

SKEDA

A. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 1, minnufih wara t-tifsira ta' "il-Kamra" ghandha tidhol din it-tifsira gdida li gejja:

"Kap tal-Kamra" tfisser il-Ministru responsabbli ghall-Affarijiet Parlamentari;".

B. Minflok l-Ordni Permanenti 96 ghandu jidhol dan li gej:

"Wara t-tieni qari l-Abbozz ta' Ligi jigi mressaq quddiem Kumitat

96. (1) Bla hsara ghad-dispozizzjonijiet ta' l-Ordnijiet Permanenti 71 sa 82 u tal-paragrafu (4) ta' dan l-Ordni, meta Abbozz ta' Ligi jkun moqri ghat-tieni darba huwa jitressaq quddiem Kumitat tal-Kamra kollha kemm-il darba l-Kamra fuq mozzjoni li tista' ssir minghajr avviz u li tigi deciza minghajr emenda jew diskussjoni ma tordnax li jigi mibghut quddiem Kumitat Maghzul jew Kumitat Permanenti:

Izda ebda Abbozz ta' Ligi ma ghandu jintbaghat quddiem Kumitat Maghzul jew Kumitat Permanenti kif imsemmi qabel meta dak l-Abbozz ta' Ligi ikun jipprovdi dwar l-appropriazzjoni ta' flus mill-Fond Konsolidat jew ikun jipprovdi li kull nefqa ghandha tkun spiza fuq dak il-Fond minghajr il-htiega ta' xi appropriazzjoni ohra minbarra d-dispozizzjonijiet tieghu.

(2) Jekk il-mozzjoni li ssir skond il-paragrafu (1) ta' dan l-Ordni Permanenti ma tghaddix, l-*Speaker* ghandu minnufih jiddikjara li l-Abbozz ta' Ligi ikollu jingieb quddiem Kumitat tal-Kamra kollha.

(3) Id-dispozizzjonijiet ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120B ghandhom ikunu *mutatis mutandis* japplikaw ghall-ghamla u ghall-hatra ta'

membri f'kumitat maghzul jew f'kumitat ^{Permanenti} ~~maghzul~~ li jkun inhatar b'mozzjoni mressqa skond il-paragrafu (1) ta' dan l-Ordni Permanenti.

(4) Minkejja d-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafi ta' qabel ta' dan l-Ordni Permanenti ma ghandhiex tghaddi mozzjoni li jitressaq Abbozz ta' Ligi biex jemenda l-Kostituzzjoni jew Abbozz ta' Ligi bhalma hemm imsemmi fil-paragrafu (a) ta' l-artikolu 73 tal-Kostituzzjoni jekk ikun hemm xi membru minn dawk prezenti li jqajjem xi oggezzjoni."

C. Minnufih wara l-Ordni Permanenti 120 ghandu jizdied dan li gej:

"IX A Kumitati Permanenti

Hatra ta' Kumitati Permanenti

120A. Kemm jista' jkun malajr, u f'kull kaz mhux iktar tard minn xahar wara li l-ewwel titlaqqa' l-Kamra wara elezzjoni generali, il-Kamra ghandha tahtar lil dawn il-kumitati permanenti li gejjin:-

- (i) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra;
- (ii) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Privileggi;
- (iii) Il-Kumitat dwar il-Kontijiet Pubblici;
- (iv) Il-Kumitat dwar l-Affarijiet Barranin; u
- (v) Il-Kumitat dwar l-Affarijiet Socjali.

Kumitati Permanenti Ohra

120B. (1) B'zieda mal-Kumitati Permanenti elenkati fl-Ordni Permanenti 120A, il-Kamra tista' tahtar, b'mozzjoni li ssir wara li jinghata avviz, dawk il-kumitati permanenti li jistghu jenhtiegu sabiex

jikkunsidraw Abbozzi ta' Ligi jew xoghol iehor migjub quddiem Kumitat Permanenti jew lilu riferut mill-Kamra.

L. Ordni (2) Mozzjoni bhal dik imsemmija fil-paragrafu (1) ta' dan il-Kumitat Permanenti ghandha:

(a) tistabilixxi l-ghadd ta' membri li joqogħdu fil-Kumitat Permanenti li ghandu hekk jintghamel b'dak il-mod li jidher li jkun prattikabbli għall-Kamra b'hekk li jkun rapprezentattiv b'mod gust tal-Kamra b'mod generali u proporzjonali skond l-ghadd ta' membri tal-Gvern u ta' l-Oppozizzjoni b'mod partikolari; u

(b) tinnomina il-president li ghandu jippresjedi l-Kumitat Permanenti.

