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**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
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Your Committee has continued its consideration of the Standing Orders and agreed at its meeting of March 4th, 2019 to recommend to the House that the amendment to Standing Order 92, which was adopted provisionally on February 27th, 2018 be adopted permanently with suborder 92(2) amended by the substitution of 60 seconds for 90 seconds speaking time. The permanent Standing Order will read as follows:

1. Standing Order 92 is amended by renumbering it as Standing Order 92(1), and by adding immediately after that the following:

(2) A Minister, in his or her discretion, may reply to a petition and the Minister's response shall occupy no more than 90 seconds in so doing.

(3) A Minister's response under Standing Order 92 (2) may be given on the day the petition is presented or the next sitting day only.

(4) Where, in a session, multiple petitions of the same subject matter are presented, a Minister may respond to each petition in the manner contemplated under Standing Order 92 (3), but only one response to a petition with the same subject matter may be made on each sitting day.

On behalf of the Committee I recommend this amendment to the House and shall move its adoption at the appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair
Standing Orders Committee

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