

8 (1) The Speaker shall direct all activities of the House and its Committees and shall preside over the proceedings of the House under these rules.

(2) Without prejudice to sub-rule (1) the functions of the Speaker shall be:

- (a) to open, suspend and close sittings;
- (b) to ensure observance of these Rules;
- (c) to maintain order in the House;
- (d) to call upon members to participate in the proceedings;
- (e) to close debates;
- (f) to put matters to vote and announce the results of votes; and
- (g) to refer to Committees any business that concern them.