(3) Kull naha tal-Kamra ghandha tinnomina lil dawk il-membri li jkunu se jirraprezentawha f'kumitat permanenti, u ghandha wkoll tinnomina membri oħra li jidhlu minflok il-membri mahtura. Il-membri u dawk li jidhlu minflokhom li jkunu jirraprezentaw lill-Gvern għandhom jigu nominati mill-Kap tal-Kamra filwaqt li l-membri u dawk li jidhlu minflokhom li jkunu jirraprezentaw lill-Oppozizzjoni għandhom jigu nominati mill-Kap ta' l-Oppozizzjoni. L-ismijiet tal-membri u ta' dawk li jidhlu minflokhom li jkunu gew hekk nominati u mahtura mill-Kamra għandhom jitnizzlu fil-Minuti tas-seduta.

(4) Kull naha tal-Kamra tista' tissostitwixxi lil kull membru jew wiehed li jidhol floku minnha nominat skond il-paragrafu (3) ta' dan l-ordni sabiex jirraprezentaha f'Kumitat Permanenti. Dik is-sostituzzjoni ikollha biss effett wara li l-iSpeaker ikun gie notifikat b'dan. L-iSpeaker għandu, fl-ewwel okkazzjoni li jkun hemm, jinnotifika l-Kamra, jew, jekk il-Kamra ma tkunx qed tilitaqa', lill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-xogħol tal-Kamra.

(5) Abbozzi ta' Ligi tal-Gvern li jintbagħtu quddiem kumitat permanenti għandhom jigu qabel ix-xogħol l-iehor tal-Kumitat

Permanenti u ghandhom ikunu kunsidrati, kemm-il darba ma jigix ordnat mod iehor mill-Kamra, f'dak l-ordni li l-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra jista' jistabbilixxi.

Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra

120C. (1) Kemm-il darba ma jigix stabbilit xort'ohra mill-Kamra, il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra jkollu setgha li:

(a) jgassam Abbozzi ta' Ligi u xoghol iehor fost il-kumitati permanenti mahtura skond id-dispozizzjonijiet ta' l-Ordnijiet Permanenti 96, 120A u 120B;

(b) (i) jiddeciedi dwar l-ghadd ta' seduti li ghandhom jigu allokati ghad-diskussjoni fuq Abbozz ta' Ligi minn Kumitat Permanenti;

(ii) jalloka x-xoghol ghal kull seduta ta' Kumitat Permanenti; u

(iii) jiddeciedi dwar iz-zmien li fih xi xoghol, kemm-il darba ma jkunx tlesta qabel, ikollu jitlestha fih minn Kumitat Permanenti; u

(c) jikkunsidra kull haga li tolqot il-procedura u x-xoghol tal-Kamra, u minn zmien ghal zmien jghaddi l-fehma tieghu dwar dan lill-Kamra.

(2) Ghandu jsir rapport lill-Kamra dwar ir-risoluzzjonijiet kollha mghoddiha mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra fl-ewwel seduta li tigi wara dik meta r-risoluzzjoni tkun ghaddiet, minnufih wara l-Interpellanzi, u dan ghandu jitnizzel fil-minuti dwar il-procedimenti tal-Kamra.

(3) (a) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra ghandu jkun maghmul mill-Kap tal-Kamra, zewg membri nominati mill-Prim Ministru u zewg membri nominati mill-Kap ta' l-Oppozizzjoni.

(b) Tlett membri ghall-kumitat li jattendu jikkostitwixxu *quorum*.

(4) Ghandhom ukoll jinhatru membri li jidhlu minflok membri ohra ghal kull membru li jkun hemm fil-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra u id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafu (4) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120B ghandhom ukoll ikunu japplikaw.

(5) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra ghandu jkun presjedut mill-iSpeaker li ma ghandux jivvota hlief meta l-voti jkunu ndaq fug xi kwistjoni, f'liema kaz huwa jkollu u juza vot deciziv.

Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Privileggi

120D. (1) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Privileggi ikollu setgha jikkonsidra dawk il-kazi li jigu lilu riferiti mill-iSpeaker jew mill-Kamra u li jiehu dawk id-decizjonijiet u li jaghmel dawk ir-rakkomandazzjonijiet kif provdut f'dawn l-Ordnijiet Permanenti u fl-Ordinanza dwar il-Privileggi u s-Setghat tal-Kamra tad-Deputati jew f'kull ligi li minn zmien ghal zmien tista' tissostitwixxi lil dik l-Ordinanza.

(2) Il-Kumitat Permanenti ikun maghmul mill-Kap tal-Kamra, zewg membri nominati mill-Prim Ministru u zewg membri nominati mill-Kap ta' l-Oppozizzjoni.

(3) Id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafi (3), (4) u (5) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120C ghandhom ikunu japplikaw *mutatis mutandis* ghall-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Privileggi.

(4) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Privileggi ghandu jkollu s-setgha u l-awtorita', minghajr pregudizzju ghad-dispozizzjonijiet ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 164, li jharrek xhieda u li jordna li jingiebu dokumenti quddiemu.

Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar il-Privileggi jista' jitlob li l-Avukat Generali jew ir-rapprezentant tiegħu jattendu quddiemu, u dan jista' jiġi wkoll awtorizzat li jippartecipa fil-procedimenti, izda li f'ebda każ ma jkollu i-jedd ta' vot f'dak il-kumitat.

Il-Kumitat dwar il-Kontijiet Pubblici

120E. (1) Il-Kumitat dwar il-Kontijiet Pubblici jkollu s-setgħa li:

(a) jifli hwejjeg li għandhom x'jaqsmu mal-kontijiet pubblici li jiġu lill-Kamra, minn Ministru jew mid-Direttur tal-Verifika;

(b) jifli kull spiza bhalma hemm imsemmi fis-subartikolu (3) ta' l-artikolu 103 u fl-artikolu 104 tal-Kostituzzjoni;

(c) jeżamina l-kontijiet ta' awtoritajiet statutorji, inklużi organizzazzjonijiet parastatali, li l-kontijiet taqgħom huma pprezentati lill-Parlament;

(d) jitlob lid-Direttur tal-Verifika li jipprezenta memoranda dwar kull haġa fejn issir talba biex isir dan minn mill-anqas tlett membri tal-Kumitat Permanenti;

(e) jikkonsidra memoranda prezentati mid-Direttur tal-Verifika, li jkunu gew prezentati wara li tkun saritlu talba bis-saħħa tal-paragrafu (d) ta' dan il-paragrafu, jew fuq inizzjattiva tiegħu stess;

(f) jeżamina rapporti, u dokumenti li għandhom x'jaqsmu magħhom, li jsiru mid-Direttur tal-Verifika;

(g) jirrapporta lill-Kamra dwar kull kont, rapport jew dokument imsemmija fis-subparagrafi ta' qabel dan il-paragrafu;

(h) jirrapporta lill-Kamra dwar kull bidla li jgis li tkun desiderabbili dwar l-ghamla tal-kontijiet, dwar il-mod kif dawn jinzammu, dwar id-dhul jew il-hrug jew il-kontroll tal-flus.

(2) Il-Kumitat dwar il-Kontijiet Pubblici ghandu jkun maghmul minn mhux iktar minn seba' membri li minnhom erbgha jikkostitwixxu *quorum*. Il-membri ghandhom jintghazlu b'dak il-mod li jkunu gustament jirraprezentaw il-Kamra b'mod generali ^{proporzjonali għall-għadd ta' membri} u lill-membri tal-Gvern u ta' l-Oppozizzjoni, b'mod partikolari.

(3) Id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafi (3) u (4) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120B ghandhom ikunu japplikaw għall-Kumitat dwar il-Kontijiet Pubblici.

(4) Wiehed minn dawk il-membri nominati mill-Kap ta' l-Oppozizzjoni u hekk desinjat minnu wara li jkun ikkonsulta lill-Kap tal-Kamra ghandu jinhatar bhala president tal-Kumitat dwar il-Kontijiet Pubblici. Il-president ikollu vot originali izda ma jkollux vot deciziv.

Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar l-Affarijiet Barranin

120F. (1) Il-Kumitat Permanenti dwar l-Affarijiet Barranin ghandu jittratta dawk il-kwistjonijiet li jkollhom x'jaqsmu ma' l-affarijiet barranin u li jistghu jigu lilu riferiti mill-Kamra jew mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra.

