

ORDER OF REFERENCE

Extract from the Journals of the Senate of Thursday, November 19, 2020:

Resuming debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Dalphond, seconded by the Honourable Senator Harder, P.C.:

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Rules or usual practice:

1. for the remainder of the session, the position of Speaker pro tempore be filled by means of a secret ballot by all senators to be held before the end of this year, using a process to be established by the Speaker after consulting with the Leader of the Government, the Leader of the Opposition, and the leader or facilitator of any other recognized party or recognized parliamentary group; and
2. in the period preceding the secret ballot decision provided for under the first paragraph, any vacancy in the office of Speaker pro tempore be filled on an interim basis in accordance with the Rules.

After debate,

The Honourable Senator Tannas moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Downe:

That, pursuant to rule 5-7(b), the question under debate be referred to the Committee of Selection for examination and report.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

Richard Denis

Interim Clerk of the Senate