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## **Votes and Proceedings**

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**PRAYERS**  
**1:30 P.M.**

**PRIÈRES**  
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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:-

Bill 63, An Act to amend the Building Code Act, 1992 with respect to storm water harvesting. Mr. Levac.

**DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI**

Le projet de loi suivant est présenté et lu une première fois:-

Projet de loi 63, Loi modifiant la Loi de 1992 sur le code du bâtiment en ce qui a trait à la récupération des eaux pluviales. M. Levac.

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The Speaker addressed the House as follows:-

Last week, I indicated to the House that I would consult with the Table on the issue of Introduction of Bills and specifically, the allowance of a brief explanation of purpose. I would like now to take the opportunity to clarify the meaning and principle behind that proceeding.

The introduction and first reading of a public bill is intended to allow the bill to be received so that it may be printed and distributed to Members of the House for their consideration. Most, if not all, Members will not yet be familiar with its contents. Often, the title of a bill is insufficient in terms of shedding any light on what it is that the bill is intended to do. For example, legislation requiring a certain speed limit on four hundred series highways might simply be titled: "An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act".

The intent of the brief explanation is to provide a more specific indication of the purpose of the bill. It is not however, the beginning of the debate on the bill. It should not contain any argument or justification; rather, it should outline in the most succinct terms what it is the bill will do. Any extemporaneous information, such as why the member is introducing the bill, who supports the bill or how it will benefit the citizenry, constitutes debate and is more properly part of the second reading stage of consideration.

Members are greatly aided in determining what the brief explanation of purpose is, in that each bill contains on the inside cover an "explanatory note". It is the essential contents of that note that may be shared with the House during "Introduction of Bills".

It is my view that, except in the case of an extraordinarily complex piece of legislation, the purpose of the bill can most often be explained in 30 seconds or less.

Members now have the benefit of this clarification and I am certain that in future they will be mindful of the rules respecting the brief explanation of purpose that attaches to the proceeding "Introduction of Bills".

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**PETITIONS**

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Petition relating to the Lord's prayer (Sessional Paper No. P-48) Mr. Ouellette.

Petition relating to the practice of competitive bidding for home care services (Sessional Paper No. P-50) M<sup>me</sup> Gélinas.

Petitions relating to the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre (Sessional Paper No. P-53) Mr. Arnott and Mrs. Elliott.

Petition relating to approving Bill 11 and amending the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (Sessional Paper No. P-55) Mr. Leal.

Petition relating to the Rouge Valley Health System and the Maternity Unit at Ajax-Pickering Hospital (Sessional Paper No. P-73) Ms. Jaczek.

Petition relating to promoting the development of a special, fixed permit as proposed by the Bikers Rights Organization (Sessional Paper No. P-74) Mr. Brown.

Petitions relating to unlawful firearms in vehicles (Sessional Paper No. P-75) Mr. Colle, Mr. Leal and Mrs. Mangat.

Petition relating to Provincial Highway 138 (Sessional Paper No. P-83) Mr. Brownell.

Petitions relating to fully funding the mental health beds and programs at Ajax Pickering Hospital (Sessional Paper No. P-84) Mrs. Elliott and Mr. Dunlop.

Petition relating to building the Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge (Sessional Paper No. P-85) Ms. MacLeod.

Petition relating to the Ontario SPCA (Sessional Paper No. P-86) Mr. Murdoch.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## ORDRE DU JOUR

Mr. Bryant moved,

M. Bryant propose,

That the Standing Orders be amended as follows:-

***Standing Order 2 is amended by deleting the definitions of “Sitting Day” and “Sessional Day” and substituting the following:***

"Sessional day" means any day on which the House meets.

**The word “sitting” in Standing Orders 37(b), 38(i), 42(c), 58, 69(b), 69(c), 97(d), 106, 113, 116 and 134(a) is replaced with the word “sessional”.**

***Standing Order 4(c) is deleted and the following substituted:***

4.(c) At the commencement of every Parliament, or from time to time as may be required, the House shall appoint 3 Deputy Chairs of the Committee of the Whole House, to be known respectively as the First, Second and Third Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, any of whom shall, in order of precedence, whenever the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House is absent or otherwise unable to act, be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House including those powers as Deputy Speaker.

