

When a senator introduces a bill he sends it to the Table, and the Clerk Assistant declares it read the first time. The sponsoring senator then moves that it be read the second time on a certain date, and the bill is then printed and distributed.

A motion to suspend the application of certain rules to a bill should state the rules to be suspended. Such a motion may be adopted forthwith only with leave of the Senate.

See Rule 45(1)(a).

Upon an order for second reading of a bill being called, the sponsoring senator moves second reading and explains the bill. The principle of the bill is then usually debated.

See Rule 56.

The types of amendment that may be moved to a bill on second reading are enumerated in *Bourinot, Fourth Edition, pp. 509 to 511.*

The practice generally followed is to refer a bill to a select committee after second reading, but it may on motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

Third Reading

Upon an order for third reading of a bill being called, the sponsoring senator moves third reading. If the motion carries, the bill is read the third time and is passed, and an appropriate Message is sent to the House of Commons.

For examples of the appropriate Message, see *Journals of the Senate, 1979, p. 155 (Senate bill); 1979, p. 179 (House of Commons bill); 1978, p. 158 (House of Commons bill with Senate amendments).*

In general, the same kinds of amendment may be moved on third reading as may be moved on second reading, but such amendments must not deal with any matter not contained in the bill.

See Beauchesne, Fourth Edition, p. 288, para.; 418; Bourinot, Fourth Edition, pp. 509 to 511.

However, the Senate has exercised flexibility in this regard. Each of the following references from the *Journals of the Senate* contains an example of an amendment moved on third reading of a bill that added a matter not contained in the bill: 1928, p. 458; 1940, p. 158; 1964-65, pp. 904 to 906; 1970-71-72, p. 78; 1972, p. 160.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

After its second reading, a bill may be referred to a Committee of the Whole.