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# PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME

## Monday Mornings

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Private Members' Time on Monday mornings affords Private Members the opportunity to discuss matters of importance in their constituencies or the province at large that they may not necessarily have the opportunity to raise during other proceedings.

It takes place in the Chamber from 10 a.m. to 12 noon each Monday morning, and is comprised of Private Members' Statements, Private Members' Motions, and Private Members' Bills (also referred to as Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members).

### Standing Order 25 Orders of the Day.

Monday  
10 a.m. to 12 noon  
(*Private Members' Time*)

Private Members' Statements (10 a.m.)

Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members' Motions

Private Bills

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

No division, on Orders of the Day, will be taken in the House or in Committee of the Whole during Private Members' Time, but where a division is requested, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House on the Monday, unless otherwise ordered.

# LIST OF PRECEDENCE

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## Draw

At the earliest opportunity in a new Parliament, the Clerk of the House will conduct a draw to establish the assigned placement of Private Members to propose business for the duration of that Parliament.

The list is appended to Schedule D of the Orders of the Day, and is also available on the Legislative Assembly website under the “Parliamentary Business” menu on the “Session Overview” page.

The Member at the top of the list will have the first opportunity to move a Private Member’s motion or second reading of a Private Member’s bill. After the Member moves their item of business, their name is removed from the list and the next Member becomes eligible.

## Exchanging or Withdrawing Places

A Member may exchange their placement with another Member, or withdraw their place, by providing written notice of their intention using the supplied “Notice of List of Precedence Change” template.

On sitting days:

- By providing the notice to the Table during sitting hours.
- If exchanging places, both affected Members must sign the notice.

On non-sitting days:

- By e-mailing the details of the change to [OfficeoftheClerk@leg.bc.ca](mailto:OfficeoftheClerk@leg.bc.ca).
- If exchanging places, the other affected Member must be copied on the e-mail and reply indicating their consent.

Any changes to the List of Precedence will be noted on Schedule D, along with the date of the change.

## Deadline for Changes

All List of Precedence changes are requested to be communicated **no later than the end of the business day on the preceding Wednesday.**



## Preparing to Move Your Item of Business

Support will be provided by the Office of the Clerk to Members as they near the top of the list; however, Members are responsible for ensuring that their item of business is eligible to be moved when their name is at the top of the List of Precedence.

Members who are near the top of the List of Precedence should also be prepared to move their item of business as debate may move quickly depending on the time taken to debate the preceding motion or bill before the question is put.

## Indicating Item of Business Intended to Be Moved

If a Member has more than one item of business on Schedule D of the Order Paper, the Office of the Clerk will be in contact to request that the Member indicate which item of business they intend to move, and their intention will be denoted on Schedule D. If an item of business is not identified, the first eligible item that appeared on Schedule D will be denoted as the intended item.

Examples:

- If a Member has two motions on notice, the one with the lowest motion number will be indicated.
- If a Member has two bills showing as “printed” at second reading, the one with the lowest bill number will be indicated.
- If a Member has both a motion on notice and a bill showing as “printed” at second reading, the item that was first listed on Schedule D will be indicated.
- If a Member has a bill showing as “not printed” at second reading and a motion on notice, the motion will be indicated as the bill is not yet eligible for debate.

## Effect of Bill or Motion Ruled Out of Order

Bills or motions can be ruled out of order for reasons that include, but are not limited to:

- The inclusion of measures that involve the appropriation of public revenue or the introduction of any tax.
- Affect prerogatives of the Crown.
- Contain unparliamentary language.

If a Private Member’s bill or motion is ruled out of order, the item of business is removed from the Order Paper, and the Member’s name is

moved to the bottom of the List of Precedence, regardless of whether they have other items of business on the Order Paper.

### Changes to the Status of Private Members

A “Private Member” is any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is not in Cabinet, i.e., a member of the Executive Council. Parliamentary Secretaries and Presiding Officers, other than the Speaker, are Private Members.

When there is a new Private Member within a Parliament, such as when a sitting Member has a change in roles or when there is a new Member as a result of a by-election, they will be assigned to the bottom of the List of Precedence. If more than one Private Member is to be added at the same time, the Clerk will conduct a draw.

Should a Private Member be appointed to Cabinet, their name will be removed from the list.

### Unavailability of Sponsoring Member

If the sponsoring Member of a motion or bill is not available to move their business forward at the appointed time, leave, or unanimous consent, is required to enable another Private Member to take carriage of the motion or bill.

