

PARLIAMENTARY ALPHABET





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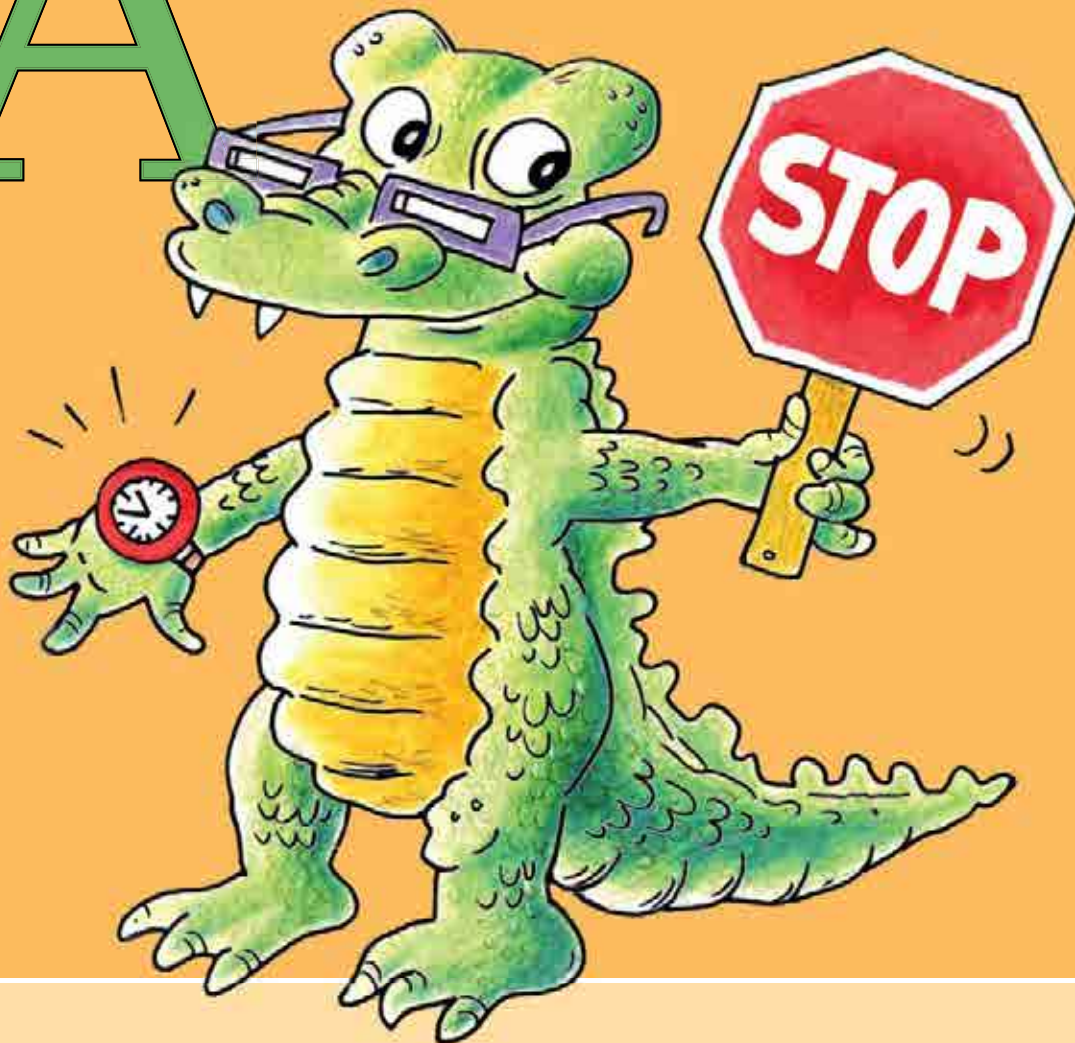


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