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STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

In Cases Not Provided for—Mr. Speaker to Decide

1. In all cases not hereinafter provided for Mr. Speaker shall decide, taking for his guide the rules, forms and usages of the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in force for the time being, so far as the same can be applied to the proceedings of the Council.

PART II

INTERPRETATION

2. In these Standing Orders, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

“Clerk” means the Clerk of the Council, or, if he is absent, or if the office is vacant, such other person for the time being performing the duties of the Clerk by direction of Mr. Speaker.

“Meeting” means the sittings of the Council commencing at the beginning of a session or when summoned pursuant to Standing Order 5 and terminating when the Council is adjourned *sine die* or at the conclusion of a Session.

“Session” means the meetings of the Council commencing when the Council first meets after prorogation or dissolution and terminating when the Council is prorogued or dissolved.

“Sitting” means a period during which the Council is sitting continuously without adjournment and includes any period during which the Council is in Committee. For the purposes of this definition, interruption of business pursuant to Standing Order 10 shall be deemed to be an adjournment.

“Unofficial Members” means Elected and Representative Members.

PART III

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS

Proceedings on the Meeting of a New Council

3. On the first day of the meeting of a new Council for the despatch of business pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation, Members having met at the time and place appointed—

(a) the Council shall await the arrival of the Governor who shall be announced and introduced by the Clerk;

- (b) the Governor shall announce the name of the person whom he has appointed to be Speaker and of the Member whom he has appointed to preside at the meetings of the Council in the absence of the Speaker; and after such persons have been presented to him by the Clerk, the Governor will withdraw at his pleasure;
- (c) a list of the names of the Members nominated or elected to serve in the Council, having been delivered to the Clerk, shall be laid by the Clerk on the Table, and the Members whose names appear therein shall then be called in alphabetical order and shall take the oath or affirmation as required by law;
- (d) the Speaker shall then take the Chair and the Council shall proceed to the business of the day.

**Proceedings at the Commencement of a Session Other Than a Session
After a General Election**

4. On the first day of a session, other than the first session after a General Election, the Council shall meet at a time and place appointed by the Governor's Proclamation and shall proceed to the business of the day.

Summoning of Council During a Session After Adjournment Sine Die

5. (i) Where during a session Mr. Speaker adjourns the Council *sine die*, the next meeting of the Council shall be on the day appointed by Mr. Speaker in pursuance of a request made to him by the Government.

(ii) The day appointed for a meeting of the Council under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be notified in the *Official Gazette* not later than fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting:

Provided that in case of an emergency, the notification may be for such shorter period as the circumstances of the case may require.

6. Where a Member is nominated or elected at any time after the first meeting of a new Council, he shall be brought to the Table by two Members and presented by them to Mr. Speaker, who shall then administer to him the oath or affirmation as required by law.

**PART IV
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES
APPOINTMENT OF**

7. The Member appointed by the Governor to preside at meetings of the Council in the absence of Mr. Speaker shall be Chairman of Committees.

Chairman of all Committees of the Whole Council

8. The Chairman of Committees shall be Chairman of all Committees of the whole Council.

Mr. Speaker to Take Chair if Chairman of Committee Absent

9. If the Chairman of Committees be absent or for any other cause be unable to take the Chair of any Committee of the whole Council, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair during his absence.

PART V

SITTINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF COUNCIL

Hours of Meeting

10. (1) Unless otherwise ordered and subject to the provisions of the Standing Orders, the Council shall sit at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week during a meeting of the Council and shall, unless previously adjourned, continue to sit until 12.30 p.m. when Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees shall interrupt the business then under consideration and if the Council be in Committee the Chairman shall leave the Chair and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

(2) On the interruption of business, the closure may be moved; and if moved, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall not leave the Chair until the Question consequent thereon has been decided.

With Division Pending or in Progress at Time Appointed for Interruption of Business

11. If at the time appointed for Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees to interrupt business before the Council or a Committee of the whole Council, as the case may be, any division is in progress, or a Question is being put from the Chair and a division results immediately thereon, such interruption shall be deferred until after the declaration of numbers.

No Further Business Taken After the Time Appointed for Interruption Except as Provided Herein

12. (a) After the time appointed for the interruption of business by Mr. Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, no further business or other proceedings may be taken at the same sitting of the Council other than such as are provided for by paragraph (b) of this Standing Order.

(b) A Motion for the adjournment of the Council may be moved by any Member at 12.30 p.m.; and, if moved, Mr. Speaker shall, after the expiration of half-an-hour after the Motion has been moved, adjourn the Council without putting any Question.

(c) A Motion may be moved by an *ex officio* Member that the proceedings of any specified business be exempted at that day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order 10 and this Standing Order.

Debate Interrupted Under This Part of Standing Orders to be Resumed at Point Where Interrupted

13. Any debate interrupted by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees under the provisions of this Part of the Standing Orders shall on coming again before the Council or the Committee be resumed at the point where the same was interrupted as if it were a continuous debate, and any Member whose speech was interrupted by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees shall have the right to speak first on such resumption for the remainder of the time available to him. If such Member does not avail himself of this right, his speech shall be deemed to have been concluded.

Special Adjournment Motion on Definite Matter of Urgent Public Importance

14. If any Member rising in his place shall propose to move the adjournment of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, he shall either obtain the leave of the Council or if such leave is refused, the assent of not less than ten Members who shall thereupon rise in their places to support the Motion. If leave is given or the Motion is so supported, the Motion shall be moved at such time as Mr. Speaker shall order on the same day.

Limitation on Motions for Adjournment

15. Except in cases expressly provided for by these Standing Orders, the adjournment of the Council may be moved only by an *ex officio* Member.

PART VI

QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL

Quorum

16. A quorum of the Council or of a Committee of the whole Council shall be six Members excluding any Member who may be presiding over the Council.

