

KS/SC/284

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(76th Meeting)

10th October 2017**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman
 Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier
 Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier

In attendance -

Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

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

Elected
 Speaker and
 Deputy
 Speaker of the
 States
 Assembly:
 selection and
 appointment
 (P.84/2017):
 amendment.
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A1. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No. A2 of 3rd October 2017, recalled that it had decided to lodge an amendment to the Proposition of the Chief Minister, entitled 'Elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the States Assembly: selection and appointment' (P.84/2017), which was due to be considered by the States Assembly on 14th November 2017.

P.84/2017 tasked the Committee, with the support of the Chief Minister's Office, with bringing forward all necessary actions, including legislative amendments, to implement changes in time for the Assembly to select and appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker at its first meeting following the 2018 General Election. The Committee was mindful that such legislative amendments would require the approval of both the States Assembly and the Privy Council and did not feel that the timeframes were achievable.

The Committee received and considered a draft amendment to P.84/2017, prepared by the Greffier of the States, which proposed that the necessary changes should be in place for the Assembly to select and appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker at its first meeting in 2019. Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement queried the merits of introducing a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker when the 'new' Assembly had already been in place since May 2018 and had become accustomed to having the Bailiff, or Deputy Bailiff, as the Presiding Officer. However, it was noted that this hiatus would give States Members, particularly the new incumbents, the opportunity to get to know colleagues and to decide if any of them would perform well as Speaker, or Deputy Speaker.

The Committee approved the draft amendment and the Chairman requested officers to arrange for the Chief Minister to be notified thereof.