



Resolution 380 (1968)¹

Amendment of certain provisions in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly - Procedural motions

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having regard to [Resolution 366 \(1968\)](#) on the amendment of certain provisions in the Rules of Procedure ;
2. Having regard to the report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure ([Doc. 2418](#)) ;
3. Considering it advisable to amend and amplify the provisions in the Rules of Procedure concerning procedural motions,
4. Resolves to amend Rule 33 (Procedural motions) so as to read as follows :
 - 4.1. "A Representative shall have a prior right to speak if he asks leave :
 - a. to move the previous question² or a dilatory motion³ which, unless the President decides otherwise, shall be in order only if lodged in writing at least six hours before the start of the debate ;
 - b. to move the adjournment of the Assembly⁴ or of a debate⁵ ;
 - c. to move the closure of a debate⁶ ;
 - d. to move reference to committee.

None of these procedural motions may be tabled more than once during the course of a debate.

(Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 to remain as they stand.)

5. In addition, a Representative shall have a prior right to speak if he asks leave to call the attention of the Chair to a breach of order or an abuse of the Rules of the Assembly."

1. Assembly debate on 25 September 1968 (15th Sitting) (see [Doc. 2418](#), report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure). Text adopted by the Assembly on 25 September 1968 (15th Sitting).
2. The effect of adopting the previous question is to remove the subject of the debate from the Assembly Register.
3. The effect of adopting a dilatory motion is to defer the debate until such time as one or more conditions relating to the text under discussion are fulfilled.
4. The effect of adjourning the Assembly is to raise the sitting.
5. The effect of adjourning the debate is to bring up the next item on the orders of the day for immediate discussion.
6. The effect of closure of a debate is to halt discussion and, where appropriate, to have the text or texts before the Assembly voted on immediately.