Procedure Where Quorum Not Present

17. If at any time after the business of the Council has commenced, or when the Council is in Committee, the attention of Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees is called to the fact that there is not a quorum present or if on the report of a division it appears that a quorum be not present, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall count the Council or the Committee, as the case may be. If on the first count a quorum does not appear to be present, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall cause the division bell to be rung, as on a division, and if no quorum be present before the expiration of three minutes from the commencement of the ringing of the bell, he shall, after the lapse of such further time as he may deem reasonable, announce to the Council or to the Committee, as the case may be, that there is not a quorum present and shall proceed as follows:—

- (a) If Mr. Speaker be in the Chair he shall adjourn the Council without question put until the next sitting day.
- (b) If the Council be in Committee, the Chairman shall suspend the sitting of such Committee and report the fact to Mr. Speaker, who shall count the Council, and, if necessary, order the bell to be rung as hereinbefore provided and allow such further time for the forming of the Council as he may deem reasonable. If after the lapse of such further time no quorum is present, he shall announce that fact to the Council and shall adjourn the Council.

Whenever Mr. Speaker or the Chairman, as the case may be, is engaged in counting the Council or the Committee respectively, the doors shall remain unlocked. No decision shall be held to have been arrived at by any division which discloses the absence of a quorum.

PART VII

RECORDS AND JOURNALS

Journals of the Council

18. All proceedings of the Council shall be noted by the Clerk and shall constitute the Journals of the Council.

Custody of Journals and Records

19. The custody of the Journals and records, and of all papers and accounts whatsoever presented to or belonging to the Council, shall be in the Clerk, who shall neither take, nor permit to be taken, any of such Journals, records, papers or accounts from the Council or offices without an order of the Council or by the leave or order of Mr. Speaker.

PART VIII
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Order Paper to be Prepared and Circulated

20. The Order Paper shall be prepared by the Clerk, showing the business to be placed before or taken by the Council, in the order in which it is to be taken and the days for which it is set down, together with such other information as Mr. Speaker may from time to time direct to be shown therein; such Order Paper shall be circulated on every sitting day as early as possible before the Council meets.

Order of Business

21. After prayers have been read by Mr. Speaker, the Council shall proceed each day with ordinary and other business in the following order:—

- (i) Administration of the Oath;
- (ii) Communications from the Chair;
- (iii) Presentation of Petitions;
- (iv) Presentation of Papers;
- (v) Giving Notices of Motions;
- (vi) Questions of which Notice has been given;
- (vii) Orders of the Day and Motions in the order in which they are set down on the Order Paper.

Orders of the Day to be Read Without Question Put

22. Mr. Speaker shall direct the Clerk to read the Orders of the Day without any Question being put.

Order of Disposing of Orders of the Day and Motions

23. The Orders of the Day and Motions shall be disposed of in the order in which they stand upon the Paper:

Provided that the Government shall have the right to have Government Orders of the Day and Motions placed upon the Order Paper in the order in which they are to be taken.

Procedure for Unofficial Members' Business

24. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Part of these Standing Orders, on at least one day in every week during a meeting of the Council, Unofficial Members' business shall have precedence.

Varying Time or Day of Sitting

25. An *ex officio* Member may move a Motion proposing to alter or vary the time for the commencement or termination of a sitting on any of the sitting days appointed by these Standing Orders, or to provide or fix the time for the commencement and termination of a sitting on a Monday or a Saturday.

PART IX QUESTIONS

Questions to Ex Officio Members

26. Questions may be put to an *ex officio* Member relating to public affairs with which he is officially connected, to proceedings in the Council, or to any matter of administration for which he is responsible.

Notice to be Given of Questions

27. Notice of Questions shall be given by Members in writing to the Clerk at the Table.

Questions Unanswered When Meeting of Council Terminated

28. If any Question is unanswered when a meeting of the Council is terminated, such Question shall be answered at the next meeting in the same session, or, if the Member asking the Question so desires, a written answer shall be sent to him and such answer shall, if the Member so requests, be printed in the Official Report of the Council Debates.

Supplementary Questions

29. Where a Question is answered in the Council, any Member asking such supplementary Questions as may be necessary to elucidate the answer to such Question shall not introduce any matter not included in the original Question.

Certain Questions Not Allowed

30. (1) Questions shall be concise and shall not contain—

(a) statements of fact or names of persons unless they are strictly necessary to render the Question intelligible; and when a Question includes a statement of fact, the Member asking the Question shall make himself responsible for the accuracy thereof;

(b) arguments, inferences, imputations, epithets, ironical expressions, expressions of opinion or hypothetical matter.

(2) Questions addressed to *ex officio* Members shall not seek—

(a) an expression of opinion;

(b) a legal opinion; or

(c) to ascertain Government policy on a matter which cannot be dealt with within the limits of an answer to a Question.

(3) Questions shall not—

(a) refer to debates of the current session, proceedings in Committee not reported to the Council, or to a case pending adjudication by a Court; nor

b) anticipate discussion of an Order of the Day.

(4) Questions shall not repeat the substance of a Question already answered, disallowed, or to which an answer has been refused, unless in the opinion of Mr. Speaker it is reasonable that the Question be asked again.

(5) In any case where it is found that any Notice of a Question does not comply with the provisions of these Standing Orders, such Question shall not be placed upon the Order Paper, or if by inadvertence it appears thereon, it shall be expunged by order of Mr. Speaker:

Provided always that Mr. Speaker may allow any such Notice to be placed or to remain upon the Order Paper after the same shall have been revised or amended so as to comply with these Standing Orders.

PART X MOTIONS

Notices of Motions

31. Every Member in giving Notice of Motion shall state its terms to the Council and shall deliver to the Clerk at the Table a copy of such Notice signed by himself.

Motion May Not Be Moved on Same Day as Notice

32. Unless otherwise provided by these Standing Orders no Motion shall be moved on the day on which Notice thereof is given except by leave of the Council.

Notices of Motion Received Only at Prescribed Time

33. No Notice of Motion shall be received except at a time prescribed by these Standing Orders. (*See S.O. 21.*)

Amending Notices of Motion

34. A Member may amend a Notice of Motion standing in his name if such amendment does not in the opinion of Mr. Speaker materially alter any principle embodied in the Motion and any such amendment shall be deemed to have been made at the time that the original Notice of Motion was given.

