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tion. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding of language which may need explanation. If the speaker *yield the floor* to another, he cannot claim it again. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than fifteen minutes at each time, on any question without leave of the Conference, which leave shall be granted without debate. All conversation, by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb the speaker or hinder the transaction of business, and passing between the speaker and the chair, shall be out of order.

COMMITTEES.

Committees shall be nominated by Conference (no member being allowed to nominate more than one on the same committee,) and nomination then confirmed by vote; or the committee may be named by the Moderator by request of the conference. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman, to call the committee together, but after it is convened a committee may elect its own chairman and secretary. Any subject under debate or any matter of business may be referred to a committee with or without instructions. All reports of committees shall be made in writing, signed by a majority. When a majority report is followed by a minority report from the same committee, the former, after being read, shall lie on the table until the latter is presented, after which it may be considered. A report of a committee may be re-committed when necessary for further investigation, or to present it in some more acceptable form. All reports when read shall be considered as properly before the body without a motion to accept.

VOTING.

Voting shall be done by "aye and nay," by standing up when a vote is close, or when it becomes necessary to count the affirmative and negative, and in special cases by ballot. The Moderator, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote. All members should vote on one side or the other unless excused. No motion, discussion, or other business shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.

LAYING ON THE TABLE.

Immediate action upon any subject may be deterred by laying on the table to special time or indefinitely. In the same *way* questions may be postponed.

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When a motion or resolution is before the body, the only motion in order shall be, 1st, to adjourn; 2nd, previous question; 3d, to lay on the table; 4th, to postpone indefinitely; 5th, to postpone to a time definite; 6th, to refer; 7th, to divide, if division is advisable; 8th, to amend, to take precedence as herein arranged. Motions to adjourn, when to adjourn simply, to take the previous question, and to lay on the table, must be decided without debate.

FILLING BLANKS.

Name suggested for filling blanks shall be voted on in order of their nomination, when different numbers and times are proposed, greatest number and longest time shall be voted on first.

RECONSIDERATION.

A motion to reconsider a motion previously passed must be made by one who voted in the affirmative when the motion passed, and if a vote to reconsider is lost it can not be renewed during the session.