***Standing Order 5 is amended by deleting the number “2” and substituting the number “3” and by deleting the number “4” and substituting the number “5”.***

***Standing Order 6(a) is amended by adding the following clauses:***

(a.1) With notice, the Government House Leader may propose a motion to extend the hours of meeting during the last 8 sessional days in the Fall and Spring sessional periods provided for in clause (a), and during any extension thereof.

(a.2) Such motion may stipulate that the House shall meet, as the case may be,

(i) Between the hours of 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., or

(ii) Between 6:45 p.m. and another specified time not later than midnight, or

(iii) Past the adjournment time set out in clause 8(a) and continuing to a specified time not later than midnight.

Such a motion may apply to one day or to more than one day and, in the latter case, shall specify whether sub-clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) apply to different days. The question on such a motion shall be put forthwith and without amendment or debate. If a recorded vote is requested by 5 members, the division bell shall be limited to 5 minutes.

***Standing Order 8(a) is deleted and the following substituted:***

8.(a) The weekly meeting schedule for the House when it is in session shall be:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Proceeding</b>
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Orders of the Day
	10:45 a.m.	Introduction of Visitors Oral Questions
	Following Oral Questions	Petitions
	Following Petitions	Recess
	1:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Members' Statements Reports by Committees Introduction of Bills Motions Statements by the Ministry and Responses Deferred Votes
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	5:45 p.m.	Adjournment

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Orders of the Day
	10:45 a.m.	Introduction of Visitors Oral Questions
	Following Oral Questions	Petitions
	Following Petitions	Recess
	3:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Members' Statements Reports by Committees Introduction of Bills Motions Statements by the Ministry and Responses Deferred Votes
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	5:45 p.m.	Adjournment

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Orders of the Day
	10:45 a.m.	Introduction of Visitors Oral Questions
	Following Oral Questions	Petitions
	Following Petitions	Recess
	3:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Members' Statements Reports by Committees Introduction of Bills Motions Statements by the Ministry and Responses Deferred Votes
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	5:45 p.m.	Adjournment

Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Orders of the Day
	10:45 a.m.	Introduction of Visitors Oral Questions
	Following Oral Questions	Petitions
	Following Petitions	Recess
	1:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Members' Statements Reports by Committees Introduction of Bills Motions Statements by the Ministry and Responses Deferred Votes
	Following Routine Proceedings	Private Members' Public Business
	Following Private Members' Public Business	Orders of the Day
	5:45 p.m.	Adjournment

***Standing Order 8(d) is deleted and the following substituted:***

8.(d) The House shall not meet during the week prescribed by the Regulations made under the *Education Act* for the school holiday in March or on New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, the day fixed for a civic holiday in August, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. When Canada Day falls on a Tuesday, the House shall not meet the preceding day.

***Standing Order 9 is deleted and the following substituted:***

9.(a) Except as provided in Standing Order 6(a.2)(iii) and in Standing Order 37, at the points each day when the House arrives at a recess or adjournment, as set out in Standing Order 8(a), such recess or adjournment shall, without motion, be Ordered from the chair.

(b) If on any day the House has not completed its morning proceedings by 12:30 p.m., the Speaker shall interrupt and immediately recess the House until Routine Proceedings.

(c) At the points each day when the House arrives at a transition from Orders of the Day to another proceeding as set out in Standing Order 8(a), the Speaker shall adjourn the matter then under consideration and shall call the next proceeding.

(d) Except in the case of motions to adjourn the House or the debate, the Speaker shall cause any recorded division required upon any proceeding held during Orders of the Day on any morning to be deferred to the Routine Proceeding "Deferred Votes" on that same day.

(e) When the House adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the Speaker has left the Chamber.