Anticipating Motions

35. No Motion shall anticipate an Order of the Day or another Motion of which Notice has been given.

Time for Moving Motions

36. When a Motion appears in the Order Paper, it shall be moved at the proper time, or at such other time as Mr. Speaker may direct, and if any Motion shall not be moved as aforesaid, it shall be deemed to be withdrawn and shall not be published in the Order Paper during that meeting of the Council except with the special leave of Mr. Speaker.

Questions Proposed to Council After Motion

37. When a Motion has been made and seconded, a Question thereon shall be proposed to the Council by Mr. Speaker.

Motions Not Seconded

38. Any Motion not seconded, may not be further debated but shall forthwith be deemed to have been withdrawn, and no entry thereof shall be made in the Journals but a Motion in Committee need not be seconded.

Motion in Possession of the Council

39. After a Motion has been proposed from the Chair, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Council, and cannot be withdrawn without the leave of the Council.

Motion Withdrawn May Be Moved Again

40. A Motion which, by leave of the Council has been withdrawn may be moved again during the same session.

Motions Which May Be Moved Without Notice

41. The following Motions may be moved without Notice:—

- (a) A Motion by way of amendment to a Question already proposed from the Chair other than an amendment to the Question that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair on going into Committee of Supply.
- (b) A Motion for the adjournment of the Council or of a Debate.
- (c) A Motion for the suspension of Standing Orders moved with the permission of Mr. Speaker.
- (d) A Motion for the withdrawal of strangers.
- (e) A Motion that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council.
- (f) A Motion moved when the Council is in Committee.
- (g) A Motion for the suspension of a Member.
- (h) A Motion for the first reading of a Bill.
- (j) A Motion made in accordance with Standing Orders governing the procedure as to Bills.
- (k) A Motion raising a question of privilege.

PART XI

QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED

Some Questions Not To Be Proposed Again

42. No Question, Bill or amendment may be proposed without the leave of Mr. Speaker which is the same in substance as any Question which during the preceding six months has been resolved in the affirmative or negative.

PART XII

AMENDMENTS

Different Forms of Amendments

43. A Question having been proposed may be amended by omitting certain words, by omitting certain words in order to insert or add other words, by inserting or adding words.

Amendments to be in Writing

44. Any amendment to a Motion shall be put into writing signed by the proposer and delivered to the Clerk:

Provided that Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees may relax this rule in cases of simple amendments.

Amendment to be Relevant

45. Every amendment shall be relevant to the Question which it is proposed to amend and shall not raise any Question which, in the opinion of Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, should be raised by a substantive Motion after Notice.

Anticipating Amendment

46. No amendment shall anticipate an Order of the Day or another Motion of which Notice has been given.

Amendments to be Seconded

47. An amendment proposed but not seconded shall not be entertained by the Council or entered in the Journals, but an amendment in Committee need not be seconded.

Amendment to Omit Words

48. When the proposed amendment is to omit certain words, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees shall put a Question, "That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question", which shall be resolved by the Council in the affirmative or negative, as the case may be.

Amendment to Omit Words and Add or Insert Others

49. When the proposed amendment is to omit certain words in order to insert or add other words, Mr. Speaker or Chairman of Committees shall put a Question, "That the

words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question", which, if resolved in the affirmative, shall dispose of the amendment, but if in the negative, another Question shall be put, "That the words of the amendment be inserted, or added, instead thereof", which shall be resolved in the affirmative or negative, as the case may be.

Amendment to Insert or Add Words

50. When the proposed amendment is to insert or add certain words, Mr. Speaker shall put a Question that such words be inserted or added, which shall be resolved in the affirmative or negative, as the case may be.

Order of Moving Amendments

51. A Motion for the amendment of a substantive Motion shall be disposed of before the substantive Motion and when a Motion is moved for the amendment of a proposed amendment, such proposed amendment shall be dealt with as if it were the substantive Motion until the Motion for the amendment thereto has been disposed of.

Question as Amended Put

52. When amendments have been put the main Question, as amended, shall be put.

When Amendments Proposed But Not Made

53. When amendments have been proposed but not made, the Question shall be put as originally proposed.

PART XIII

DIVISIONS

Doors of Council to be Closed After Lapse of Five Minutes

54. (i) If the opinion of Mr. Speaker or the Chairman as to the decision of a Question is challenged, he shall direct a division to be taken and thereupon the Sergeant-at-Arms shall cause the division bells to be rung.

(ii) After the lapse of five minutes, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall direct the doors of the Council Chamber to be closed and thereafter no Member may enter or leave the Council Chamber until the division has been taken:

Provided that the aforesaid period of five minutes may, on the request of a Member, be extended to ten minutes if Mr. Speaker or the Chairman, in his discretion, so directs.

Division May be Dispensed With in Certain Cases

55. Mr. Speaker or the Chairman may, if in his opinion the division is unnecessarily claimed, take the vote of the Council or the Committee by calling upon the Members who

support or who challenge his decision, successively to rise in their places; and he shall thereupon, as he thinks fit, either declare the determination of the Council or the Committee or direct a division to be taken.

Voting of Members

56. (i) A Member may vote on a division although he did not hear the Question put.

(ii) A Member is not obliged to vote.

Procedure in Case of Equality of Votes

57. Mr. Speaker shall not have an original vote but if upon any Question the votes shall be equally divided, he shall have a casting vote. The Chairman of Committees shall have an original vote and also, if upon any Question the votes shall be equally divided, a casting vote.

Members Having Pecuniary Interest Not to Vote

58. No Member shall be entitled to vote in any division upon a Question upon which he has a direct pecuniary interest not held in common with the rest of Her Majesty's subjects in the Colony and Protectorate.

PART XIV RULES OF DEBATE

Proceedings to be in English

59. All proceedings of the Council shall be in the English language.

Members to Address Mr. Speaker or the Chairman

60. Every Member desiring to speak shall rise in his place uncovered and address himself to Mr. Speaker or the Chairman.

Mr. Speaker or the Chairman Calls Upon Member to Speak

61. If more than one Member rises at the same time, the Member called upon by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall be entitled to speak.

Member not to Read His Speech

62. No Member shall read his speech but he may read extracts from written and printed papers in support of his argument and may refresh his memory by reference to notes.

