

Motion No. 17

Bills Process Terminology

Current Terminology: Introduction and First Reading

Proposed Terminology: Introduction



A member moves for permission to introduce a bill and may give a speech of explanation



A person/persons opposing the bill may give short speech in reply



Question of whether or not the bill is to be introduced is put to the Synod



If permission to introduce the bill has been given, it is read without debate and moves to the next stage

Current
Terminology:
Second
Reading



Any debate is confined to the question of whether the Synod approves of the proposed bill in principle

Proposed
Terminology:
Principle
Stage



Only amendment considered at this stage is the deletion or substitution of words contained in the bill

Current
Terminology:
Consideration in
Committee

The Synod scrutinises the
bill, clause by clause

Proposed
Terminology:
Amendment/Detail
Stage

Proposed amendments
are considered

Current
Terminology:
Consideration
on Report

Amendments arising from the previous stage are considered

Proposed
Terminology:
Final
Consideration
Stage

Infelicities can be amended if necessary

Current
Terminology:
Third
Reading

Proposed
Terminology:
Final Decision



The motion 'that the bill be passed' is put to the Synod



Any debate is confined to what is provided in the bill

Synopsis of Suggested Changes in Terminology

First Reading and Introduction →
Introduction Stage

Second Reading → Principle Stage

Consideration in Committee →
Amendment/Detail Stage

Consideration on Report → Final
Consideration Stage

Third Reading → Final Decision