If leave is not granted, the item of business is dropped from the Order Paper and the Member is removed from the List of Precedence.

Alternatively, leave could be requested to enable another Private Member’s motion or Private Member’s bill to be debated without disturbing precedence of items on the Order Paper, that is, the House could debate another Private Member’s motion or Private Member’s bill while preserving the order of business already on Schedule D of the Order Paper for the next sitting.

### Reinstatement of Business After Prorogation

The List of Precedence and all Private Members’ business on Schedule D of the Order Paper continue for the life of a Parliament. All items of Private Members’ business from a previous Session will be reinstated on the Order Paper to their last stage of consideration at prorogation, therefore maintaining their order of precedence.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

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The first 30 minutes of Private Members' Time each Monday morning is dedicated to Private Members' Statements. Private Members' Statements are intended to provide Members with the opportunity to discuss a wide range of topics related to their constituencies or to the province at large. They are not subject to amendment, adjournment or vote.

### Time Limits

Statements are limited to 5 minutes each, although they can be shorter in duration, providing flexibility for more Members to participate within the 30 minutes dedicated to Private Members' Statements.

### Content Limitations

Statements must:

- Be confined to one matter.
- Not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session.
- Not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House, in respect to which a notice of motion has been previously given and not withdrawn.
- Not raise a question of privilege.

### Deadline for Names and Topics

Caucus Whips will confer to settle the names of participating Members for each Monday morning.

Names and topics must be provided to the Office of the Speaker (OfficeoftheSpeaker@leg.bc.ca) **by noon the preceding Thursday.**

# PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

When a Member’s name is at the top of the List of Precedence, they may move a Private Member’s motion during Monday morning Private Members’ Time, for which notice has been previously given.

TIME LIMITS	
Maximum: 75 minutes	
Mover	5 min
Any other Member	5 min
Mover in reply to close debate	5 min



Divisions deferred to 30 minutes prior to daily adjournment



Two days’ notice required; must be submitted by the preceding Wednesday



Eligible to be moved when listed on Schedule D under “Private Members’ Motions on Notice”

## Notice

Two days’ notice is required for Private Members’ motions. The Member must submit the notice of motion to the Clerks at the Table in the Chamber on the supplied “Notice of Motion” template while the House is sitting. Notices of motion cannot be accepted by staff in the Office of the Clerk.

The notice of motion appears on the *Votes and Proceedings* for two sitting days before it is added to Schedule D of the Order Paper. Once the motion is listed on Schedule D, it is eligible to be moved in accordance with the List of Precedence.

Members may share their proposed motion with the Clerks at the Table to seek advice or highlight potential issues in advance of submitting notice.

## Notice Deadline

Notice may be provided on any sitting day; however, in order for a motion to be eligible to be moved on a Monday morning, the notice of motion must

be submitted to the Table **no later than the preceding Wednesday** in order to meet the two days' notice requirement.

Please note that notice of a motion intended to be moved on a Monday following a break week must be submitted by the Wednesday during the sitting week prior to the break.

### Debating the Motion

The Member stands to be recognized by the Chair at the appointed time and moves the motion by reading it aloud. The Member then makes remarks followed by any other Members wishing to participate in debate. The mover may also make closing remarks. Amendments may be proposed without notice, and must be submitted in writing.

If the sponsoring Member is not available to move their motion, leave is required to enable another Private Member to take carriage of the motion.

If leave is not granted, the motion is dropped from the Order Paper and the Member is removed from the List of Precedence.

Alternatively, leave could be requested to enable another Private Member's motion or Private Member's bill to be debated without disturbing precedence of items on the Order Paper, that is, the House could debate another Private Member's motion or Private Member's bill while preserving the order of business already on Schedule D of the Order Paper for the next sitting.

### Adjourned Debate

If it is time for the sitting to be adjourned and the maximum time limit of 75 minutes has not elapsed and more Members wish to participate in debate, debate can be adjourned, and the item of business will take precedence on the Order Paper for the next Monday morning Private Members' Time.

### Putting the Question

If the maximum time limit has elapsed, or no other Members wish to participate in debate, the Chair will put the question.

### Divisions

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, if a division is requested on a Private Member's motion, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House. Unless otherwise

ordered, the House adjourns at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays; therefore, the division would be held at 6 p.m.

