

STANDING ORDER 56 (1) and (2)

The present standing order 56 reads as follows:

(1) A Chairman of Committees who shall also be Deputy Speaker of the House shall be elected at the commencement of every parliament, as soon as an address has been agreed to in answer to His Excellency's Speech; and the member so elected shall, if in his place in the House, take the Chair of all committees of the whole, including the committees of supply, and ways and means, in accordance with the usages which regulate the duties of a similar officer, generally designated the Chairman of the Committees of Ways and Means, in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(2) The member elected to serve as Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees shall be required to possess the full and practical knowledge of the language which is not that of Mr. Speaker for the time being.

To allow for the election of a Deputy Speaker at the outset of the first session in a new Parliament, the words "as soon as an Address has been agreed to in answer to His Excellency's Speech" have been deleted from section (1) of this order.

The word "official" has been inserted before the word "language" in section (2) thereof.

NEW STANDING ORDER 56A

Orders for House in Committee of the Whole

This amendment spells out the practice in respect of putting the question, without debate, on any motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into a committee of the whole. Standing orders 57A and 57C relate to the committees of supply and of ways and means.