

4. Selection of Bills Committee

That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the standing orders:

Appointment

1. A Selection of Bills Committee be appointed.

Functions

2. The Selection of Bills Committee is to consider all bills, other than an appropriation bill for the ordinary annual services of the government, introduced into either House and to report as to whether any bill should be referred to a standing committee of the House for inquiry and report.
3. A recommendation that a bill be referred to a committee must indicate:
 - (a) the committee to which the bill is referred,
 - (b) that the bill be referred:
 - (i) on the introduction of the bill in the Legislative Assembly,
 - (ii) on the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly conveying the bill,
 - (iii) at the conclusion of the mover's second reading speech, or
 - (iv) at the conclusion of the second reading debate,
 - (c) the date by which the committee must report.

Motion to implement the recommendations of the report

4.
 - (1) On the tabling of a report by the Selection of Bills Committee, the Chair of the committee, or a member of the committee on behalf of the Chair, may move without notice that the House agree to the recommendations of the committee.
 - (2) The motion may be debated and amended.
 - (3) A member may not speak for more than 5 minutes on the motion, and at the expiration of 30 minutes, if the debate is not sooner concluded, the President is to interrupt proceedings to allow the mover of the motion to speak in reply for not more than 5 minutes. The President will then put every question necessary to dispose of the motion.
 - (4) A bill referred to a committee under this resolution may not be further considered by the House until the committee has reported.
 - (5) A motion to take note of a report under standing order 232 may not be moved to a report of the Selection of Bills Committee.

Further consideration of the bill by the House

5. On the tabling of the report by the specified standing committee, a motion may be moved without notice that the bill be restored to the Notice Paper at the stage it had reached prior to referral.

Membership

6. The Selection of Bills Committee is to consist of the following members:
 - (a) three government members, one of whom is the Government Whip,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) one member from each crossbench party, and any independent member.

Chair and Deputy Chair

7. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing and sessional orders preventing the appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries as Committee Chairs, the Government Whip is to be the Chair of the committee and the Opposition Whip is to be the Deputy Chair of the committee.

Quorum

8. The quorum of the Selection of Bills Committee is three members, two of whom must be government members and one a non-government member.

Committee may sit while the House is sitting

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