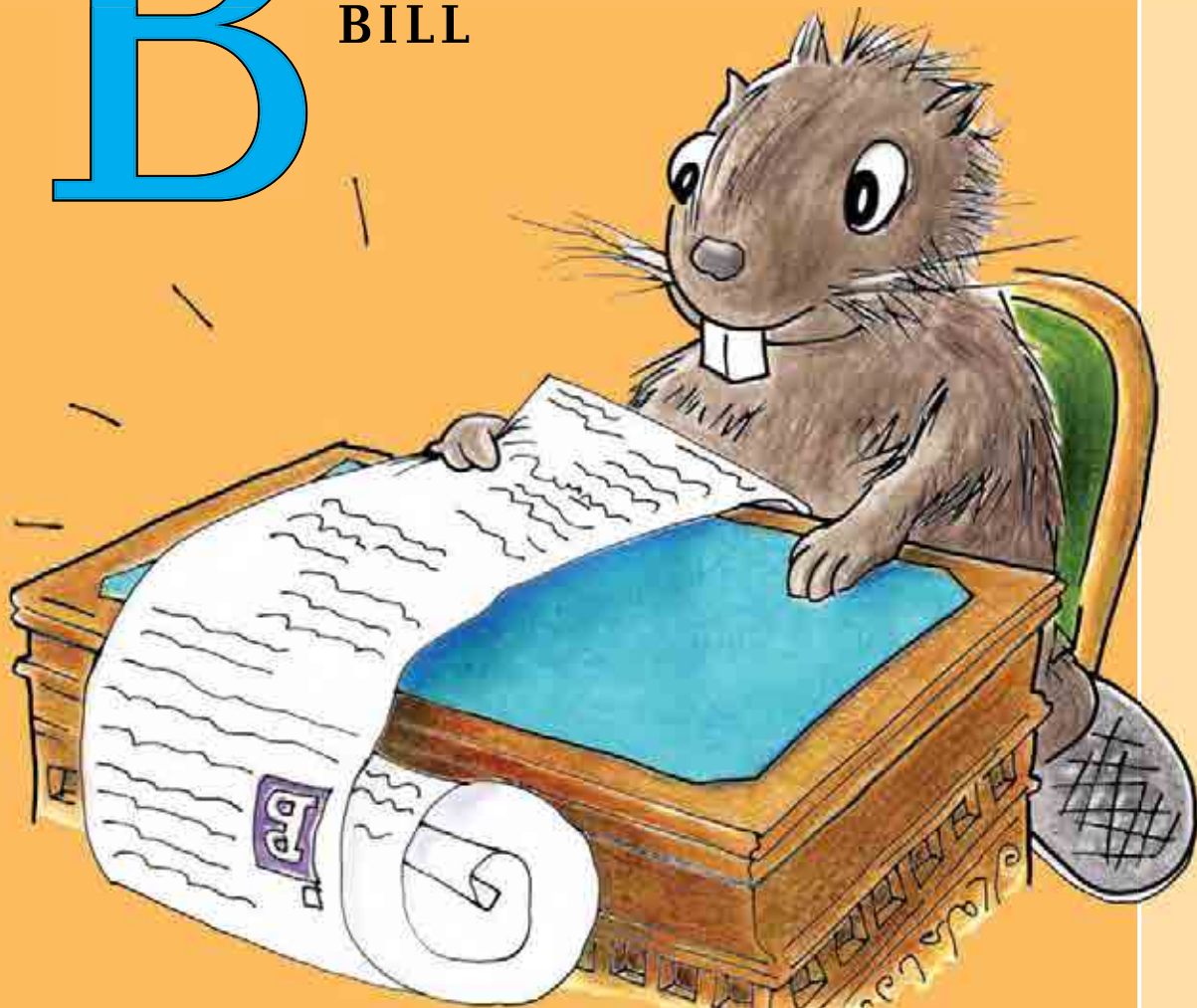
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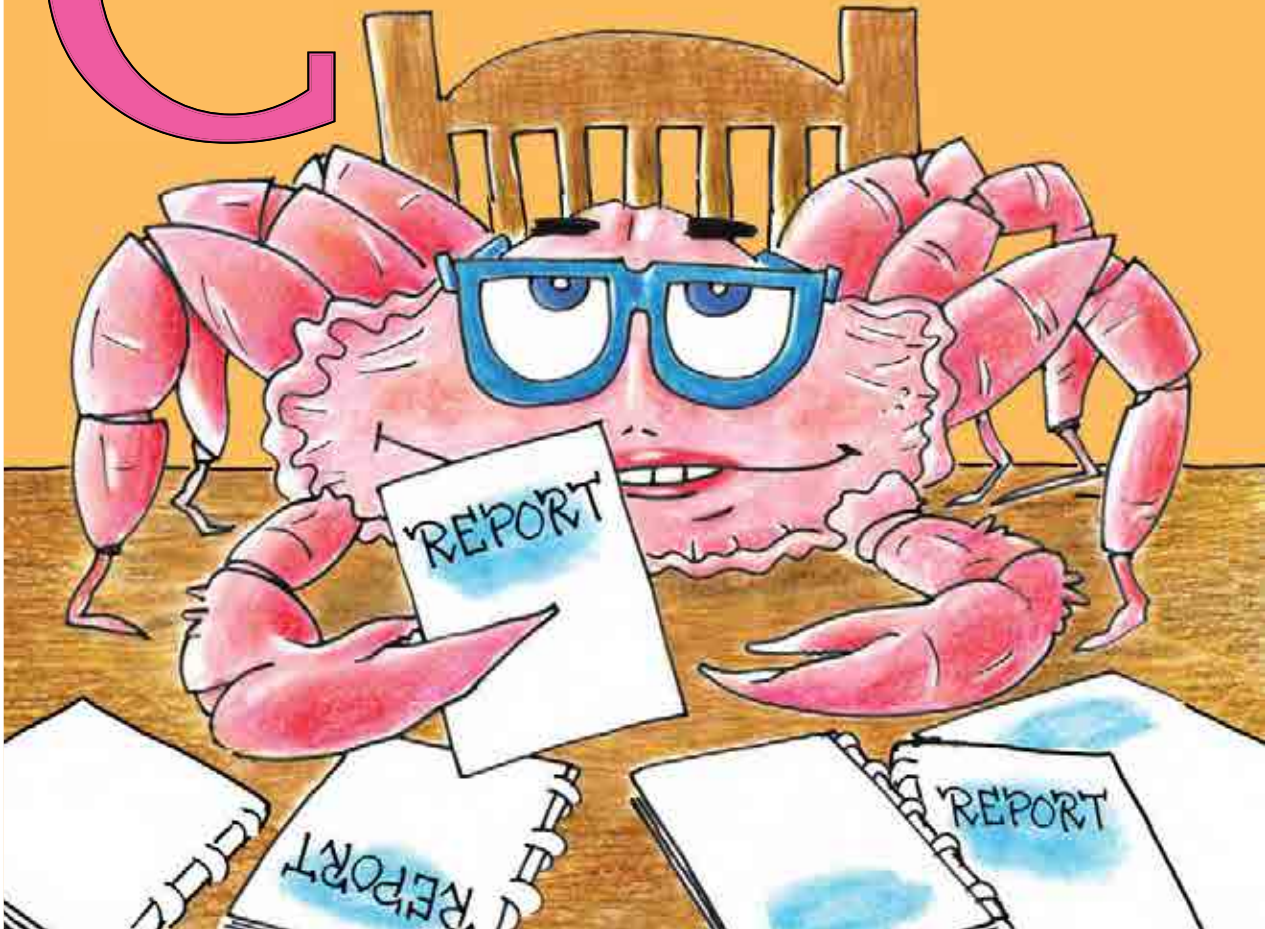
