



## GOVERNMENT MEMBER SPEECH

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## SPEAKER'S SCRIPT



*The Serjeant-at-Arms will escort you into the Parliament. When you get to your desk, nod to both sides then say:*

**Members, please be seated.**

*Sit down, wait for Members to sit and for the mace to be put on table.*

**Parliament is now in session.**

**Deputy Clerk, please read the Standing Orders of the Chamber.**

*When Deputy Clerk sits down you say:*

**Clerk, please read the Bill.**

*When the Clerk sits down you say:*

**I now call on the Chief Minister to introduce the Bill.**

*The Chief Minister will stand. The Chief Minister will introduce the Bill and read their speech. When they sit down you say:*

**I now call on the Leader of the Opposition.**

*The Leader of the Opposition will stand and read their speech. When they sit down you say:*

**Any member who would like to speak further on this Bill, please stand.**

*Choose the member who stands first by saying:*

**I call the Member for \_\_\_\_\_** (Say the first name of the student)

*After the member finishes speaking choose the next member who stands first by repeating:*

**I call the Member for \_\_\_\_\_** (Say the first name of the student)

*Continue to choose members until everyone who wants to has spoken. After all willing members read their speeches, you say:*

**I call the Chief Minister again.**

*The Chief Minister will read their script.*

*When Chief Minister sits down you say:*

**Members of Parliament, a vote on the Bill will be taken.**

**Those who agree say ‘Aye’** *(pronounced ‘eye’)*

*Wait for Members to say ‘Aye’*

**Those who disagree say ‘No’**

*Wait for Members to say ‘No’*

**I think the Ayes have it.**

*The Leader of the Opposition will call for a division*

**Division is required. Deputy Clerk, please ring the bells.**

**Those who support the Bill move to the right and those who oppose the Bill move to the left.**

**Clerks, please count the votes and report back to me.**

*Record the results in the correct spaces below:*

**Members, please be seated.**

**Results of the division:**

**The number of votes FOR the Bill is** \_\_\_\_\_

**The number of votes AGAINST the Bill is** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bill has/has not passed.**  
**(Choose side with most votes)**

*If the bill has passed, then say:*

**Clerk, please read the Bill.**

*To finish:*

**Thank you members, parliament is now finished.**

## CHIEF MINISTER'S SCRIPT



*You will be the first member to speak in the debate. When the Speaker tells you, stand up and begin your speech like this:*

**Thank you Speaker,**

**I am pleased to introduce the bill to the parliament today.**

*Say your speech*

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*After all the other Members who are speaking have spoken, the Speaker will call on you again and you say:*

**Thank you Speaker,**

**I am pleased we have discussed this bill and thank all those who have spoken here today.**

**I move that the bill be taken to a vote.**

## LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION'S SCRIPT



*After the Ayes and Nos have been said and the Speaker has said “I think the Ayes have it”,*

*Stand up and say:*

*(You don't have to wait for the Speaker to give you permission to speak)*

**Point of Order Speaker**

**I would like to call for a division.**



## DEPUTY CLERK'S SCRIPT



### **STANDING ORDERS**

#### **Order 1:**

*Members can only speak when the Speaker calls on them.*

#### **Order 2:**

*If members wish to speak, they must stand and wait for the Speaker to call on them.*

#### **Order 3:**

*All members must show respect to each other.*

#### **Order 4:**

*Yelling and other bad behaviour will not be allowed in the Chamber.*

#### **Order 5:**

*The Speaker will warn any members not behaving correctly. If there is more bad behaviour, the Speaker can send them out of the Chamber.*

## SERJEANT-AT-ARMS' SCRIPT



*You will walk into the Chamber carrying the mace with the Speaker and Clerks behind you. When you get to where the desks start, you say:*

***Honourable Members***

***the Speaker***

*Then walk to the table. Stand and hold the mace on your shoulder until the Speaker says “sit down”. Then you put the mace on the table.*

*Walk to your seat and sit down.*

*You may be required during the debate to remove members who have been sent out of the Chamber by the Speaker for bad behaviour.*