No Member to Speak After Question Put

63. No Member shall speak to any Question after the same has been put by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman.

Member May Not Speak Twice to Question

64. No Member may speak twice to a Question except in explanation or reply or in the Committee of the whole Council.

Personal Explanation

65. By the indulgence of the Council, a Member may explain matters of a personal nature although there is no Question before the Council; but such matters may not be debated.

Member May Explain His Words

66. A Member who has spoken to a Question may again be heard to explain himself with regard to some material part of his speech which has been misquoted or misunderstood, but he shall not introduce any new matter or interrupt any Member addressing the Chair.

Right of Reply

67. (i) A reply shall be allowed to a mover of a substantive Motion and the reply shall be confined to matters raised during the debate; and in all cases the reply of the mover of the substantive Motion shall close the debate.

(ii) No Member who moved an amendment in the Council shall have a right of reply.

Member May Rise to Point of Order

68. (i) Any Member may rise to a point of order at any time during the speech of another Member stating that he rises to a point of order. The Member who was speaking shall thereupon resume his seat and the Member rising to a point of order shall do likewise when he has concluded his appeal to the Chair.

(ii) No other Member may, except by leave of Mr. Speaker or the Chairman, speak to a point of order, and Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall, after the submission on the point has been concluded, give his decision thereon, after which the Member who was speaking at the time the point of order was raised shall be entitled to proceed with his speech giving effect to the ruling of the Chair.

Anticipating Discussion

69. No Member shall anticipate the discussion of any subject which appears on the Order Paper:

Provided that in determining whether the discussion is out of order on the ground of anticipation regard shall be had by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman to the probability of the matter anticipated being brought before the Council within a reasonable time.

Proceedings of Committees Not to be Referred to

70. No Member shall refer to any proceedings of a Committee of the whole Council or of a Select Committee until such proceedings have been reported to the Council.

Use of the Queen's Name

71. No Member shall use the name of Her Majesty disrespectfully in debate or for the purpose of influencing the Council in its deliberations.

Where Judicial Decision Pending

72. No Member shall refer to any particular matter in respect of which a judicial decision is pending.

LIMITATIONS ON RIGHT OF SPEECH

Member Who Has Spoken on Main Question May Speak to Amendment

73. Where an amendment has been moved, and if necessary seconded, any Member who has already spoken to the main Question may speak to the amendment, and any Member who has not spoken to the main Question but speaks to the amendment does not thereby forfeit his right to speak to the main Question.

Reserving Right of Speech

74. When at any time Mr. Speaker shall inquire who seconds the Motion or an amendment, a Member may do so by rising in his place and bowing his acquiescence, without speaking, and such Member shall thereby reserve to himself the same rights of speech as he would have had if some other Member had seconded such Motion or amendment.

Debate on Amendment Confined to Amendment

75. When an amendment is moved, debate must be confined to the amendment.

Members Having Pecuniary Interests Not to Speak

76. No Member shall be entitled to speak on any subject in which he has a direct pecuniary interest not held in common with the rest of the subjects of Her Majesty in the Colony and Protectorate without first declaring such interests.

Closure of Debate

77. (i) After a Question has been proposed from the Chair, either in the Council or in Committee of the whole Council, a Motion may be moved by any Member without notice but not whilst any other Member is addressing the Chair, "That the Question be now put", and unless it shall appear to the Chair that such Motion is an abuse of the Order of the Council by an infringement of the rights of the minority, the Motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

(ii) When the Motion "That the question be now put" has been carried and the Question consequent thereon has been decided, any further Motion may be made (the assent of the Chair as aforesaid not having been withheld) which may be requisite to bring to a decision any Question already proposed from the Chair.

(iii) When a clause is under consideration, a Motion may be made (the assent of the Chair as aforesaid not having been withheld) that certain words of the clause defined in the Motion stand part of the clause or that the clause stands part of or be added to the Bill, be now put.

(iv) Such Motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

PART XV

ORDER IN THE COUNCIL

Order Maintained by Mr. Speaker and the Chairman

78. Order shall be maintained in the Council by Mr. Speaker and in a Committee of the whole Council by the Chairman of such Committee; but disorder in Committee may be censured only by the Council on receiving a report thereof.

When Mr. Speaker Rises Council to be Silent

79. Whenever Mr. Speaker or the Chairman rises during a debate, any Member then speaking, or offering to speak, shall sit down and the Council shall be silent, so that Mr. Speaker or the Chairman may be heard without interruption.

Members and the Chair

80. Every Member shall make obeisance to the Chair in passing to or from his seat or across the floor of the Council.

Members Leaving Their Seats

81. All Members when passing between the Chair and any Member who is speaking shall do so in such a way as not to interrupt the view by Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of the Member speaking, and no Member may pass between the Chair and the Table.

Members to be Seated

82. Except when passing to and from his seat, every Member when in the Council Chamber shall be seated, and shall not at any time stand in any of the passages and gangways.

Members to Remain in their Places Until Mr. Speaker Has Left the Chamber

83. When the Council adjourns, Members shall stand in their places until Mr. Speaker has left the Council Chamber.

POWERS OF THE CHAIR TO ENFORCE ORDER

Irrelevance or Repetition

84. Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees, after having called the attention of the Council or of the Committee to the conduct of a Member who persists in irrelevance or tedious repetition either of his own arguments or the arguments used by other Members in debate, may, after having first warned him, direct him to discontinue his speech.

Disorderly Conduct

85. Mr. Speaker or the Chairman of Committees shall order Members whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the Council during the remainder of that day's sitting; and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall act on such orders as he may receive from the Chair in pursuance of this Standing Order; but if on any occasion Mr. Speaker or the Chairman deems that his powers under the previous provision of this Standing Order are inadequate he may name such Member or Members in which event the procedure prescribed in Standing Order 86 shall be followed.