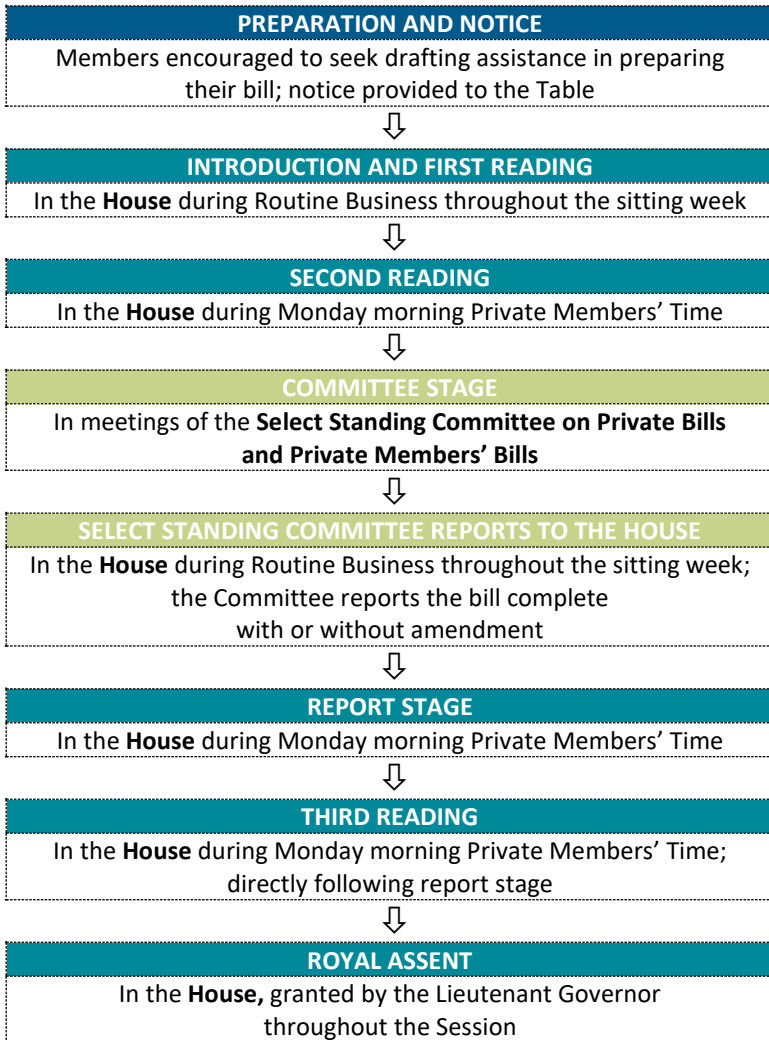
### **Motions Ruled Out of Order**

If a Member moves a motion that is ruled out of order by the Chair, debate on the motion does not continue and the motion is removed from the Order Paper. The Member's name is moved to the bottom of the List of Precedence, regardless of whether they have other items of business on the Order Paper.

# PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

## LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Private Members' bills follow a different legislative process than Government bills or Private bills. The key difference is that committee stage takes place in a parliamentary committee.



## PREPARATION AND NOTICE

### Preparation

The Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel provides confidential legislative drafting services for bills and amendments to all Private Members.

Members are strongly encouraged to seek drafting assistance well in advance of when they intend to introduce and move first reading of a Private Member's bill to address issues of law, ensure their bills are properly drafted – that is, consistent in form with the British Columbia Statute Book and reflects the policy that they wish to advance – and avoid being moved to the bottom of the List of Precedence due to having a bill ruled out of order.

After a bill has been drafted, it may take many days before it can be debated during Private Members' Time. The following steps should be factored into timing considerations:

- Two days' notice must be provided before it can be introduced and read a first time.
- After introduction and first reading, sufficient time must be provided to work with the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel before the draft bill is finalized; time may be dependent on whether or not the Member availed themselves of the drafting assistance noted above.
- Once the bill is finalized, two to three business days is required to print and distribute the bill.

Depending on volume and capacity, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel may prioritize drafting requests according to a Member's placement on the List of Precedence.

Contact:

S. Suzie Seo, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel

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### Notice

Two days' notice is required before a Private Member's bill can be introduced. The Member must submit a notice of bill to the Clerks at the Table in the Chamber on the supplied "Notice of Bill" template while the House is sitting. Notices of bill cannot be accepted by staff in the Office of the Clerk.



The notice of bill appears on the *Votes and Proceedings* for two sitting days before it is added to the Order Paper under “Introduction of Bills.” Once the bill is listed on the Order Paper, it is eligible to be introduced.

It is recommended that Members discuss their proposed bill with the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel in advance of notice being given to ensure the bill is in a state of readiness and can be printed soon after introduction and first reading.

# INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

A bill must be introduced and read a first time before it can be debated during Private Members’ Time. Private Members’ bills are introduced and read a first time in the House throughout the sitting week.

After first reading, the bill is reviewed by the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, as required by the Standing Orders, and printed and distributed.

TIME LIMITS	
Maximum: 2 minutes	
Mover	2 min



Divisions taken immediately upon request



Two days’ notice required



Eligible to be introduced when listed the Order Paper under “Introduction of Bills”

## Introducing the Bill

Bills are introduced during Routine Business throughout the sitting week when the Clerk calls for “Introduction of Bills” at the outset of each morning and afternoon sitting.

The Member stands to be recognized by the Chair and introduces their bill. The Member then makes a two-minute statement explaining the purpose and submits the draft bill to the Table. The Chair will put the question on first reading. If it passes, the Member moves the next motion, which is, “that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.” If the second motion passes, the bill is listed on Schedule D of the Order Paper for second reading with the notation “not printed.”

## Bills “Not Printed” on the Order Paper

The bill may only proceed to second reading after it has been printed and distributed.

Following introduction and first reading, Private Members' bills are listed on Schedule D of the Order Paper with the notation, "not printed." The bill is then reviewed by the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, who may need to work with the Member to finalize the bill before authorizing it to be printed. When the bill has been printed and distributed, it is noted as "printed" on the Order Paper.

The length of time it takes for a bill to be printed can depend on the bill's readiness at introduction and whether or not the Member has consulted the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel when drafting the bill, as well as printing availability and timing. Generally, bills that are introduced in good form are printed within 2-3 business days of introduction.

### **Bills Ruled Out of Order**

A Private Member's bill may be ruled out of order by the Speaker. This would take place throughout the sitting week during Routine Business, after the bill has been printed. The ruling is final, and the sponsoring Member may not make representations.

If a Private Member's bill is ruled out of order, it is removed from the Order Paper, and the Member's name is moved to the bottom of the List of Precedence, regardless of whether they have other items of business on the Order Paper.

As noted earlier, bills can be ruled out of order for reasons that include, but are not limited to:

- The inclusion of measures that involve the appropriation of public revenue or the introduction of any tax or impost.
- Affect prerogatives of the Crown.
- Contain unparliamentary language.

## SECOND READING

When a Member’s name is at the top of the List of Precedence, they may move second reading of a Private Member’s bill during Monday morning Private Members’ Time.

The bill must have previously been introduced and passed first reading at a previous sitting, and sufficient time must have also been provided for the bill to be printed and distributed.

When the bill is showing as “printed” on Schedule D of the Order Paper, it is eligible for second reading.

TIME LIMITS	
Maximum: 75 minutes	
Mover	10 min
Any other Member	10 min
Mover in reply to close debate	5 min



Divisions deferred to 30 minutes prior to daily adjournment



Eligible to be moved when listed on Schedule D under “Second Reading” with the notation “printed”

### Second Reading Debate

The sponsoring Member stands to be recognized by the Chair at the appointed time and moves second reading of their Private Member’s bill. The Member then makes second reading remarks, followed by any other Members wishing to participate in debate. The mover may also make closing remarks.

### Second Reading Amendments

The three motions in amendment to second reading stage, six months’ hoist, reasoned amendment and referral of the subject matter to a parliamentary committee, are applicable to Private Members’ bills.

### Adjourned Debate

If it is time for the sitting to adjourn and the maximum time limit has not elapsed and more Members wish to participate in debate, debate can be

adjourned, and the item of business will take precedence on the Order Paper for the next Monday morning Private Members' Time.

### Putting the Question

If the maximum time limit has elapsed, or no other Members wish to participate in debate, the Chair will put the question.

If second reading passes, the bill stands committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills for committee stage.

If second reading is negatived, the bill is defeated.

### Divisions

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, if a division is requested during second reading stage consideration, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House. Unless otherwise ordered, the House adjourns at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays; therefore, the division would be held at 6 p.m.

## COMMITTEE STAGE

Committee stage consideration of Private Members' bills is conducted by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

### Time Limit

From the time the bill is committed, the Committee has a maximum of 30 sitting days to complete its work and report the bill back to the House.

### Process

The Committee considers the bill clause-by-clause and may amend the bill. To inform its review of the bill, the Committee may seek information from the sponsoring Member as well as input from the public.

### Role of the Sponsoring Member

Once a bill has been committed, the Parliamentary Committees Office will reach out to the sponsoring Member with more details about committee stage. This will include step-by-step information about the Committee's process as well as guidance on the sponsor's role.

