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Certain amendments of form to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly

Motion for an Order
tabled by Mr William ROSS and other members of the Assembly

Explanatory Memorandum

During the Third and Fourth Ordinary Sessions of the Assembly a review of the Rules of Procedure was made by the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges. As a result of this review, extensive alterations of substance were made to the Rules. Certain defects, however, remain. They are defects of style and consistency and also discrepancies in language and translation. The attached draft Order contains an extensive list of amendments designed to remove these defects and discrepancies. This list has been considered by the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, and it is hoped that the Assembly will give its authority without debate to a reprint of the Rules incorporating the amendments.

Motion for an Order

The Assembly,

Recalling that many alterations of substance were made to its Rules of Procedure in the course of its Third and Fourth Ordinary Sessions ;

Recognizing the desirability of completing these alterations by eliminating any consequential defects of style and consistency,

Instructs the Secretariat, under the supervision of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, to issue a revised edition of the Rules incorporating the Amendments set out below.

Rule 1 (1) (French text)

After « parlementaires » insert « des Membres ».

Rule 2. (English text)

After " Ministers or " insert " the President ".

Rule 3 (1). (English text)

Leave out " concur that " and insert " decide by agreement ".

Rule 4 (1). (English text)

Leave out "concur" and insert " decide otherwise by agreement ".

Rule 4 (2). (English text)

Leave out " exhausted " and insert " finished ".

Rule 5 (2). (English text)

Leave out " arises from " and insert " with ".

Rule 6 (3). (English text)

Leave out " protests " and " confirm " and insert " claims " and " examine ".

Rule 8 (2). (English text)

Leave out " verified " and insert " examined ".

Rule 9 (4). (English text)

Leave out " thereupon ",

Rule 9 (5). (English text)

At end after " declared " insert " elected ".

Leave out from " filled " to the end and insert : " in the event of a tie the candidates senior in age shall be declared elected ".

Rule 12 (4). (English text)

Leave out " against " and insert " upon ".

Rule 15 (3). (French text)

In the 3rd sub-paragraph after « examinées » insert « par l'Assemblée ».

Rule 19 (2). (English text)

Leave out " specially " and insert " specifically ".

Rules 22 and 23. (English text)

Leave out " record (s) " and insert " report (s) " throughout.

Rule 22 (1). (English text)

At end leave out " an " and insert " the ".

Rule 27 (4). (English text)

Leave out " It shall begin not less than one clear day " and insert " It shall not begin sooner than one clear day ".

Rule 29 (1). (English text)

Leave out " argue " and insert " debate ".

Rule 29 (4). (English text)

Leave out " are tabled with reference " and insert " relate ".

Leave out " adopted " and insert " agreed to ".

Leave out " rejected " and insert " negatived ".

Rule 29 (5). (English and French texts)

Leave out " but ".

Rule 30 (2). (English and French texts)

Leave out "Motions for Orders of the Assembly shall not be referred to Committees " and insert " Motions for Orders maybe referred to Committees; otherwise".

Rule 31 (1). (English text)

Leave out " request " and insert " invite ".

Rule 31 (3). (English text)

Leave out " matter arising out of " and insert " particular point in ".

Rule 31 (4). (English text)

At the beginning leave out " may " and insert " shall ".

Rule 31 (7). (English text)

After " comments on " insert " the adoption of " .

Leave out " establishment of " and insert " settling ".

Rule 32 (1). (English text)

Leave out " it is his intention " and insert " he asks leave ".

Rule 32 (2). (English text)

Leave out " Those " and insert " The above matters ".

Rule 32 (3). (English text)

At the beginning, insert " In debate on the above matters ".

At end leave out the words " or Committees ".

Rule 35 (a). (English text)

Leave out "establishment" and insert " setting up ".

Rule 36 (2). (English text)

Leave out " is taken " and insert " has begun ".

Rule 40 (1). (English text)

Leave out " establish " and insert " set up ".

Rule 40 (2). (English text)

Leave out " decide to ".

Rule 40 (2). (English and French texts)

At end, insert " during a Session and may re-appoint them at the beginning of subsequent Sessions ".

Rule 40 (4). (English text)

Line 3, leave out " in the case of disputes " and at the end add " disputed nominations for one or more seats in a Committee ".

Rule 42 (4). (English text)

In sub-paragraph (a) leave out " shall demand " and insert " demands ".

Rule 42 (4). (English and French texts)

At the beginning leave out "(Rule 9)" and insert " (Rules 5 and 9) " .

Rule 42 (9). (English text)

Leave out " adopted " and insert " agreed to ".

Rule 43 (1). (English text)

Leave out " the report on the committee's conclusions " and insert " the final report ".

Rule 43 (2). (English text)

Leave out " mention " and insert " state ".

Leave out "considered".

Leave out " where " and insert " if " .

Rule 44 (4). (English text)

At end, insert " comprising at least one-third of the Representatives of the Assembly".

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed[1]*:*

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