(2) Id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafi (2) u (3) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120E ghandhom ikunu japplikaw *mutatis mutandis* għall-Kumitat Permanenti dwar l-Affarijiet Barranin.

Il-Kumitat dwar l-Affarijiet Socjali

120G. (1) Il-Kumitat dwar l-Affarijiet Socjali ghandu jittratta kull kwistjoni li jkollha x'taqsam mal-politika socjali, inkluzi l-assistenza socjali u kwistjonijiet fuq il-familja, li jistghu lilu jigu riferiti mill-Kamra jew mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra.

(2) Id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafi (2) u (3) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120E ghandhom ikunu japplikaw *mutatis mutandis* ghall-Kumitat Permanenti dwar l-Affarijiet ^{Socjali} ~~Barren~~in."

D. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 123 minflok il-kliem "fuq Kumitat Maghzul" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "fuq Kumitat Permanenti jew fuq Kumitat Maghzul".

E. L-Ordnijiet Permanenti 124 u 125 ghandhom jithassru.

F. Minflok l-Ordni Permanenti 126 ghandu jidhol dan li gej:

"Lagghat tal-Kumitati Permanenti u tal-Kumitati Maghzula

126. (1) Avviz tal-lagghat tal-Kumitati Permanenti u tal-Kumitati Maghzula ghandu jinghata lill-Iskrivan tal-Kamra qabel is-siegħa ta' wara nofsinhar tal-gurnata ta' qabel dik mahtura għal-laggha mill-President tal-Kumitat.

(2) Kumitat li jkun ingieħ guddiemu xi Abbozz ta' Ligi jew xi xogħol iehor ghandu jiltaqa' bil-ghan li jikkonsidra dak ix-xogħol fil-gurnata u fis-siegħa msemmija mill-President ta' dak il-Kumitat jew mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xogħol tal-Kamra. Jekk dak ix-xogħol ma jkunx intemm f'dik is-seduta il-kumitat ghandu jkompli jiltaqa' sabiex jikkonsidra dak ix-xogħol f'dik il-gurnata u f'dak il-hin skond kif jista' jigi deciz mill-Kumitat jew kif seta' qabel gie ordnat mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xogħol tal-Kamra.

(3) Jekk kumitat ma jkunx gie aggornat qabel, il-president ghandu jaggorna l-kumitat mingħajr ma titqiegħed ebda proposta għall-voti fil-hin stabbilit għall-interruzzjoni ta' xogħol:

Izda:

(i) jekk fil-fehma tal-president, il-procedimenti fuq l-Abbozz ta' Ligi jew xoghol iehor jistghu jintemmu b'estensjoni qasira tas-seduta, il-president jista' jipposponi l-aggornament tal-kumitat sa mhux aktar tard minn hmistax-il minuta wara l-hin stabbilit ghall-interruzzjoni ta' xoghol;

(ii) jekk skond xi ordni moghti bis-sahha tal-partita (i) tas-subparagrafu (b) tal-paragrafu (1) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 120C, il-procedimenti jenhtieg li jintemmu fil-hin meta l-president hu mehtieg li jaggorna l-kumitat skond dan il-paragrafu, il-president ma ghandux jaggorna l-kumitat sakemm ma jkunux gew decizi il-proposta ghall-gheluq tad-dibattitu, il-proposta jew proposti li johorgu minnha u minn kull mozzjoni ohra kif ikun hemm propost f'dik l-ordni."

G. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 127, minflok il-kliem "f'kull Kumitat Maghzul" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "f'kull Kumitat Permanenti u f'kull Kumitat Maghzul".

H. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 128:

(a) minflok il-kliem "Fil-Kumitati Maghzula kollha" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Fil-Kumitati Permanenti u fil-Kumitati Maghzula kollha";

(b) wara l-kliem "kemm-il darba l-Kamra ma tordnax xort'ohra" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "jew kemm-il darba ma hux provdut xort'ohra f'dawn l-Ordnijiet Permanenti"; u

(c) minflok il-kliem "ssir fi zmien is-sebat ijiem ta' wara" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ssir, kemm-il darba ma jigix ordnat xort'ohra mill-Kumitat Permanenti dwar ix-Xoghol tal-Kamra, fi zmien is-sebat ijiem ta' wara".

