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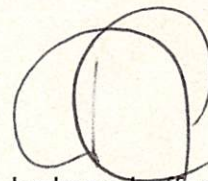
MR. KEVIN O'REILLY
CHAIR, STANDING COMMITTEE
ON RULES AND PROCEDURES

Rules Change – Members' Statements

Although our Assembly has one of the longest time allotments for Members' Statements, many Members continue to seek Unanimous Consent to go beyond the allotted two and a half minutes. The effect of this is to delay consideration by the House of the remaining Orders of the Day, many of which are decision items such as motions, bills and budgets.

Pursuant to sections 4(d) of the terms of reference for your committee, please examine potential amendments to the Rules of the Legislative Assembly to allow greater adherence to the generous allotment of time for Members' Statements. These may include, but are not limited to, a fixed allotment of time for the Order of the Day "Members Statements" or exemption of this item from the ability to set the rules aside with unanimous consent. The current ability of a Member, who uses two official languages in their Members' Statement to speak for three minutes, should be maintained.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving your report at your earliest opportunity.



Jackson Lafferty
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

cc: Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Committee Clerk