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Commission in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Rules for this Commission, the By-Laws or law.

RULE 17. These Rules that have been adopted by this Commission may be temporarily suspended for a meeting, except as herein provided, by a vote of all Commission members present at that meeting. The Rules may be repealed, altered, or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Commission members, but motion for this purpose must be in writing and with detailed explanation of the reason for repeal, alteration or amendment, and lie over for at least one week after introduction before final passage.

RULE 18. The right of a member to address the Commission on a question of personal privilege shall be limited to cases in which his integrity, character, or motives are assailed, questioned or impugned, and such right shall be recognized by the Chairman. The right of a member to address the Commission on a question of personal privilege as herein defined shall not be limited by Rule 10.

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RULE 20. Every member who shall be present when a question is stated from the Chairman shall vote thereon, unless excused by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Commission, or unless

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3.	Recess (Immediate, short)	А	
4.	Question of Privilege (noisy, hot)		

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7.	Previous question (close debate)			R
8.	Limit or extend limits or debate		А	R
9.	Postpone or Postpone to a certain time	D	А	R
10.	Commit or Refer	D	А	R
11.	Amend	D	А	R
12.	Postpone Indefinitely (to kill)	D		R
13.	MAIN MOTION (May only be made when	D	А	R
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