



[Ninth Parliament (First Session) - First Meeting]

No. 1.]

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
OF
PARLIAMENT
FOR**

Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

1. Reading of the Proclamations of His Excellency the President summoning the Meeting, by the Secretary General of Parliament.

2. Election of a Speaker:

(Standing Order 4 of the Parliament)

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

- (a) Any Member who wishes to propose a Member for election as the Speaker shall ascertain in advance whether that Member is willing to serve as the Speaker if elected.
- (b) Any Member addressing the Secretary-General shall propose some other Member then present in Parliament for its Speaker, and move the name of the Member whom he proposes to take the Chair of the Parliament as the Speaker. The proposal shall be seconded, but no debate shall be allowed.
- (c) If only one Member is so proposed and seconded as the Speaker, such Member shall be declared by the Secretary-General without question put, to have been elected as the Speaker. If more than one Member is so proposed and seconded, Parliament shall, after the division bells are rung for five minutes, proceed to elect a Speaker by secret ballot.
- (d) For the purpose of a ballot the Secretary-General shall give to each Member present a ballot paper on which each such Member shall write the name of the Member for whom such Member wishes to vote and the Ballot papers be folded so that the name written thereon shall not be seen and shall be signed by the Member voting.
- (e) The Ballot papers shall be collected by the Secretary-General in such manner as the Secretary-General shall determine, and counted by the Secretary-General at the Table of Parliament. The results of the ballot shall be declared by the Secretary-General.

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- (f) (i) 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 least number of votes shall be excluded from the election and balloting shall proceed afresh with the candidate obtaining the lowest 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.
 - (ii) 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 sub-paragraph (i) 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.
 - (iii) 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.
- (g) As the ballot papers are counted they shall be placed in a box and, when a Member has been declared elected as the 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 the Secretary-General may receive from Parliament, the Secretary-General shall destroy ballot papers and certify that to Parliament.”

3. Official Oath or Affirmation:

(Standing Order 5 of the Parliament)

“5. (1) Having taken the Official Oath, or having made the Official Affirmation, the 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 the Speaker shall, immediately after having taken the Oath or 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 notify the Secretary-General at the Table at the time appointed under Standing Order 22 and thereupon the said Oath or Affirmation shall be administered to such Member who shall then sign the book.”

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4. Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

(Standing Order 6(2) of the Parliament)

“6. (2) The procedure for the election of a Deputy Speaker and a Deputy Chairperson 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 the Speaker.”

5. Election of Deputy Chairperson of Committees:

(Standing Order 6(2) of the Parliament)

6. Messages 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 Motions:

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sitting of Parliament on Friday, August 21, 2020 shall be 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

9. Adjournment of the House.