I. L-Ordni Permanenti 129 ghandu jithassar.

J. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 130:

(a) minflok il-kliem "Kull Kumitat Maghzul" ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Kemmlil darba ma jigix provdut xort'ohra f'dawn l-Ordnijiet Permanenti jew kemmlil darba ma jigix ordnat xort'ohra mill-Kamra, kull Kumitat Permanenti u kull Kumitat Maghzul"; u

(b) wara l-kliem "vot deciziv." ghandhom jizdiedu l-kliem "Meta l-president ta' Kumitat Permanenti jew ta' Kumitat Maghzul ma jkunx jista' jattendi, il-membri ta' dak il-kumitat ghandhom jaghzlu wiehed minn fosthom biex jaghmilha ta' president."

K. Minflok l-Ordni Permanenti 132 ghandu jidhol dan li gej:

X "Setgha sabiex jingiebu xhieda, karti u dokumenti

132. Kull Kumitat Permanenti u kull Kumitat Maghzul ikollu s-setgha li jharrek xhieda u li jordna li jingiebu dokumenti u rapporti guddiemu, f'dak il-hin u post li jista' jigi indikat fil-mandat relattiv u f'dak il-post u hin li s-seduta tal-kumitat tista' tkun aggornata ghalihom. Ix-xhieda jistghu ikunu ordnati biex jattendu permezz ta' mandat mahrug mill-president tal-kumitat relattiv u li jigi ffirmit mill-iskrivan; kull gurament mehud jew dikjarazzjoni maghmula minn xi xhud jistghu jigu amministrati mill-president jew mill-iskrivan li jkun hemm f'dak il-kumitat."

L. Minflok l-Ordnijiet Permanenti 134 u 135 ghandu jidhol dan li gej:

"Abbozzi ta' Ligi li jintbaghtu lill-Kumitati Permanenti

133A. (1) Avviz ta' emenda f'Abbozz ta' Ligi li jkun intbaghat jew riferut lil Kumitat Permanenti, ghandu jkun riferut ghand dak il-Kumitat, u l-president ikollu l-istess setghat bhal dawk moghtija lill-*Speaker* u President tal-Kumitati bl-Ordni Permanenti 44.

(2) Id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-paragrafi (1) u (2) ta' l-Ordni Permanenti 16 ghandhom japplikaw ghall-Kumitati Permanenti.

(3) Il-president ta' Kumitat Permanenti ikollu l-istess setghat bhal ma huma dawk moghtija lill-President ta' Kumitat tal-Kamra kollha inkluzi s-setghat li johorgu mill-Ordnijiet Permanenti 15, 48, 57, 63 u 99.

(4) Meta tissejjah votazzjoni fil-Kamra jew f'Kumitat tal-Kamra kollha, il-president ta' Kumitat Permanenti jew ta' Kumitat Maghzul ghandu jissospendi l-procedimenti tal-kumitat ghal dak iz-zmien mehtieg sablex il-membri jkunu jistghu jivvotaw fil-votazzjoni u jergghu lura fil-Kumitat.

Rapport ta' Abbozz ta' Ligi mill-President

134. Id-dispozizzjonijiet ta' l-Ordnijiet Permanenti 103 u 104 ghandhom japplikaw ghal Abbozz ta' Ligi li jkun sar rapport dwaru minn Kumitat Permanenti jew minn Kumitat Maghzul.

Kull Kumitat ghandu jirrapporta lill-Kamra

135. (1) Kull Kumitat jista' jaghmel rapport lill-Kamra dwar il-fehma u l-osservazzjonijiet tieghu dwar kull haga lilu mibghuta ghall-konsiderazzjoni tieghu, flimkien mal-minuti tax-xhieda mehuda guddiemu, kif ukoll jista' jaghmel rapporti specjali dwar kull haga li jqis xieraq li jgib ghall-attenzjoni tal-Kamra. Jekk ikun hemm rapporti minoritarji, dawn ghandhom jigu prezentati flimkien mar-rapport tal-kumitat.

(2) Sew il-procedimenti ta' Kumitat Permanenti jew ta' Kumitat Maghzul, jew ix-xiehda mehuda minnu, jew ir-rapport tieghu, jew is-sommarju ta' dawk il-procedimenti, xiehda jew rapport, ma ghandhomx jigu pubblikati minn membru ta' dak il-kumitat jew minn xi persuna ohra, hlief bil-permess tal-Kamra, sakemm ir-rapport ta' dak il-kumitat ma jkunx tqiegħed fuq il-Mejda tal-Kamra.

