

House of Assembly Newfoundland & Labrador

Standing Orders Committee

50th General Assembly – Report 1 – Addendum

Report to the House of Assembly

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Committee Members

Standing Orders Committee Members:

John Hogan, Member for Windsor Lake (Chair)
Helen Conway Ottenheimer, Member for Harbour Main (Vice-chair)
Jordan Brown, Member for Labrador West (until April 4, 2022)
Steve Crocker, Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde
Lela Evans, Member for Torngat Mountains (as of April 4, 2022)
Sarah Stoodley, Member for Mount Scio

Appointed June 1, 2021.

List of substitutions:

March 8, 2022

Bernard Davis, Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville, substituted for Steve Crocker, Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde



Transmittal

Speaker, I am pleased to present this addendum to the first report of the Standing Orders Committee in the 50th General Assembly. I thank the Members of the Committee for their diligence and hard work and I recommend this addendum to the House of Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
 John Hogan, MHA
Windsor Lake
Chair



Introduction

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders is one of seven standing Committees of the House constituted under section 65 of the Standing Orders. The Committee reviews and recommends changes to the Standing Orders to the House of Assembly. The Standing Orders Committee of the 50th General Assembly of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly was established by resolution on June 1, 2021.



Order of Reference

By parliamentary tradition, the Standing Orders Committee has a continuous order of reference to review the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly and to bring forward any recommendations for changes to those Standing Orders to the House for its consideration.



Summary of Work

The Standing Orders Committee has met on six occasions since it was constituted on June 1, 2021: October 25, 2021; November 29, 2021; December 13, 2021; February 15, 2022; March 3, 2022; March 8, 2022; and April 4, 2022.

Matters considered by the Committee thus far during the 50th General Assembly include the following:

- a. Relevance in debate on money bills;
- b. Amendments to Private Members' Resolutions;
- c. Ministers' participation in Members Statements;
- d. Codifying time for responses to Ministerial Statements; and
- e. Deferred, pairing and proxy voting.



Findings and Decisions

The Committee reached decisions on a number of matters which formed the Committee's first report to the House. These included a change to Standing Order 63 modifying speaking times for Members. Through inadvertence, the report omitted a consequential amendment to Standing Order 63 respecting the time at which the mover of the motion closes debate. That consequential amendment is the subject of this addendum.



Recommendations

Your Committee recommends the following:

a. **That** the Standing Order 63(6) be amended by deleting the number and word "4:45 o'clock" and by substituting the number and word "4:50 o'clock".