Member May be Suspended After Being Named

86. Whenever a Member shall have been named by Mr. Speaker or by the Chairman immediately after the commission of the offence of disregarding the authority of the Chair, or of persistently and wilfully obstructing the business of the Council by abusing the rules of the Council, or otherwise, then if the offence has been committed by such Member

in the Council, Mr. Speaker shall forthwith put the Question, on a Motion being made, "That such Member be suspended from the service of the Council"; and, if the offence has been committed in a Committee of the whole Council, the Chairman shall forthwith suspend the proceedings of the Committee and report the circumstances to the Council; and Mr. Speaker shall, on a Motion being made, forthwith put the same Question, no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed, as if the offence had been committed in the Council itself.

Time During Which Member May be Suspended

87. If any Member be suspended under the last preceding Standing Order, his suspension on the first occasion shall be for twenty-four hours; on the second occasion during the same session for seven days, excluding the day of suspension; and on the third or any subsequent occasion during the same session for twenty-eight days, excluding the day of suspension :

Provided that suspension from the service of the Council shall not exclude the Member so suspended from serving on any Committee for the consideration of a Private Bill to which he may have been appointed before the suspension :

Provided also that not more than one Member shall be named at the same time unless several Members, present together, have jointly disregarded the authority of the Chair :

Provided also that if any Member, or Members acting jointly, who have been suspended under the last preceding Standing Order shall refuse to obey the direction of Mr. Speaker when severally summoned under Mr. Speaker's orders by the Sergeant-at-Arms to obey such direction, Mr. Speaker shall call the attention of the Council to the fact that recourse to force is necessary in order to compel obedience to his directions, and the Member or Members named by him as having refused to obey his direction shall thereupon, and without further Question put, be suspended from the service of the Council during the remainder of the session.

Members Suspended to Withdraw from Precincts

88. Members who are ordered to withdraw under Standing Order 85 or who are suspended from the service of the Council under Standing Order 86 shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the Council subject however in the case of such suspended Members to the provisions of Standing Order 87, which provides that a suspended Member shall not be exempt from service on any Committee for the consideration of a Private Bill,

Rights Forfeited by Suspended Members

89. A Member who is ordered to withdraw under Standing Order 85 or who is suspended from the service of the Council under Standing Order 86 shall during the period of such withdrawal or suspension forfeit his right of access to the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker May Adjourn Council or Suspend Sitting

90. In the case of grave disorder arising in the Council, Mr. Speaker may, if he deems it necessary so to do, adjourn the Council without Question put or suspend any sitting for a period to be named by him.

PART XVI

PUBLIC BILLS

INTRODUCTION

Publication of Bills

91. (a) An *ex officio* Member desiring to introduce a Bill shall deliver to the Clerk a sufficient number of copies of the Bill for distribution to Members and on receipt thereof the Clerk shall forthwith despatch a copy to every Member and shall cause the Bill to be published in the *Official Gazette* not later than twenty-one days prior to the date on which it is proposed that the Bill shall be read a first time.

(b) Any Unofficial Member desiring to introduce a public Bill shall move a Motion requesting the leave of the Council to do so and shall at the same time make a brief explanatory statement of the objects and reasons of the Bill. If leave is granted, the Member shall deliver to the Clerk a copy of the Bill which shall then be despatched to Members and published in the *Official Gazette* in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Standing Order.

Printing of Amending Provisions of a Bill

92. Where a Bill seeks to amend a section of an existing Ordinance, the text of the relevant part of such section shall be printed in the copy of the Bill which is despatched to Members.

Memorandum of Objects and Reasons to Accompany Bill

93. Every Bill, other than a Bill referred to in paragraph (b) of Standing Order 91, shall be accompanied by a memorandum signed by the Attorney General stating the objects of and reasons for the Bill and if the expenditure of

public moneys is involved, where possible, an estimate of the probable cost to the Colony that will be incurred if the Bill is enacted.

FIRST READING

Bill to be Read First Time Without Question Put

94. Every Bill shall be read the first time without any Question being put and shall be ordered to be read a second time on such subsequent day as the Member presenting it shall appoint.

SECOND READING

Bills Ordered to be Read a Second Time

95. On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of a Bill, Motion shall be made and a Question put, "That this Bill be now read a second time".

Amendments to Questions for Second Reading

96. Amendments may be moved to the Question, "That this Bill be now read a second time", by leaving out "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding "this day three months", "this day six months", or any other specified time.

Bills Committed

97. (a) A Bill having been read a second time shall be ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Council unless the Council otherwise orders.

(b) A Motion to commit a Bill to a Select Committee may be moved by any Member and if moved immediately after the Bill has been read a second time shall not require notice and the Question thereupon shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. If the Question is negatived, Mr. Speaker shall forthwith declare that the Bill stands committed to a Committee of the whole Council.

COMMITTAL

Committee of the Whole Council on a Bill

98. On the Order of the Day being read for going into Committee on a Bill or for the further consideration in Committee of a Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question and the Council shall thereupon resolve itself into such Committee.

Instruction to Committees

99. There shall be an instruction to all Committees to which Bills are committed that they have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided they be

relevant to the subject matter of the Bill, but that if any such amendments shall not be within the Title of the Bill, they do amend the Title accordingly and do report the same specially to the Council.

Order of Business Observed on a Bill in Committee

100. The following Order shall be observed in considering a Bill in Committee:—

- (i) Clauses as printed;
- (ii) New Clauses;
- (iii) Schedules;
- (iv) New Schedules;
- (v) Preamble;
- (vi) Amendment to Title (where necessary);

and in reconsidering the Bill upon recommittal of the whole Bill the same order shall be followed.

Numbers Only Read

101. In reading the clauses of a Bill it shall be sufficient to read the numbers only, unless otherwise directed by the Committee.

Amendments to Clauses

102. Any amendment may be made to a clause, provided the same be relevant to the subject matter of the Bill or pursuant to any instruction.

Amendments May be Placed on Supplementary Order Paper

103. It shall be competent for any Member desiring to propose amendments to a Bill while going through the Committee of the whole Council on such Bill to lodge a written copy of such proposed amendments with the Clerk, and such proposed amendments shall thereupon be placed forthwith upon a Supplementary Order Paper, and on such Supplementary Order Paper being circulated each amendment shown thereon shall take precedence over other amendments at the same place, except those with respect to which a written copy has been so lodged earlier with the Clerk and those of the Member in charge of the Bill.