***Standing Order 11(e) is deleted.***

***Standing Order 24 is deleted and the following substituted:***

24.(a) Except where otherwise expressly provided by the Standing Orders, or by unanimous consent, no member shall speak in the House for more than 20 minutes.

(b) Notwithstanding clause (a), the first speaker for any recognized Party in the House may speak for not more than 60 minutes in the following circumstances:

- (i) debate on second reading of a government bill;
- (ii) debate on third reading of a government bill;

- (iii) debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne;
- (iv) debate on the Budget Motion;
- (v) debate on any other substantive government motion.

(c) Notwithstanding clause (a) no member shall speak for more than 10 minutes after 7 hours of debate on second or third reading of a government bill.

(d) At any time during a debate governed by this Standing Order, a member then speaking may divide his or her time among a member or members of his or her Party. Such speeches shall be given consecutively without rotation among the parties and shall be deemed to be a single speech for the purposes of Standing Order 25.

(e) In any debate where the available time is apportioned equally among the recognized Parties, the speaking time limits on individual members shall not apply.

***Standing Order 25(c) is deleted and the following substituted:***

25.(c) debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, but no such questions and comments shall be allowed following the speeches of the mover and the seconder of the motion for the Address, or the speeches of the members speaking first on behalf of the Official Opposition and the other recognized Opposition Parties.

***Standing Order 30(a) is deleted and the following substituted:***

30.(a) The Routine Proceedings are comprised of the following in the order that they appear under Standing Order 8(a):

- Members' Statements
- Reports by Committees
- Introduction of Bills
- Motions
- Statements by the Ministry and Responses
- Deferred Votes

30.(a.1) In addition there shall be further Proceedings called "Introduction of Visitors", "Oral Questions" and "Petitions".

***Standing Order 30(b) is deleted and the following substituted:***

The time allotted for Routine Proceedings each day shall not exceed 1.5 hours. At the end of that time the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and shall put every question necessary to dispose of the Routine Proceeding currently occupying the House, and any deferred votes, and immediately call Orders of the Day.

***Standing Order 34 is amended by striking out "9" in the third line and substituting "6(a.1)".***

***The following new Standing Order is added:***

35.1 Any member who wishes to have guests recognized shall provide the relevant information about the guests to the Speaker at least one hour prior to the commencement of Oral Questions each day and, at the Speaker's discretion, such guests shall be introduced under the Proceeding "Introduction of Visitors". It is out of order for any other guests to be introduced by any Member.

***Standing Orders 37(b) and (e) are deleted and the following substituted:***

37.(b) Where notice has been given and reasons filed, as provided in clause (a), at 5:45 p.m. on any Tuesday or Wednesday, the Speaker may deem that a motion to adjourn the House has been made, whereupon the matter in question may be debated for not more than 10 minutes, 5 minutes to be allotted to the member raising the matter and 5 minutes to the minister or to his or her parliamentary assistant to reply if he or she so wishes. No more than 3 such matters of which notice has been given and reasons filed shall be debated on any single sessional day. At the conclusion of such debate or debates the Speaker shall deem the motion to adjourn to be carried and shall adjourn the House to the next Sessional day.

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(e) When the House continues to meet past 5:45 p.m. on a government motion as provided in Standing Order 6(a.2)(iii), the adjournment proceeding under this Standing Order shall not apply.

***Standing Order 37(f) is amended by deleting the words “the next sessional day” in the 5th line and substituting “6:45 p.m.”***

***Standing Order 38(b) is deleted and the following substituted:***

38.(b) A member may present a petition in the House during the proceeding "Petitions". The member may make a brief statement summarizing the contents of the petition and indicating the number of signatures attached thereto.

***Standing Order 41(a) is amended by deleting “6 Sessional days” and substituting “12 hours”.***

***Standing Order 42 is deleted and the following substituted:***

42.(a) In each of the 2 periods provided for in Standing Order 6(a), there shall be 5 Sessional days to be known as Opposition Days.

