



*[Seventh Parliament (First Session) - First Meeting ]*

**No. 1.]**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS  
OF  
PARLIAMENT  
FOR**

**Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 8.45 a.m.**

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**1. The Secretary-General of Parliament will read the Proclamation of His Excellency the President summoning the Meeting.**

**2. Election of Mr. Speaker.**

(Standing Order No. 4)

“4. The procedure for the election of a Speaker shall be as follows:-

- (1) Every member who wishes to propose a member for election as Speaker shall ascertain previously that, that member is willing to serve if elected.
- (2) A member addressing himself to the Secretary-General shall propose some other member then present to Parliament for its Speaker, and move “That...(naming the member) do take the Chair of this Parliament as Speaker”. The proposal shall be seconded, but no debate shall be allowed.
- (3) If only one member be so proposed and seconded as Speaker he shall be declared by the Secretary-General without question put, to have been elected. If more than one member be so proposed and seconded Parliament shall, after the division bells are rung for two minutes, proceed to elect a Speaker by ballot.
- (4) For the purpose of a ballot the Secretary-General shall give to each member present a ballot paper on which the member may write the name of the member for whom he wishes to vote. Ballot papers shall be folded so that the name written thereon shall not be seen and shall be signed by the member voting.
- (5) Ballot papers shall be collected by the Secretary-General, or by some officer of Parliament deputed by him, and shall be counted by the Secretary-General, at the Table of Parliament. The result of the ballot shall be declared by the Secretary-General.
- (6) (a) Where more than two candidates have been proposed and at the first ballot no candidate obtains more votes than the aggregate votes obtained by the other candidates, the candidate who has obtained the smallest number of votes shall be excluded from the election and balloting shall proceed, the candidate obtaining the smallest number of votes at each ballot being excluded until one candidate obtains more votes than the remaining candidate or the aggregate votes of the remaining candidates, as the case may be.

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- (b) Where at any ballot among three or more candidates two or more obtain an equal number of votes and one of them has to be excluded from the election under clause (a) above, the determination, as between the candidates whose votes are equal, of the candidate to be excluded, shall be by lot which shall be drawn in such manner as the Secretary-General shall decide.
- (c) Where at any ballot between two candidates the votes are equal, another ballot shall be held and at the end of such other ballot, if the votes are still equal the candidate to be excluded shall be determined by lot which shall be drawn in such manner as the Secretary-General shall decide.
- (7) As the ballot papers are counted they shall be placed in a box and, when a member has been declared elected as Speaker, the box shall be sealed in the presence of Parliament and kept in the custody of the Secretary-General for one calendar month and then, subject to any direction he may receive from Parliament, the Secretary-General shall burn the ballot papers and certify to Parliament that this has been done.”

**3. Oath or Affirmation:**

(Standing Order No. 5)

- “5. (1) Having taken the Official Oath, or having made the Official Affirmation, Mr. Speaker shall cause the said Oath or Affirmation to be administered to and signed by all members present. The Oath or Affirmation shall be administered by the Secretary-General.
- (2) Every member starting with Mr. Speaker shall, immediately after having taken the Oath or having made the Affirmation, sign the book to be kept for that purpose by the Secretary-General.
- (3) On any day on which Parliament sits, a member who has not previously taken the Oath or made the Affirmation may present himself at the Table at the time appointed under Standing Order 19 and thereupon the said Oath or Affirmation shall be administered to him and he shall sign the book.”

**4. Election of Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees:**

(Standing Order No. 6(2))

- “6. (1) The procedure for the election of a Deputy Speaker and a Deputy Chairman of Committees shall be as nearly as may be the same as that for the election of a Speaker, save that the elections shall be conducted by Mr. Speaker.”

**5. Election of Deputy Chairman of Committees:**

(Standing Order No. 6(2))

**6. Message from the President:**

**Order of Business when Parliament re-assembles after the arrival of His Excellency the President in the Chamber is as follows:—**

**7. Address to Parliament by His Excellency the President:**

**8. Notice of Motion:**

The Hon. Prime Minister,— Sitting of the Parliament,— That this Parliament at its rising this day do adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 04<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

**9. Adjournment of the Parliament.**