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Explanatory Note:

The words "has originated in and" are deleted, and the words "on invitation from the Senate" are added to broaden the Senate's right to invite a Minister relating to any matter.

19. At each daily sitting of the Senate, the Speaker shall call for, in the following order:

1. Presentation of Petitions:
2. Reading of Petitions:
3. Reports of Committees:
4. Notices of Inquiries:
5. Notices of Motions:
6. Inquiries:
7. Motions:
8. Question Period:
9. Orders of the Day.

19. At each daily sitting of the Senate, the Speaker shall call for, in the following order,—

1. Presentation of Petitions:
2. Reading of Petitions:
3. Reports of Committees:
4. Notices of Inquiries and of Motions:
5. Inquiries:
6. Motions:
7. Orders of the Day. B. 218.

19A. When the Speaker calls the question period, senators may ask any questions of the Leader of the Government in the Senate relating to matters of urgency or importance to the nation or the Senate. No notice of such questions is required. Supplementary questions may be asked.

Explanatory Note:

The order of business is changed by adding as No. 8, between Motions and Orders of the Day, the Question Period. This incorporates a long standing tradition and practice which should be spelled out in the order of business. Notices of Inquiries and of Motions should be split. No. 4 should be Notices of Inquiries. No. 5 should be Notices of Motions. The remainder to be renumbered accordingly. Rule 19A is added in the same connection as No. 8.

20. No change.

20. Unless the Senate direct otherwise, Orders of the Day take precedence according to priority as follows:

1. Orders of the Day for the third reading of Bills.