Clauses to Stand Part of the Bill

104. A Question shall be put that each clause or Schedule stand part of the Bill, or "as amended stand part of the Bill".

Clauses Offered in Committees

105. On a new clause being moved in Committee it shall be read a first time without Question put.

Report of Progress

106. When a Bill has not been fully considered the Chairman shall be directed to report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

REPORT STAGE

Bill Reported

107. At the close of the proceedings of a Committee of the whole Council or of a Select Committee on a Bill, the Chairman shall report the Bill forthwith to the Council, and when amendments have been made thereto, a day shall be appointed for taking the Bill, as amended, into consideration unless the Council shall order it to be taken into consideration forthwith.

Consideration of Report

108. When the Order of the Day for the consideration of a Bill as amended in Committee of the whole Council or in a Select Committee has been read, Council shall proceed to consider the same without Question put, unless the Member in charge thereof shall desire to defer its consideration or a Motion shall be made to recommit the Bill in whole or part or, in the case of a Bill reported by a Select Committee, to commit the Bill to a Committee of the whole Council.

THIRD READING

Motion Made and Question Put

109. The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of a Bill, a Motion shall be made and Question put, "That the Bill be now read a third time".

Amendment to Such Question

110. The only amendment which may be moved to the Question, "That the Bill be now read a third time", is that the word "now" be omitted and that the words "this day three months", "this day six months" or any other specified time be added at the end of the Question, or that the Bill be re-committed.

No Amendments to be Made to a Bill

111. No amendments, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Bill on the third reading.

Verbal or Formal Amendments

112. Amendments of a verbal or formal nature may be made, and typographical errors may be corrected in any part of the Bill by the Chairman of Committees.

Bill Passed to be Printed Fair and Authenticated

113. When a Bill has been passed it shall be printed fair by direction of the Clerk, who shall authenticate three prints thereof and shall present them to the Governor for his assent.

PART XVII

COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Council Resolves Itself into a Committee

114. A Committee of the whole Council shall, where necessary, be appointed by a Motion, "That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council", for a purpose specified in the Motion.

When Committee Has Reported Progress

115. When a Bill or other matter (except Supply or Ways and Means) has been partly considered in Committee, and progress has been reported and leave to sit again granted by the Council, Mr. Speaker, when the Order of the Day for the Committee has been read, shall forthwith leave the Chair without putting any Question, and the Council shall thereupon resolve itself into such Committee.

Committee to Consider Only Matters Referred

116. A Committee may consider such matters only as have been referred to it by the Council.

Motion in Committee Does Not Require to be Seconded

117. A Motion or amendment proposed in Committee shall not require to be seconded.

In Committee, Members May Speak More Than Once

118. In Committee, Members may speak more than once to the same Question; but when more than one Member rises to speak the Chairman shall give preference to a Member who has not previously spoken on the same Question.

Disorder Arising

119. If any sudden disorder should arise in Committee, Mr. Speaker shall resume the Chair without any Question being put.

**When Proceedings of Committee are Interrupted by Mr. Speaker
Resuming Chair**

120. In any case where the proceedings of a Committee are interrupted by Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair on account of any temporary suspension of such proceedings, or on progress being reported on any matter in order to obtain Mr. Speaker's ruling on some Question raised therein, Mr. Speaker may subsequently, at the same sitting of the Council, declare the Council in such Committee again.

Committee of the Whole Council May Not Adjourn

121. A Committee of the whole Council may not adjourn its own sitting, or the consideration of any matter, to a future sitting.

Report

122. When all the matters referred to a Committee of the whole Council have been considered the Chairman shall be directed to report the same to the Council.

Report of Progress

123. When all such matters have not been considered, the Chairman shall be directed to report progress, or no progress, as the case may be, and ask leave to sit again.

Motion to Report Progress and Ask Leave to Sit Again

124. A Motion may be made during the proceedings of a Committee of the whole Council, "That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again", and such Question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate.

**Chairman Leaves Chair Without Question Put When Directed to
Report Progress**

125. When the Chairman of a Committee of the whole Council has been directed to make a report to the Council, he shall leave the Chair without Question put. Every such report shall be brought up without Question put.

Resolutions of Committee

126. The resolutions reported from a Committee of the whole Council (not being a Committee of Supply or a Committee of Ways and Means) shall be read without Question put and may be agreed to or disagreed to by the Council, or recommitted to the Committee, or the further consideration thereof may be postponed.

Rules of Debate and Conduct of Business Same in Committee as in the Council

127. Except as otherwise provided by these Standing Orders, the same rules for Order in the Council Chamber and putting Questions, dealing with amendments, taking divisions, and for regulating debate and the general conduct of business shall be observed in Committee as in the Council itself; but disorder in a Committee may only be censured by the Council on receiving a report.

PART XVIII

MONEY GRANTS AND TAXATION

A—RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR AND FIRST PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

Motion for Grant of Money or Charge to be Recommended by the Governor

128. The Council shall not proceed upon any Motion for a grant or charge upon the public revenue or public funds or for imposing, altering or repealing any rate, tax or duty except with the recommendation and consent of the Governor signified thereto by an *ex officio* Member.

Grant of Money or Charge to be Dealt With in Committee of the Whole Council

129. The Council shall not proceed upon any Motion for granting any money, or for imposing any charge upon the people, except in a Committee of the whole Council.

Motion for any Grant or Charge to be Referred to a Committee of the Whole Council

130. If any Motion be made in the Council for any grant or charge upon the public revenue or public funds or for imposing or renewing or repealing any charge upon the people it shall be referred to a Committee of the whole Council before any resolution or vote of the Council do pass thereon.

B—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY AND COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

Appointed at Commencement of Session

131. The Committee of Supply and the Committee of Ways and Means, which shall be Committees of the whole Council, shall be appointed upon Motion at the commencement of every session for the duration thereof.