Opposition Day debates:

- (i) Shall be limited to one per meeting week;
- (ii) Shall be designated to take place on either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon;
- (iii) Shall be distributed among the recognized Opposition Parties in proportion to their membership in the House;
- (iv) Shall be taken up upon the commencement of Orders of the Day in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, as the case may be, the time available being apportioned equally among the recognized Parties in the House; the time for a reply by the mover of the motion shall be included in the time apportioned to the Party of which the mover is a member;
- (v) Shall be limited to 2 hours if held on a Monday;
- (vi) Shall be prohibited during the last 8 sessional days in each of the 2 periods provided for in Standing Order 6(a), and during any extension thereof.

Opposition Day motions:

- (i) Shall be printed on the *Orders and Notices Paper* of the last sessional day of a week, and setting the day in the following week for its consideration;
- (ii) Shall contain the text of a non-amendable motion to be debated;
- (iii) Shall indicate the minister of the Crown to whom it is addressed;
- (iv) Shall not be a motion for second or third reading of a bill;
- (v) Shall not be considered on any day on which the Minister of Finance has given notice of his or her intention to present the Budget;

- (vi) Shall not be a motion of want of confidence in the government.
- (b) If more than one notice of an Opposition Day is filed on the same Wednesday, the Speaker shall select which one will be considered.
- (c) After 2 hours of debate on an Opposition Day held on a Monday, or at 5:35 p.m. on an Opposition Day held on a Tuesday or Wednesday, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put the question without further debate. If a recorded vote is requested, the division bells shall be limited to 10 minutes. Such vote may not be deferred.

***Standing Order 43(b) is amended by deleting “5:50 p.m.” and substituting “ 5:35 p.m.”***

***Standing Order 45(a) is deleted and the following substituted:***

45.(a) Motions to adjourn the House or the debate do not require notice, but a motion to adjourn the House may not be moved until following Routine Proceedings, except upon unanimous consent of the House.

***Standing Order 45 is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:***

45.(c.1) When a motion for the immediate adjournment of the House and a motion for the immediate adjournment of the debate have been defeated neither such motion shall again be made by the same Member in the course of the same debate.

***Standing Orders 46(b) and (c) are deleted and the following substituted:***

46.(b) 2 hours of debate, apportioned equally among the recognized Parties, shall be allotted to debate on the motion, at the end of which time the Speaker shall without further debate or amendment put every question necessary to dispose of the motion. If a recorded vote is requested by 5 members, division bells shall be limited to 10 minutes.

***Standing Order 46(d) is deleted and the following substituted:***

46.(d) A time allocation motion may not be moved until second reading debate has been completed or 6.5 hours of debate have taken place on second reading consideration of any government bill or on a substantive government motion. Upon completion of 6.5 hours of debate, or when the Member who has the floor at that point has completed his or her remarks, the Speaker shall deem the debate to be adjourned unless the Government House Leader specifies otherwise.

***Standing Order 57(a) is amended by adding the following:***

(a.1) On the day designated for the presentation of the Budget, the Speaker shall recess the House immediately following Routine Proceedings until 4:00 p.m., except that if Routine Proceedings have not been completed by 4:00 p.m., the provisions of Standing Order 30(b) shall apply.

(a.2) In any week when the Budget is presented on a Thursday the weekly meeting schedule of the House shall be altered such that Private Members' Public Business will not take place in that week.

***Standing Order 57(b) is deleted and the following substituted:***

57.(b) There shall be 8 hours allotted to the debate on the Budget motion and any amendments thereto, at the end of which time the Speaker shall without further debate or amendment put every question necessary to dispose of the Budget motion. If a recorded vote is requested by 5 members, the division bells shall be limited to 10 minutes.

***Standing Order 62(d) is deleted and the following substituted:***

62.(d) There shall be an Order for Concurrence placed on the *Orders and Notices Paper* for each of the Estimates reported from the Committee. There shall be 2 hours, apportioned equally among the recognized Parties, allotted to the debate on the Orders for Concurrence, at the end of which time the Speaker shall without further debate put every question necessary to dispose of the Order for Concurrence in Supply for each of the ministries and offices named in the Committee's report. No amendment to any question may be moved. If a recorded vote is requested by 5 members, all divisions shall be stacked, and there shall be a single 10 minute division bell.