### Select Standing Committee's Report to the House

Once the Committee has completed committee stage consideration of a bill, the Chair will report the bill back to the House during Routine Business throughout the sitting week. There is no motion moved and no question put in relation to the Chair's report.

### Bill Reported Complete Without Amendment

If the bill is reported complete without amendment, it is listed on Schedule D of the Order Paper under "Report" and is eligible for debate at report stage the next Monday morning Private Members' Time.

### Bill Reported Complete With Amendment

If the bill is reported complete with amendment, it must be reprinted as a report bill before it can proceed further. A report bill details the amendments made, showing deletions or insertions with strike-through or underlined text as required.

The bill will be listed on Schedule D of the Order Paper under "Report" with the notation "not reprinted." Once the report bill has been printed and distributed, the notation will change to "reprinted." The bill is then eligible to proceed to report stage.

# REPORT STAGE

As committee stage for Private Members’ bills takes place in a parliamentary committee with defined membership, debate at report stage provides Members who are not on the Committee the opportunity to make remarks and address amendments arising out of committee stage.

If the Committee has reported the bill “complete without amendment” at a previous sitting, it is eligible for report stage at the next Monday morning Private Members’ Time. If the bill has been reported “complete with amendment,” it must be reprinted with the amendments before it can be considered further.

When the bill is showing as “printed” (or “reprinted” if the bill has been amended) on Schedule D of the Order Paper under the heading “Report,” it is eligible for report stage.

TIME LIMITS	
Maximum: 15 minutes	
Each Member	3 min



Divisions deferred to 30 minutes prior to daily adjournment



Eligible to be moved when listed on Schedule D under “Report” with the notation “printed” or “reprinted”

## Report Stage Debate

The sponsoring Member stands to be recognized by the Chair at the appointed time and moves “that the bill be concurred in at report stage.” The Member then makes their remarks followed by any other Members wishing to participate in debate. The sponsoring Member may also close debate.

## Putting the Question

If the maximum time limit of 15 minutes has elapsed, or no other Members wish to participate in debate, the Chair will put the question.

If report stage passes, the bill proceeds directly to third reading.

If report stage is negatived, the bill is defeated.

## Divisions

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, if a division is requested during report stage, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House. Unless otherwise ordered, the House adjourns at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays; therefore, the division would be held at 6 p.m.



# THIRD READING

Third reading of a Private Member’s bill directly follows the adoption of Report Stage, or when the bill is showing under the heading “Third Reading” on Schedule D of the Order Paper.

TIME LIMITS	
Maximum: 20 minutes	
Mover	5 min
Any other Member	5 min
Mover in reply to close debate	2 min



Divisions deferred to 30 minutes prior to daily adjournment



Eligible to be moved directly following the adoption of Report Stage or when listed on Schedule D under “Third Reading”

## Third Reading Debate

The sponsoring Member stands to be recognized by the Chair at the appointed time and moves third reading of the bill. The Member then may make third reading remarks, followed by any other Members wishing to participate in debate. The mover may also make closing remarks.

Debate at third reading, at the discretion of the Chair, is limited to matters contained in the contents of the bill, or new viewpoints arising out of amendments made at committee stage.

## Third Reading Amendments

The three motions in amendment to second reading stage, six months’ hoist, reasoned amendment and referral of the subject matter to a parliamentary committee, may also be applied to third reading.

## Putting the Question

If the maximum time limit has elapsed, or no other Members wish to participate in debate, the Chair will put the question.

If third reading passes, the bill is eligible for Royal Assent.

If third reading is negatived, the bill is defeated.

## Divisions

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, if a division is requested during third reading stage consideration, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House. Unless otherwise ordered, the House adjourns at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays; therefore, the division would be held at 6 p.m.

## SCRIPTS

## Introduction and First Reading

**The Member having previously provided two days' notice, the bill is listed under the heading "Introduction of Bills" on the Order Paper.**

**After Introduction of Bills is called, the Member stands to be recognized by the Speaker.**

**MEMBER:** Hon. Speaker, I move that a Bill intituled [state name of bill], of which notice has been given in my name on the Order Paper, be introduced and read a first time now.

*The Member may make a two-minute statement explaining the purpose of the bill.  
The Speaker does not put the question until the Member has concluded.*

**SPEAKER:** Members, the question is first reading of the bill. All those in favour, say, "aye," all those opposed, say "nay."

