

HOUSE No. 584.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 13, 1890.

The committee on Rules, who were instructed to consider the expediency of reporting such amendments and additions to the House Rules as seem necessary and advantageous in order to perfect them before adoption by the next legislature, make the following report:—

House Rule 40 shall be amended to read as follows:—

“40. The consideration of an order or resolution proposed for adoption, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill or any motion to suspend joint rules eight, nine, twelve or thirteen, or House rules thirty, thirty-one, forty-four or forty-five shall be postponed without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request made, if any member asks such postponement.”

Rule 69 shall be amended in line two by inserting after the word “shall” the word “only.”

Rule 71 shall be amended so as to read as follows:—

“71. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes; but on a motion to reconsider a vote upon any subsidiary or incidental question, debate shall be limited to ten minutes, and no member shall occupy more than three minutes.”

Rule 79 shall be amended by inserting after the motion “to lay on the table” the motion “to refer to the next Gen-

eral Court;" also by striking out at the end thereof the motions "to refer to the next General Court, and to postpone indefinitely."

Rule 92 shall be amended to read as follows:—

"92. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall only be received when the bill is before the house for enactment."

In Rule 83 insert at the end the words "or upon referring to the next General Court."

Rule 101 shall be amended to read as follows:—

"101. Debate upon a motion to postpone to a time certain, or upon a motion for the suspension of any of the joint rules or House rules shall be limited to fifteen minutes, and no member shall occupy more than three minutes."

Rule 102 shall be amended by inserting after the word "forty-nine" the word "sixty-nine."

Also, an addition to rule 21 as follows:—

Petitions and orders shall, upon their introduction, be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules for report as to what disposition should be made of the same; the committee shall report upon each matter referred to it under this rule within one week from the time it is so referred.

For the Committee,

JOSIAH QUINCY.