

STANDING ORDERS 63-64

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

Private Member's Day

63. (1) The determination of which Private Member's motion shall be called by the Speaker on Private Member's Day rests with each side of the House, with the Speaker calling a motion from each side of the House on a weekly alternating basis.

(2) At the beginning of a new session the Speaker shall follow the custom of recognizing a Private Member's motion from the Opposition side of the House on the first Private Member's Day.

(3) On the Monday before the Wednesday of the week in which a Private Member's motion is to be debated, the Government House Leader or the Opposition House Leader, as the case may be, shall announce to the House the Private Member's motion to be debated on that Wednesday.

(4) A Private Member's motion shall be debated for not more than one sitting day and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the close of the day the motion then under consideration shall be put by the Speaker, if the debate has not concluded by that time.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 46, no Member may speak for more than 15 minutes on the debate on a Private Member's motion.

(6) The Member introducing a Private Member's motion has the right to close the debate and if at 4:45 o'clock on the day of debate on the motion the debate has not been concluded, the Speaker shall recognize that Member who shall then close the debate.

(7) On Wednesday the question period shall commence not later than 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and the ordinary daily routine of business shall end not later than 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at that time the Private Member's motion shall be called by the Speaker.

(8) In recognizing motions introduced by Members who sit in the Opposition, the Speaker shall ensure that motions made by Opposition Members who do not sit with the Official Opposition are called for debate in proportion to the number of those Members to

the number of all the Members who sit in the Opposition, with the intent that each Member sitting in the Opposition shall have an opportunity to introduce a Private Member's motion once during a Session.

(SO 53.1 added 1979 R&S 1995)

*Private Member's
notice of motion*

64. (1) When a Private Member's notice of motion shall have been twice called from the Chair, and not proceed with, it shall be dropped, provided that it may be placed at the foot of the list on the Order Paper upon motion made after due notice.

(2) If the notice of motion thus restored is again called from the Chair and not proceeded with, it shall be withdrawn from the Order Paper.

(3) No Private Member shall have more than one notice of motion at a time on the Order Paper.

(4) This Standing Order shall not apply to notices of motions for the production of papers.

(1951 SO 38)