

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(22nd Meeting)

8th October 2004PART A

(Business conducted by telephone)

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy J.A. Bernstein, from whom apologies had been received.

Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Connétable D.F. Gray
Deputy P.N. Troy
Deputy C.J. Scott-Warren
Deputy J-A. Bridge

In attendance -

M.N. de la Haye, Greffier of the States
Mrs. S. Stoten, Committee Clerk

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A only.

Amendments To
Standing Orders
in respect of
Question time
and Closure.
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A1. The Committee, with reference to Act No. A2 of its meeting held on 16th September 2004, recalled that it had agreed to make the necessary changes to Standing Orders to incorporate the trials on question time and closure on a permanent basis.

The Committee noted that changes to Standing Orders had been prepared by the Law Draftsman As the trials were due to expire at the end of October the changes needed to be lodged on Tuesday 12th October for debate on 26th October.

The Committee approved the amendments with the exception of Senator P.V.F. Le Claire, Deputy J-A Bridge and Deputy J.A. Scott Warren who dissented on the issue of the closure motion. Senator Le Claire believed it deprived elected representatives the opportunity to properly represent the electorate whilst Deputy Scott-Warren was of the opinion that it was inappropriate without a party system being in place. Both members reserved their right to vote against the closure motion at the time of debate. The Committee further agreed to lodge the amendments on 12th October 2004 to ensure a debate on 26th October 2004 before the trial period expired.

The Greffier of the States was requested to take the necessary action.