

69 (1) In committee the Clerk shall call the number of each clause in succession.

(2) If no amendment is proposed on, or all proposed amendments have been disposed of, the Chairman shall propose the question "That the clause (or the clause as amended) stand part of the Bill".

(3) Where:-

(a) the Chairperson is satisfied that there has been sufficient debate on the Bill, or

(b) all members who wish to speak on it have spoken;

the Chairperson shall put the question to the Committee for its decision.

(4) Any proposed amendments for which notice has not been given shall be handed to the Chairperson in writing.

(5) No amendment shall be moved which is inconsistent with any clause already made or any decision already made by the Committee, and the Chairperson may, at any time during the discussion of a proposed Amendment, withdraw it from the consideration of the Committee if in his or her opinion the discussion has shown that the amendment contravenes this sub-rule.

(6) If any proposed amendment refers to or is not intelligible without a subsequent amendment, notice of the subsequent amendment must, unless the Chairperson otherwise permits, be given before or when the first amendment is moved, so as to make the series of amendments intelligible.

(7) The Chairperson may refuse to propose the question upon any amendment of which less than one days notice has been given.

(8) Amendments to Bills, shall be debated in the same manner as motions and amendments to motions under these Rules, save with the substitution of the word “clause” for the word “motion” throughout; and any amendment proposed to such an amendment shall be dealt with before a decision taken on the original amendment.

(9) When two or more amendments are proposed on the same clause, the Chairperson shall call upon the movers in the order in which their Amendments are related to the text of the clause.

(10) The amendment which in the opinion of the Chairman departs furthest from the text and discussion shall be debated and disposed of first.

(11) Where two or more proposed amendments to any clause seek to attain the same objective but in different ways, or the wording of the amendments differs, the sponsors of the amendment may be required by the Chairperson to discuss their amendments and to reconcile them or agree on compromise amendments that will be acceptable to their sponsors.

(12) When every amendment to an amendment has been disposed of, the Chairman shall either again propose the question upon the original amendments as amended.

(13) The consideration of a clause may be postponed.

(14) Postponed clauses shall be considered after the remaining clauses of the Bill have been considered and before new clauses are brought up.

(15) Any proposed new clause shall be considered after the clauses of the Bill have been disposed of and before consideration of any schedule to the Bill: except that a new clause proposed in substitution for a clause which has been disagreed to, may be considered immediately after the disagreement.

(16) Upon the title of any new clause being read by the Clerk, the clause shall be deemed to have been read the First Time.

(17) The question shall be proposed “that the clause be read a Second Time” and if it is agreed to, amendments may then be proposed to the new clause.

(18) The final question to be proposed shall be “That the clause (as amended) be added to the Bill”.

(19) Schedules shall be disposed of in the same way as clauses and any proposed new Schedules shall be considered after the Schedules to the Bill have been disposed of, and shall be treated in the same manner as new Clauses.

(20) An amendment, new clause or new schedules may be withdrawn at the request of the mover by leave of the Committee before the question has been put on it.

(21) If the question has been proposed on an amendment to an amendment to a new clause or new Schedule, the original amendment, new clause or new Schedule may not be withdrawn until the amendment to it has been disposed of.

(22) When every clause and Schedule and proposed new clause or Schedule has been dealt with, the preamble, shall be considered and the question put “That this preamble (as amended) be the preamble of the Bill”.

(23) No amendment to the preamble shall be considered which is not made necessary by a previous amendment to the Bill.

(24) If any amendment to the title of the Bill is made necessary by an amendment to the Bill, it shall be made at the conclusion of the proceedings detailed above, but no question shall be put that the title (as amended) stand part of the Bill nor shall any question be put upon the enacting formula.

(25) At the conclusion of the proceedings in the Committee on a Bill, the Member in charge of the Bill may move “That the Bill (as amended) be reported to the House” and the question on

the Bill shall be decided without amendment or debate.