**If the motion passes:**

**SPEAKER:** Member....

**MEMBER:** Hon. Speaker, I move that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

**SPEAKER:** Members you have heard the question, all those in favour say, "aye," all those opposed, say "nay."

*Speaker announces the results.*

*The Member hands the bill to the Chamber Attendant to deliver to the Table.*

*The bill is now before the House and takes its place on the Order Paper.*

## Second Reading

**When a Member's name reaches the top of the List of Precedence on Schedule D of the Order Paper, they may move second reading of their Private Member's bill previously introduced and read a first time. The bill must be showing as "printed" under the heading "Second Reading."**

**MEMBER:** I move that Bill (No. M \*\*\*) be now read a second time.

*The Chair does not put the question, and the Member begins second reading remarks followed by any other Members wishing to participate in debate.*

*When debate has approached 75 minutes, or there are no more Members wishing to participate, the Chair will recognize the sponsoring Member to close debate.*

**SPEAKER:** The Member closes debate. Member....

*The Member makes closing second reading remarks.*

**SPEAKER:** The question is second reading of Bill (No. M \*\*\*). All those in favour, say "aye," all those opposed, say "nay."

### **If the motion passes:**

**SPEAKER:** Members, pursuant to Standing Order 84A (1), the bill stands committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

#### **Notes:**

- *If 75 minutes have not elapsed and there are still Members wishing to speak, debate may be adjourned until the next Private Members' Time.*
- *If the Member sponsoring the bill is not present in the Chamber to close debate, the Chair will forthwith put any necessary question to dispose of the main question.*
- *Divisions called during Private Members' Time will be deferred until 30 minutes prior to adjournment of the sitting day.*

## Committee Report to The House

**When committee stage is complete, the Committee reports the bill to the House during Routine Business throughout the sitting week.**

The Committee Chair tables the report from the Committee, which details any amendments passed.

*The Speaker recognizes the Member sponsoring the bill.*

**MEMBER:** Hon. Speaker, I rise to present the report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills on Bill (No. M \*\*\*). Mr. Speaker, the Committee reports the bill complete with/without amendment.

*There is no debate on the presentation of the report, and no question is put.*

## Report Stage

If the Committee has reported the bill “complete without amendment” it can proceed to report stage at the next opportunity.

If the Committee has reported the bill “complete with amendment,” it must be reprinted with the amendments before it can be considered further.

When the bill is showing as “printed” or “reprinted” on Schedule D of the Order Paper under the heading “Report,” it is eligible for report stage.

**CHAIR:** Members, the next item on the Order Paper is Report Stage of Bill (No. M \*\*\*) intituled \*\*.

**MEMBER:** I move that Bill (No. M \*\*\*) intituled \*\* [as amended] be concurred in at report stage.

*The Chair does not put the question. The Member may make remarks followed by any other Member wishing to participate in debate (each Member is allotted a maximum of 3 minutes).*

*When debate has approached 15 minutes, or there are no more Members wishing to participate, the Chair will recognize the sponsoring Member to close debate.*

**CHAIR:** Members, the question is that Bill (No. M \*\*\*) be concurred in at report stage. All those in favour, say ‘aye’, all those opposed, say ‘nay’.

*If the motion passes, the bill proceeds directly to third reading.*

*If the motion is negatived, the bill is defeated.*

## Third Reading

**The Bill has passed report stage and is proceeding to third reading.**

*The Speaker recognizes the sponsoring Member.*

**MEMBER:** Hon. Chair, I move third reading of Bill (No. M \*\*\*).

*The Member may make third reading remarks followed by any other Members wishing to participate in debate.*

*When debate has approached 20 minutes, or there are no more Members wishing to participate, the Chair will recognize the sponsoring Member to close debate.*

**SPEAKER:** The Member closes debate. Member....

*The Member may make closing third reading remarks.*

**SPEAKER:** The question is third reading of Bill (No. M \*\*\*). All those in favour, say “aye,” all those opposed, say, “nay.”

**If the motion passes:**

**SPEAKER:** Members, the motion for third reading of Bill (No. \*) intituled \* is carried and the bill has passed.

### **Notes:**

- *If 20 minutes have not elapsed and there are still Members wishing to speak, debate will be adjourned until the next Private Members’ Time.*
- *If the Member sponsoring the bill is not present in the Chamber to close debate, the Chair will forthwith put any necessary question to dispose of the main question.*
- *Divisions called during Private Members’ Time will be deferred until 30 minutes prior to adjournment of the sitting day.*



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