C—COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

When Chair to be Left Without Question Put

132. Whenever an Order of the Day is read for the Council to resolve itself into Committee of Supply Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question and the Council shall thereupon resolve itself into such Committee unless an *ex officio* Member moves, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair", for the purpose of—

- (a) enabling the *ex officio* Member to deliver the Financial Statement (Budget);
- (b) enabling the *ex officio* Member to make a speech on the policy implied under a Vote or Head of the Annual Estimates for which he is responsible;
- (c) enabling a Motion on going into Committee of Supply to be moved as an amendment to that Question. Such an amendment shall be deemed to be a substantive Motion.

Presentation of Annual Estimates and Delivery of Financial Statement (Budget)

133. The Annual Estimates shall be laid on the Table not later than the first day of November and the Financial Statement shall be delivered not later than the fourteenth day of November.

Procedure on Financial Statement (Budget)

134. The debate on the Financial Statement shall be limited to five days, exclusive of the mover's speech and reply, and the speeches of Members shall be limited to thirty minutes except in the case of the mover, and one *ex officio* or Nominated Member, and four Unofficial Members:

Provided that no Member, other than the mover, may speak for more than thirty minutes, unless, on rising in his place he requests and obtains the permission of Mr. Speaker so to do, or subsequently obtains the consent of the Council.

Debate on Financial Statement (Budget) Takes Precedence

135. Unless otherwise ordered, the debate on the Financial Statement (Budget) shall take precedence of all other business, and until disposed of shall be set down each day as an Order of the Day as at the commencement of the next sitting.

Procedure on Annual Estimates

136. (a) Ten days shall be allotted to the business of the Annual Estimates:

Provided that on a Motion made after Notice, to be decided without amendment or debate, such additional time not exceeding five days as may be proposed, may be allotted for the purposes aforesaid.

(b) The Chairman shall put severally the Question with respect to the Votes or Heads or Sub-heads of the Annual Estimates, namely, that the several amounts of such Votes, Heads or Sub-heads be granted.

(c) Every Motion to reduce the amount of a Vote, Head or Sub-head of the Annual Estimates shall relate to a single item in such Vote, Head or Sub-head and shall be moved in the order in which such item appears in the Estimates, but any Member may seek information with respect to any item without moving a reduction thereof.

(d) When a Motion is moved to reduce an item in a Vote, Head or Sub-head, a Question shall be proposed from the Chair accordingly; and Members shall speak to such Question only until it has been disposed of.

(e) When more than one Motion is moved to reduce an item in a Vote, Head or Sub-head, the Question shall be put on the largest reduction.

(f) When it has been agreed to reduce an item in a Vote, Head or Sub-head, the Question shall be afterwards put on the reduced item.

(g) When an item in a Vote, Head or Sub-head has been disposed of it shall not be in order to refer to such item in proceedings on a Motion relating to another item except for the purposes of explanation or illustration.

(h) The Committee shall not attach a condition or an expression of opinion to an item, nor alter its destination.

(i) All speeches, other than the speeches of the *ex officio* Member in charge of the Vote, Head or Sub-head under consideration shall be limited to ten minutes.

(j) On the last of the allotted days the Chairman shall, one hour before the time for the interruption of business, forthwith put every Question necessary to dispose of the Vote, Head or Sub-head then under consideration, and shall then forthwith put severally the Questions with respect to the Votes in the Annual Estimates not yet granted, namely, that the total amounts of the Votes outstanding be granted for the services defined in those Estimates.

(k) On any day upon which the Chairman is, under this Order, directed to put forthwith any Question, the consideration of the business of supply shall not be anticipated by a Motion for the adjournment of the Council, and no dilatory Motion shall be moved in proceedings on that business and the business shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order.

(l) For the purposes of this Order, a day shall be deemed to mean any day on which the business of supply or the business relating to financial statement, as the case may be, is taken exclusively for at least two hours prior to 1 p.m. or for at least two hours after 1 p.m.

Procedure on Supplementary Estimates

137. (a) The Government shall have the right from time to time to set down an Order of the Day for Committee of Supply for the purpose of dealing with Supplementary Estimates:

Provided that no Order of the Day shall be set down as aforesaid on any day on which private business has precedence.

(b) The provisions of paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) of Standing Order No. 136 relating to the Annual Estimates shall apply to Supplementary Estimates.

Consideration of Report

138. Any report of resolutions from the Committee of Supply shall, unless the Council otherwise orders, be received and considered forthwith; and no Motion to recommit the report may be moved except by an *ex officio* Member.

D—COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

Procedure on Motions for Charges Upon the People Arising Out of the Financial Statement (Budget)

139. (a) Three days shall be allotted to the business of imposing, renewing, altering or repealing any rate, tax or duty proposed in the Financial Statement (Budget):

Provided that on a Motion made after Notice, to be decided without amendment or debate, such additional time, not exceeding two days, may be allotted for the purpose aforesaid.

(b) An *ex officio* Member shall move the several Motions for imposing, renewing, altering or repealing such rates, taxes or duties, and such Motions may be agreed to or amended or negatived but no amendment whereby the charge upon the people would be increased may be moved to any such Motion.

(c) All speeches on such Motions shall be limited to ten minutes except in the case of the Mover, who shall not be limited in the duration of his speech when moving the Motion or in reply, and except also in the case of one *ex officio* or Nominated Member and four Unofficial Members, each of whom shall be entitled to speak for thirty minutes:

Provided that no Member shall speak more than twice on any Motion.

(d) On the last of the allotted days the Chairman shall, one hour before the time for interruption of business, forthwith put every Question necessary to dispose of the Motion then under consideration and of all further Motions of which Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, and such Motion and all such further Motions shall be agreed to without further debate.

(e) On any day upon which the Chairman is, under this Order, directed to put forthwith any Question, the consideration of the business of the Committee shall not be anticipated by a Motion for the adjournment of the Council, and no dilatory Motion shall be moved in proceedings on that business and the business shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order.

(f) For the purposes of this Order a day shall be deemed to mean any day on which the business of the Committee is taken exclusively for at least two hours prior to 1 p.m. or for at least two hours after 1 p.m.

Consideration of Report

140. Any report on resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means shall, unless the Council otherwise orders, be received and considered forthwith, and no Motion to recommit the report may be moved except by an *ex officio* Member.

