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SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Rules Change – Members' Statements

Thank you for referring the use of unanimous consent to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures for consideration.

Since the referral, the Committee has observed the usage of unanimous consent in the Assembly, and reviewed statistics provided by the Clerk's office. Over this period, Members have significantly reduced their requests for unanimous consent to conclude their statements. Your flexibility when it is necessary to seek unanimous consent is also much appreciated.

The Committee recommends that Regular Members be provided with ongoing statistics on the use of unanimous consent as a gentle reminder to keep statements within the allotted time. As Committee Chair, I have requested that the statistics be provided regularly to the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning as an information item.

The Committee trusts that these measures will produce satisfactory results. Should this not occur, Members appreciate your continued oversight and attention to this matter and we would be prepared to examine the issue again.

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Chair

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