

announced, the business before the House shall be immediately suspended, and the bearer of the Message introduced into the body of the House, to deliver the Message to the Speaker.

83. That the Speaker shall immediately read the Message to the House, and, if necessary, a day shall be fixed for taking the same into consideration.

84. That during the reading of a Message from the Governor, Members shall remain uncovered.

PETITIONS.

85. That no Petitions shall be presented after the House shall have proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

86. That it shall be incumbent on every Member presenting a Petition, to acquaint himself with the contents thereof, and to ascertain that it does not contain language disrespectful to the House.

87. That every Member presenting a Petition to the House, shall affix his name at the beginning thereof.

88. That every Petition shall be in writing.

89. That every Petition shall contain, at the end thereof, the prayer of the Petitioners.

90. That every Petition shall be signed by at least one person on every skin or sheet on which the Petition is written.

91. That every Petition shall be written in the English or in the Maori languages; and should any Member require the translation of any such Petition into the other language, the same shall be done by an authorised translator, under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

92. That every Petition shall be signed by the petitioners themselves, except in cases of incapacity by illness.

93. That no letters, affidavits, or other documents, shall be attached to any Petition, except in the case of Private Bills, as hereinafter mentioned.