. 21, after the word "resolve" in the first line, insert the word "specially."

To Rule No. 22, add the following: "Objection to the violation of this, or the last preceding rule, may be taken at any stage." [Mr. Knowlton of the Senate, and Messrs. Sowdon and Hastings of the House, dissent from the amendment to Rule No. 22.]

For the Committee,

T. J. HASTINGS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 15, 1880.

Accepted with an amendment at [A] inserting the words
“prior to the third reading of the bill or resolve.”

Sent up for concurrence.

GEO. A. MARDEN, *Clerk.*