(3) Meta tkun inghatat xiehda quddiem Kumitat Maghzul waqt seduta li ssir bil-miftuh, ma ghandu jintlaqa' ebda ilment dwar privilegg għar-raguni li dik ix-xiehda tkun giet pubblikata qabel ma rapport dwarha ikun ingieb quddiem il-Kamra."

M. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 136 minflok il-kliem "ta' Kumitat Maghzul" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ta' Kumitat Permanenti jew ta' Kumitat Maghzul".

N. Minflok l-Ordni Permanenti 137 għandu jidhol dan li gej:

"Barranin

137. Kull Kumitat Permanenti u kull Kumitat Maghzul jista' jirrisolvi, fid-diskrezzjoni tieghu, li ma jhallix barranin ikunu prezenti waqt xi procedimenti tieghu."

O. L-Ordni Permanenti 138 għandu jithassar.

P. Fl-Ordni Permanenti 139, minflok il-kliem "Konsulent legali jidher quddiem Kumitat Maghzul", għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Konsulent legali u esperti, jidhru quddiem Kumitat Permanenti jew quddiem Kumitat Maghzul".

A. In Standing Order 1, immediately after the definition "the House" there shall be inserted the following new definition:

"Leader of the House" means the Minister responsible for Parliamentary Affairs;"

B. For Standing Order 96 there shall be substituted the following:

"Bill committed after second reading

96. (1) Saving the provisions of Standing Orders 71 to 82 and of paragraph (4) hereof, when a bill has been read a second time it shall stand committed to a Committee of the Whole House unless the House on a motion which may be moved without notice and which shall be decided without amendment or debate orders it to be referred to a select or standing committee:

Provided that no Bill shall be referred to a Select or Standing Committee as aforesaid if that bill provides for the appropriation of funds from the Consolidated Fund or provides that any expenses shall be a charge on the said fund without the need of any further appropriation other than the provisions thereof.

(2) If the motion made under paragraph (1) of this Standing Order is not carried, the Speaker shall forthwith declare that the Bill stands committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

(3) The provisions of Standing Order 120B shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the composition and the appointment of members on a select or standing committee appointed on a motion moved in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Standing Order.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous paragraphs of this Standing Order a motion to commit a bill amending the Constitution or a bill as is referred to in paragraph (a) of section 73

of the Constitution shall not be carried if objection is taken by any member present."

C. Immediately after Standing Order 119 there shall be added the following:

"IX A Standing Committees

Appointment of Standing Committees

120A. As soon as may be, and in any case not later than one month after the House first meets after any general election, it shall appoint the following standing committees:-

- (i) The Standing Committee on House Business;
- (ii) The Standing Committee on Privileges;
- (iii) The Public Accounts Committee;
- (iv) The Committee on Foreign Affairs; and
- (v) The Social Affairs Committee.

Other Standing Committees

120B. (1) In addition to the Standing Committees listed in Standing Order 120A, the House may, on motion made after notice, appoint such Standing Committees as may be necessary for the consideration of bills or other business committed or referred by the House to a Standing Committee.

(2) A motion as is referred to in paragraph (1) of this Standing Order shall:

(a) fix the number of members to serve on the Standing Committee which is to be so composed in such manner as appears practicable to the House as fairly to represent the House in general and the proportion of Government and Opposition members in the House in particular; and

(b) name the chairman who shall preside the Standing Committee.

(3) Each side of the House shall nominate the members representing it on a standing committee, and shall also nominate alternate members for any member so appointed. The members and alternate members representing the Government side shall be nominated by the Leader of the House while the members and alternate members representing the Opposition side shall be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition. The names of members and alternate ^{members} so nominated and appointed by the House shall be recorded in the Minutes of the sitting.

(4) Each side of the House may substitute any member or alternate member nominated by it in accordance with paragraph (3) hereof to represent it on a Standing Committee. Such substitution shall only have effect after the Speaker is notified therewith. The Speaker shall, at the first available opportunity, notify the House, or, if the House is in recess, the Standing Committee on House Business.

(5) Government bills referred to a standing committee shall have precedence over the other business of the Standing Committee and shall unless otherwise ordered by the House, be considered in such order as the Standing Committee on House Business may determine.

