

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT AMENDMENT (No. 14) OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE STATES OF JERSEY (P.169/2010): AMENDMENT (P.169/2010 Amd.) – COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 12th January 2011  
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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## COMMENTS

The Privileges and Procedures Committee opposes this amendment to P.169/2010. Under current practice, an Assistant Minister will often be invited by a Minister to act as Rapporteur on his or her behalf. The proposed new Standing Order 68A simply codifies this procedure by detailing who may act as Rapporteur for propositions, setting out in Standing Orders conventions that have been followed to date, but have not yet been formalised.

The Deputy of St. John wishes to remove the provision to allow Assistant Ministers the power to propose a proposition. PPC does not consider this to be beneficial to the efficiency of the States. Should a Minister become ill and be unavailable to present an urgent proposition, it seems logical that the relevant Assistant Minister should be able to present that proposition on the Minister's behalf. Similarly, if the Assistant Minister has responsibility for a particular area, it is logical that he or she should be able to act as Rapporteur for propositions relevant to that area.

Should the duty to propose such propositions always fall to the Chief Minister or to the relevant Minister, it is unlikely that either party will be privy to the same level of detailed background information that the Assistant Minister would have been able to provide. Accordingly, PPC considers it reasonable for the efficient running of States' business that propositions lodged by the Chief Minister or any other Minister should be able to be proposed by one of the Minister's Assistant Ministers.