

If the bill is returned from the Commons with one or more amendments, the bill is sent to the Table by the Speaker, and the Clerk Assistant reads the engrossed amendment(s) attached to it.

The amendments may be dealt with as follows:

(1) Consideration Forthwith

If the sponsoring senator moves that the amendment(s) be now concurred in, debate, if any, follows, and when the motion has been disposed of in the usual way, the Speaker orders that a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House with the action taken by the Senate.

See Journals of the Senate, 1966-67, p. 408; 1974-75-76, p. 494.

If the motion is that the Senate disagrees with the amendment(s), the wording is changed accordingly. If the motion is carried, a Message, stating the reasons for the Senate's disagreement (such reasons having been drafted by a committee of three senators appointed by the Senate), is sent to the House of Commons.

See Rule 59(1).

(2) Reference to Committee

The message is read as above by the Speaker. The Leader of the Government then moves that the amendment(s) be referred to a select committee.

See Journals of the Senate, 1969, p. 789; 1974-75-76, pp. 916-17.

The report of the committee is presented to the Senate by the chairman and is read by the Clerk Assistant. The chairman may move, with leave, that the report be now adopted. The Speaker puts the question in the usual way and, if the motion is carried, a Message is sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House accordingly.

(3) Consideration Postponed

The Leader of the Government moves that the amendment(s) be taken into consideration on a certain date.

See Journals of the Senate, 1969, p. 789-90; 1974-75-76, pp. 916-17.

If the House of Commons insists on its amendment(s), it may ask for a conference.

House of Commons Bills

After a bill originating in the House of Commons has been read the first time in the Senate, it is dealt with in the same way as a Senate bill. After it has been read the third time, a Message is sent to the House of Commons informing that House that the Senate has passed the bill with or without amendment.

After third reading, Commons bills amended in the Senate are returned to the Commons. The engrossed amendment(s) attached thereto constitute(s) a Message.