Standing Committee on House Business

120C. (1) Unless otherwise determined by the House, the Standing Committee on House Business, shall have power to:

(a) distribute bills and other business among the standing committees appointed in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 96, 120A and 120B;

(b) (i) determine the number of sittings to be allotted for the consideration of a bill by a Standing Committee;

(ii) allocate business to each sitting of a Standing Committee; and

(iii) determine the time when any business, if not previously concluded, shall be concluded by a Standing Committee and

(c) consider all matters of procedure and business of the House, and report its opinion thereon to the House from time to time.

(2) A report of all resolutions carried by the Standing Committee on House Business shall be made to the House at the next sitting after a resolution is carried, immediately after Question time and shall be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the House.

(3) (a) The Standing Committee on House Business shall be constituted of the Leader of the House, two members nominated by the Prime Minister and two members nominated by the Leader of Opposition.

(b) Three members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

(4) Alternate members shall also be appointed for each member of the Standing Committee on House Business and the provisions of paragraph (4) of Standing Order 120B shall also apply.

(5) The Standing Committee on House Business shall be chaired by the Speaker who shall not vote unless on any question the votes are equally divided, in which case he shall have and exercise a casting vote.

Standing Committee on Privileges

120D. (1) The Standing Committee on Privileges shall have power to consider cases referred to it by the Speaker or by the House and to take such decisions and to make such recommendations as provided in these Standing Orders and in the House of Representatives (Privileges and Powers) Ordinance or in any law from time to time substituting the said Ordinance.

(2) The Standing Committee shall be constituted of the Leader of the House, two members nominated by the Prime Minister and two members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of Standing Order 120C shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Standing Committee on Privileges.

(4) The Standing Committee on Privileges shall, without prejudice to the provisions of Standing Order 164, have power and authority to summon witnesses and order the production of documents before it. The Standing Committee on Privileges may request the attendance of the Attorney General or of his representative, who may also be authorised to participate in the proceedings, but he shall in no case have a vote thereat.

The Public Accounts Committee

120E. (1) The Public Accounts Committee shall have the power to:

(a) inquire into matters relating to public accounts referred to it by the House, a Minister or the Director of Audit;

(b) inquire into expenditure as is referred to in subsection (3) of section 103 and section 104 of the Constitution;

(c) examine the accounts of statutory authorities, including parastatal organisations, whose accounts are presented to Parliament;

(d) to request the Director of Audit to submit memoranda on any matter where a request for such submission is made by at least three members of the Standing Committee;

(e) to consider memoranda submitted by the Director of Audit, made upon a request made to him in virtue of paragraph (d) hereof, or on his own initiative;

(f) examine reports, and related documents, made by the Director of Audit;

(g) report to the House on any accounts, reports or documents referred in the previous paragraphs hereof;

(h) report to the House on any change that it considers desirable in the form of the accounts, on the manner in which they are kept, on revenue or expenditure or the control of money.

(2) The Public Accounts Committee shall consist of not more than seven members of whom four shall constitute a quorum. The members shall be chosen so as fairly to represent the House in general and the ^{opposition} proposition of Government and Opposition members in particular.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Standing Order 120B shall apply to the Public Accounts Committee.

(4) One of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and so designated by him after consultation with the Leader

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of the House shall be appointed chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. The chairman shall have an original vote but shall not have a casting vote.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs

120F. (1) Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs shall deal with matters relating to Foreign Affairs which may be referred to it by the House or by the Standing Committee on House Business.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of Standing Order 120E shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Social Affairs Committee

120G. (1) The Social Affairs Committee shall deal with all matters relating to social policy, including social assistance and family matters, which may be referred to it by the House or by the Standing Committee on House Business.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of standing order 120E shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the Social Affairs Committee."

D. In Standing Order 123 for the words "a Select Committee" there shall be substituted the words "a Standing Committee or a Select Committee".

E. Standing Orders 124 and 125 shall be deleted.

F. Standing Order 126 shall be substituted by the following:

"Meetings of Standing Committees and Select Committees

126. (1) Notice of meetings of Standing Committees and of Select Committees shall be given to the Clerk of the House before one o'clock in the afternoon of the day previous to that appointed for the meeting by the Chairman of the Committee.

(2) A Committee to which a bill or other business has been committed shall meet to consider such business on the day and at the hour named by the Chairman thereof or by the Standing Committee on House Business. If the consideration of the business is not concluded at that sitting the committee shall meet further to consider the business on such day and time as may be decided by the committee or as may have been previously directed by the Standing Committee on House Business.