***Standing Order 63 is deleted and the following substituted:***

63. Adoption of Orders for Concurrence shall constitute an Order to bring in a Supply Bill founded on the resolutions contained therein, and founded on the resolutions contained in the deemed Concurrences made pursuant to Standing Orders 60 and 61. 2 hours, apportioned equally among the recognized Parties, shall be allotted to the debate on the second reading stage of the Supply Bill, at the end of which time the Speaker shall without further debate or amendment put all questions necessary to dispose of this stage of the Bill. A Supply Bill given second reading shall be ordered for third reading, and the order for third reading shall then immediately be called and the Speaker shall put the question forthwith without further debate or amendment, no deferral under Standing Order 28(h) being permitted. In the case of any division under this Standing Order, the division bell shall be limited to 10 minutes.

***Standing Orders 66(b) and (c) are deleted and the following substituted:***

66.(b) 2 hours, apportioned equally among the recognized Parties, shall be allotted to debate on the Interim Supply motion, at the end of which time the Speaker shall without further debate or amendment put all questions necessary to dispose of the motion. If a recorded vote is requested by 5 members, the division bells shall be limited to 10 minutes.

***Standing Order 79 is amended by adding the following clause:***

(b.1) No government bill shall be called during Orders of the Day on both a morning and afternoon meeting of the House on the same sessional day without unanimous consent.

***Standing Orders 96(a), (b) and (c) are deleted and the following substituted:***

96.(a) 2.5 hours shall be allotted to the consideration of private members' public business on Thursdays, apportioned equally among 3 items of business as follows:

- (i) 12 minutes for the member moving a motion;
- (ii) A period of 12 minutes to be allotted in rotation for a representative or representatives of each of the recognized Parties in the House. The mover of the motion may speak a second time during the time provided for a representative or representatives of the Party of which he or she is a member;
- (iii) 2 minutes for a reply by the member moving the motion;
- (iv) The Speaker has the discretion to permit an independent member to speak for up to 5 minutes on the motion of another private member. In exercising his or her discretion, the Speaker shall have regard to the opportunities that members of recognized Parties have to participate in debate on other members' motions. An independent member shall give the Speaker notice of his or her intention to participate in the debate.

***Standing Order 96 is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:***

96.(d.1) Subject to subsection (g), members may exchange places in the order of precedence on the ballot list by providing to the Clerk of the House written notice of their arrangement to this effect, such written notice to be duly signed by the House Leaders of the affected members and to be provided by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday of the week preceding the week in which the item of business is to be considered.

***Standing Order 96(e) is deleted and the following substituted:***

96.(e) When the time allotted for the consideration of private members' public business has expired, the Speaker shall put all questions to the House. Divisions under this Standing Order shall be deferred and taken in succession. In such cases, the division bells shall be limited to 5 minutes. The House will continue to meet for the consideration of private members' public business until the necessary votes have been completed.

(e.1) If consideration of Private Members' Public Business under this Standing Order is concluded before the expiry of the allotted 2.5 hours, the Speaker shall suspend the House for the balance of such time before putting the questions to the House.

***Standing Order 106(a) is deleted and the following substituted:***

106.(a) Standing Committee on Justice Policy

106.(a.1) Standing Committee on Social Policy

***Standing Order 106(g) is deleted and the following substituted:***

106.(g) Standing Committee on Public Accounts which is empowered to review and report to the House its observations, opinions and recommendations on the Report of the Auditor General and the Public Accounts, which documents shall be deemed to have been permanently referred to the Committee as they become available; and

***Standing Order 106(h) is amended as follows:***

By deleting the words "section 12 of the *Regulations Act*, and having the terms of reference as set out in that section, namely" in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> lines of the first paragraph and substituting the words "section 33 of Part III (Regulations) of the *Legislation Act, 2006*, and having the terms of reference as set out in that section, namely: to be the Committee to which all regulations stand permanently referred; and";

and

By deleting the words "section 12(3) of the *Regulations Act*" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lines of the last paragraph and substituting "section 33 of Part III (Regulations) of the *Legislation Act, 2006*".