Procedure on Motions for Charges upon the People other than Those Arising Out of the Financial Statement (Budget)

141. (a) The Government shall have the right from time to time to set down an Order of the Day for Committee of Ways and Means for the purpose of dealing with Motions (other than Motions arising out of the Financial Statement (Budget)) for imposing, renewing, altering or repealing rates, taxes or duties:

Provided that no Order of the Day shall be set down as aforesaid on any day on which private business has precedence.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (b) and the proviso to paragraph (c) of Standing Order 139 relating to Motions arising out of the Financial Statement (Budget) shall apply to the Motions referred to in the preceding paragraph of this Standing Order.

PART XIX

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEES

142. Select Committees shall be appointed upon Motion, of which Notice shall be given:

Provided, however, that if the Council, in the course of the proceedings on a Bill or other matter, shall decide to refer the same to a Select Committee to be then appointed, such Notice shall not be necessary.

Committee to Consist of Not Less Than Three Members and Not More Than Ten Members

143. No Select Committee shall consist of less than three or more than ten Members, without the leave of the Council, on Motion with Notice.

Notice of Nomination to be Given

144. Every Member intending to move for the appointment of a Select Committee shall state in his Notice the names of the Members intended to be proposed by him to be Members of such Committee and of the Member intended to be proposed by him as Chairman of such Committee.

Absence of Member

145. If, for any reason, a Member of a Select Committee is unable to act, the Sessional Committee may appoint another Member to act in his stead for the period during which he is unable to act.

Mover to Arrange Time of First Meeting

146. The Chairman of a Select Committee shall arrange a time for the first meeting of the Committee.

In the Absence of Chairman Select Committee to Elect Member to Act as Chairman

147. In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee shall elect a Member to act as Chairman in his stead for the period during which he is absent.

Chairman's Vote

148. The Chairman of a Select Committee shall have an original and a casting vote.

Chairman's Vote

156. The Chairman shall have an original and a casting vote.

Absence of Members

157. If, for any reason, a Member of the Committee is unable to act, the Sessional Committee may appoint another Member in his stead for the period for which he is unable to act.

PART XXI**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES**

158. There shall be a Select Committee, to be designated the Committee of Public Accounts, for the examination of the accounts, showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the Council to meet the public expenditure, and of such other accounts laid before the Council as the Committee may think fit, consisting of an Unofficial Member as Chairman and such other Members, not being less than three, who shall be nominated at the commencement of every session :

Provided that a majority of the Members of the Committee shall be Unofficial Members. The Chairman and two other Members shall form a quorum. If for any reason a Member of the Committee is unable to act, the Sessional Committee may appoint another Member in his stead for the period for which he is unable to act.

PART XXII**SESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

159. There shall be a Select Committee, to be designated the Sessional Committee, for the purpose of considering such matters as may be referred to it from time to time in connexion with the business of the Council, consisting of not less than five Members who shall be nominated by the Council at the commencement of every session. The Chairman and two other Members shall form a quorum. If for any reason a Member of the Committee is unable to act, the Chairman may appoint another Member in his stead for the period for which he is unable to act.

PART XXIII**PUBLIC PETITIONS****Member's Statement on Presentation of Petition**

160. Every Member offering to present a petition to the Council, not being a petition for a private Bill, shall confine himself to a statement of the parties from whom it comes, the

number of signatures attached to it, and the material allegations contained in it, and to reading the prayer of such petition.

No Discussion Allowed on Presentation of Petition

161. Every such petition shall be brought to the Table by the direction of Mr. Speaker, who shall not allow any debate, or any Member to speak upon, or in relation to such petition; but it may be read by the Clerk if required.

Member Responsible for Proper Form of Petition

162. Every Member presenting a petition shall take care that the same is in conformity with the rules of the Council.

Printing of Petition

163. A Member presenting a petition may, after notice given, move that it be printed.

Council May Reject Petition Not in Proper Form

164. The Council may reject any petition which is not properly and respectfully worded or does not conform to the rules or usual practice of the Council.

PART XXIV

STRANGERS

Places to Which Strangers Are Not Admitted

165. No Member of the Council shall bring any stranger into any part of the Council Chamber appropriated to the Members of the Council while the Council or the Committee of the whole Council is sitting.

Withdrawal of Strangers from the Council Chamber

166. If at any sitting of the Council or in a Committee of the whole Council any Member shall move that strangers be ordered to withdraw, Mr. Speaker or the Chairman shall forthwith put the Question, no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed and upon such Question being resolved in the affirmative all strangers shall be ordered to withdraw from the Council Chamber.

Press Representatives Infringing Standing Orders or Mr. Speaker's Rules

167. Any newspaper whose representative infringes these Standing Orders or any rules made by Mr. Speaker for the regulation of the admittance of strangers may be excluded from representation in the Press gallery for such term as the Council shall direct.

PART XXV**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****Suspension of**

168. (a) Any Standing Order or other Order of the Council may be suspended wholly or in part on Motion with or without Notice.

(b) Such Motion shall state the object of or reason for the proposed suspension, and no amendment may be moved to such Motion.

(c) No Member of the Council, other than an *ex officio* Member, shall move the suspension of any Standing Order or other Order of the Council, either wholly or in part, except for the purpose of allowing some Bill, clause or other matter in charge of such Member, to proceed or be dealt with, without compliance, wholly or in part, as the case may be, with such Standing Order or other Order.

PART XXVI**MISCELLANEOUS****Expenses of Witnesses**

169. There shall be paid or tendered to any person summoned to give evidence or to produce documents before the Council or a Committee, if he does not reside within four miles of the place of attendance specified in the summons, the sum of twenty shillings for each day he is necessarily absent from home for the purpose of giving evidence or producing documents, as aforesaid, and reasonable travelling expenses.

PART XXVII**REVOCATION AND COMMENCEMENT****Revocation**

170. The Standing Orders hitherto in force other than Standing Orders 92 to 107 (which relate to Private Bills) are hereby revoked.

Commencement

171. These Standing Orders shall come into operation on such day as the Governor may, by Order, appoint; and different days may be appointed for different Standing Orders.