(3) If a committee is not previously adjourned, the chairman shall adjourn the committee without putting any question at the hour of interruption of business:

Provided that:

(i) if in the opinion of the chairman, the proceedings on the bill or other business may be concluded by a short extension of the sitting, he may postpone the adjournment of the committee to not later than fifteen minutes after the hour of interruption of business;

(ii) if in accordance with an order given pursuant to item (i) of subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1) of Standing Order 120C, proceedings are required to be concluded at the time when the chairman is required to adjourn the committee under this paragraph, he shall not adjourn the committee until the question for the closure of the debate, the question or questions consequent thereon and on any further motion as provided in that order, have been decided."

G. In Standing Order 127, for the words "Select Committee" there shall be substituted the words "Standing Committee and Select Committee".

H. In Standing Order 128:

(a) for the words "Select Committees" there shall be substituted the words "Standing Committees and Select Committees".

(b) after the words "unless otherwise ordered by the House" there shall be inserted the words "or unless otherwise provided in these Standing Orders"; and

(c) for the words "shall be held within the next 7 days", there shall be substituted the words "shall, unless otherwise directed by the Standing Committee on House Business, be held within the next 7 days".

I. Standing Order 129 shall be deleted.

J. In Standing Order 130:

(a) for the words "Every Select Committee" there shall be substituted the words "Unless otherwise provided in these Standing Orders or unless otherwise ordered by the House, every Standing Committee and every Select Committee"; and

(b) after the words "have a casting vote.", there shall be added the words "Where the chairman of a Standing Committee or of a Select Committee is unavoidably absent, the members thereof shall elect a person from among themselves to act as chairman.".

K. For Standing Order 132 there shall be substituted the following:

"Power to send for witnesses, papers and records

132. Any Standing Committee and any Select Committee shall have power to summon witnesses and to order the production of documents and reports before it, at such time and place as may be indicated in the relative warrant and at such place and time to which the meeting of the committee may be adjourned. Witnesses may be ordered to attend by means of a warrant issued by the chairman of the relative committee and signed by the clerk; any oath or affirmation taken or made by any witness may be administered by the chairman or by the clerk attending such committee."

L. For Standing Orders 134 and 135 there shall be substituted the following:

"Bills referred to Standing Committees

133A. (1) Any notice of an amendment to a bill which has been committed or referred to a Standing Committee, shall stand referred to the Committee, and the chairman shall have like powers as are given to the Speaker and Chairman of Committees by Standing Order 44.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order 16 shall apply to Standing Committees.

(3) The chairman of a Standing Committee shall have like powers as are given to the chairman of a Committee of the Whole House including the powers under Standing Orders 15, 48, 57, 63 and 99.

(4) On a division being called in the House or a Committee of the Whole House, the chairman of a Standing Committee or of a Select Committee shall suspend the proceedings of the committee for such time

as will enable members to vote in the division and return to the Committee.

Report of bill by chairman

134. The provisions of Standing Orders 103 and 104 shall apply to a bill which has been reported upon by a Standing Committee or a Select Committee.

Every Committee to Report to House

X 135. (1) Every committee shall have leave to report to the House its opinion and observations upon any matter referred to it for consideration, together with the minutes of the evidence taken before it, as well as to make special reports on any matter which it may think fit to bring to the notice of the House. Minority reports, if any, shall be presented together with the report of the committee.

(2) The proceedings of, or evidence taken by, or the report of any Standing Committee or Select Committee, or the summary of such proceedings, evidence or report, shall not be published by any member of such committee or by any other person, except with the permission of the House, until the report of such committee has been laid on the Table of the House.

(3) Where evidence before a Select Committee has been given at a meeting open to the public, no complaint of privilege shall be entertained on the ground that such evidence has been published before having been reported to the House."

M. In Standing Order 136 for the words "Select Committee" there shall be substituted the words "Standing Committee or of a Select Committee".

N. For Standing Order 137 there shall be substituted the following:

"Strangers

137. Every Standing Committee and every Select Committee may, in its discretion, resolve not to allow strangers to be present during any of its proceedings."

O. Standing Order 138 shall be deleted.

P. In Standing Order 139, for the words "Counsel, when appearing before a Select Committee", there shall be substituted the words "Counsel and experts, when appearing before a Standing Committee or before a Select Committee".