***Standing Order 109(a) is amended as follows:***

By deleting the words "clauses (a) and (b)" in the first line and substituting "clauses (a), (a.1) and (b)".

***Standing Order 124(a) is amended as follows:***

By deleting the words "Standing Order 106(a) or (b)" in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lines and substituting "Standing Order 106(a), (a.1) or (b)".

**At 12:01 a.m. on the first Monday following adoption of this motion, the Standing Orders as amended shall come into force on a provisional basis until 11:59 p.m. on the fourth Friday, following the resumption of the House in Fall, 2008.**

The provisional Standing Orders shall be deemed to be referred to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly, which is authorized to conduct a review of the Standing Orders during the 2008 Summer Adjournment of the House. The Committee shall present its report to the House containing its opinions, observations and recommendations on the Standing Orders of the Assembly no later than the first Thursday following the resumption of the House in Fall, 2008.

Any government substantive motion to extend or permanently adopt the provisional Standing Orders, and any amendments thereto, shall be called for debate no later than the third Thursday following the resumption of the House in Fall, 2008. The debate on such motion shall be limited to 1 hour, to be apportioned equally among the recognized Parties, at the end of which time the Speaker shall put every question necessary to dispose of the motion.

The Clerk of the House is authorized and instructed to print a revised and re-numbered edition of the Standing Orders, integrating the Provisional Standing Orders and making any necessary amendments in consequence thereof.

A debate arising, Mrs. Witmer then moved that the motion to amend the Standing Orders be amended as follows:-

The proposed new Standing Order 8(a) is struck out and the following substituted:

8.(a) The weekly meeting schedule for the House when it is in session shall be:

Day	Time	Proceeding
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Orders of the Day
	12:00 noon	Recess
	1:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Oral Questions Members' Statements Deferred Votes Introduction of Bills Reports by Committees Statements by the Ministry and Responses Motions Petitions
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	6:00 p.m.	Adjournment
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Oral Questions Members' Statements Deferred Votes Introduction of Bills Reports by Committees Statements by the Ministry and Responses Motions Petitions
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	6:00 p.m.	Adjournment

Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Orders of the Day
	12:00 noon	Recess
	1:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Oral Questions Members' Statements Deferred Votes Introduction of Bills Reports by Committees Statements by the Ministry and Responses Motions Petitions
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	6:00 p.m.	Adjournment

Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Private Members' Public Business
	12:00 noon	Recess
	1:00 p.m.	<b><u>Routine Proceedings:</u></b> Oral Questions Members' Statements Deferred Votes Introduction of Bills Reports by Committees Statements by the Ministry and Responses Motions Petitions
	Following Routine Proceedings	Orders of the Day
	6:00 p.m.	Adjournment

The proposed new Standing Orders 9(a), (b), (c) and (d) are struck out and the following substituted:

9.(a) Except as provided in Standing Order 6(a.2)(iii) and in Standing Order 37, at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the Speaker shall adjourn the House without motion until the next sessional day.

(b) At the points each day when the House arrives at a recess or adjournment, as set out in Standing Order 8(a), such recess or adjournment shall, without motion, be Ordered from the Chair.

The clause "Standing Order 11(e) is deleted" is struck out and the following substituted:

11.(e) If on Thursday morning the House is adjourned for lack of a quorum during the consideration of Private Members' Public Business, it shall stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m. of the same day.

The proposed new Standing Order 30(a) is struck out and the following substituted:

(a) At 3:30 p.m. on any day on which the House has not commenced Orders of the Day, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and shall put every question necessary to dispose of the Routine Proceeding currently occupying the House and immediately call Orders of the Day. However, Routine Proceedings shall continue past 3:30 p.m. to permit the Speaker to put every question on the deferred votes.

The proposed new Standing Order 30.(a.1) is struck out.

