



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BERMUDA**

Day No. 48

FRIDAY, 22nd May 2020

Report of the Standing Orders and Privileges Committee

TO: The Members of the Honourable House of Assembly

The Standing Orders and Privileges Committee has the honour to submit the following report:

1. The Committee held a meeting on the 20th May, 2020 to consider a proposed amendment to the Standing Orders to facilitate the conduct of virtual meetings of the House and Committees which have been conducted recently and possibly in the foreseeable future.
2. During this meeting the Committee agreed to the following amendment to the Standing Order 7.

- Add 7 1) (a) to read as follows:

–“Notwithstanding any other Standing Orders, where it is impracticable, by reason of a public emergency or any emergency as agreed by the Speaker after consultation with the Premier and the Opposition Leader, for the House or a Committee of the House to meet physically, the Speaker may grant leave for the House to meet virtually so long as the Speaker is satisfied that the business of the House may be conducted through electronic means that permits Members to be seen and heard by the Speaker or by a Chairperson of a Committee.”

3. Mr. Speaker, I now move that this new amendment to the Standing Orders be adopted as read.

All of which is respectfully submitted: -

Hon. D.P. Lister JP, MP—Chairman

Hon. D.V. Burgess JP, MP

Hon. E.D. Burt JP, MP

Hon. L.C. Cannonier JP, MP

Mr. W.L. Scott JP, MP

Ms. S. E. Jackson MP