The proposed new Standing Order 35.1 is struck out

The proposed new Standing Order 37(b) is struck out and the following substituted:

(b) Where notice has been given and reasons filed, as provided in clause (a), at 6:00 p.m. on any Tuesday or Thursday, the Speaker may deem that a motion to adjourn the House has been made, whereupon the matter in question may be debated for not more than 10 minutes, 5 minutes to be allowed to the member raising the matter and 5 minutes to the minister or to his or her parliamentary assistant to reply if he or she so wishes. No more than 3 such matters of which notice has been given and reasons filed shall be debated on any single sitting day. At the conclusion of such debate or debates the Speaker shall deem the motion to adjourn to be carried and shall adjourn the House to the next Sessional day.

The proposed new Standing Order 37(e) is struck out and the following substituted:

(e) When the House continues to meet past 6:00 p.m. on a government motion as provided in Standing Order 6(a.2)(iii), the adjournment proceeding under this Standing Order shall not apply.

The proposed new Standing Order 38(b) is struck out.

The proposed new Standing Order 42 is struck out and the following substituted:

42. (a) In each of the 2 periods provided for in Standing Order 6(a), there shall be 5 Sessional days to be known as Opposition Days.

Opposition Day debates:

- i) Shall be limited to one per meeting week;
- ii) Shall be distributed among the recognized Opposition Parties in proportion to their membership in the House;
- iii) Shall be taken up upon the commencement of Orders of the Day following Routine Proceedings on the designated day, the time available to 5:50 p.m. being apportioned equally among the recognized Parties in the House;
- iv) Shall be prohibited during the last 8 sessional days in each of the 2 periods provided for in Standing Order 6(a), and during any extension thereof.

Opposition Day motions:

- i) Shall be filed on a Wednesday, to be printed on the next day's *Orders and Notices Paper*, and setting the day in the following week for its consideration;
- ii) Shall contain the text of a non-amendable motion to be debated;
- iii) Shall indicate the minister of the Crown to whom it is addressed;
- iv) Shall not be a motion for second or third reading of a bill;
- v) Shall not be considered on any day on which the Minister of Finance has given notice of his or her intention to present the Budget;
- vi) Shall not be a motion of want of confidence in the government.

(b) If more than one notice of an Opposition Day is filed on the same Wednesday, the Speaker shall select which one will be considered.

(c) If a recorded vote is requested on an Opposition Day motion, the division bells shall be limited to 10 minutes.

The clause "Standing Order 43(b) is amended by deleting '5:50 p.m.' and substituting '5:35 p.m.'", is struck out.

The proposed new Standing Order 57(a.1) is struck out and the following substituted:

(a.1) On the day designated for presentation of the Budget, the House shall recess immediately following Routine Proceedings and shall not meet again until 4:00 p.m., when the Order of the Day shall be for presentation of the Budget.

The proposed new Standing Order 57(a.2) is struck out.

The proposed new Standing Order 79(b.1) is amended by adding the following thereto:

If the House is meeting pursuant to Standing Order 6(a.2)(i) or (ii), a government bill shall not be called if it has previously been called during Orders of the Day on that same sessional day.

The proposed new Standing Orders 96(e) and (e.1) are struck out and the following substituted:

(e) When the time allotted for the consideration of Private Members' Public Business has expired or at 12:00 noon, whichever is later, the Speaker shall put all questions to the House. Divisions under this Standing Order shall be deferred and taken in succession. In such cases, the division bells shall be limited to 5 minutes. The House will continue to meet until the necessary votes have been completed at which time the Speaker shall leave the chair until 1:00 p.m.

The debate continued and, after some time, pursuant to Standing Order 9, the motion for the adjournment of the debate was deemed to have been made and carried.

Le débat se poursuit et après quelque temps, conformément à l'article 9 du Règlement, la motion d'ajournement du débat est réputée avoir été proposée et adoptée.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

À 18 h, la chambre a ensuite ajourné ses travaux.

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le président

**STEVE PETERS**

Speaker

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**QUESTIONS ANSWERED (SEE SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 5):-**

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