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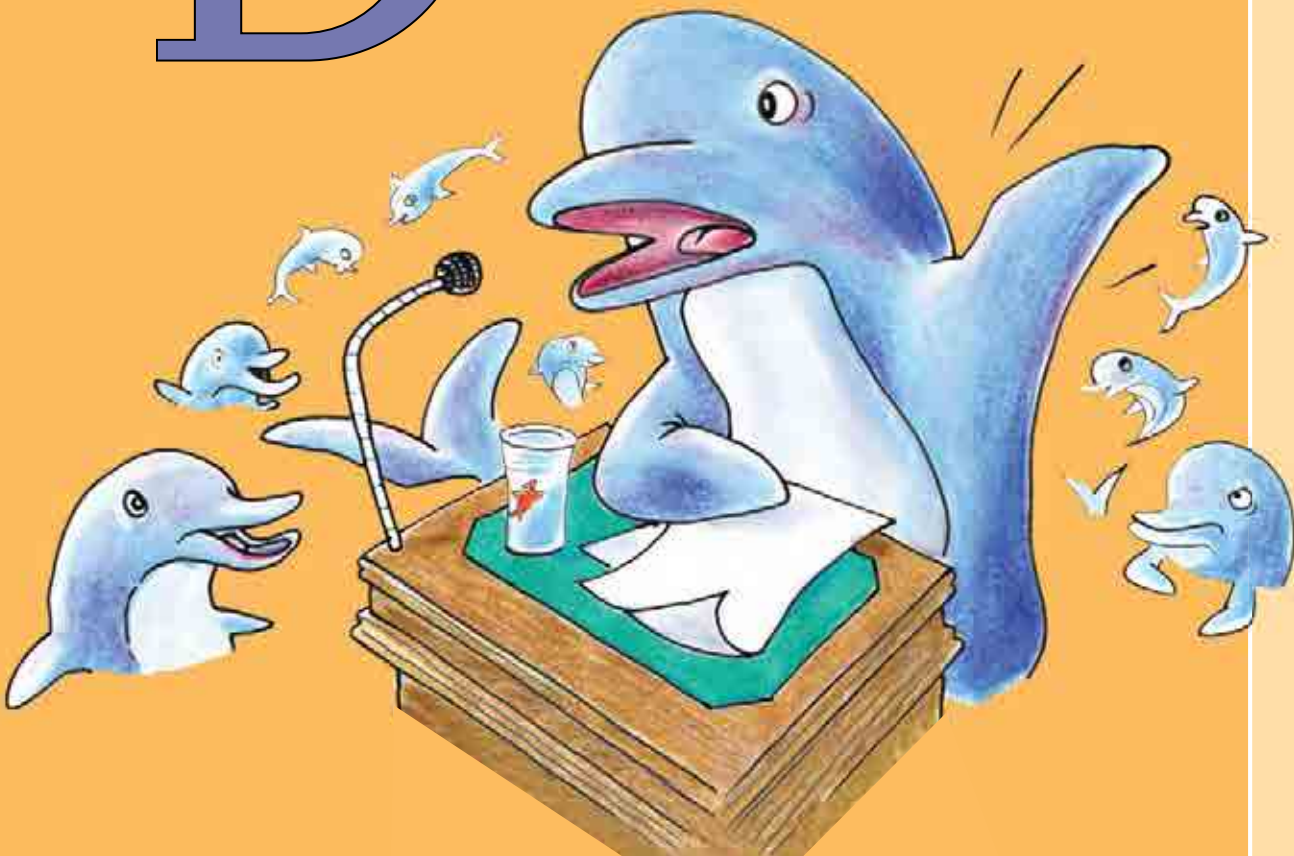
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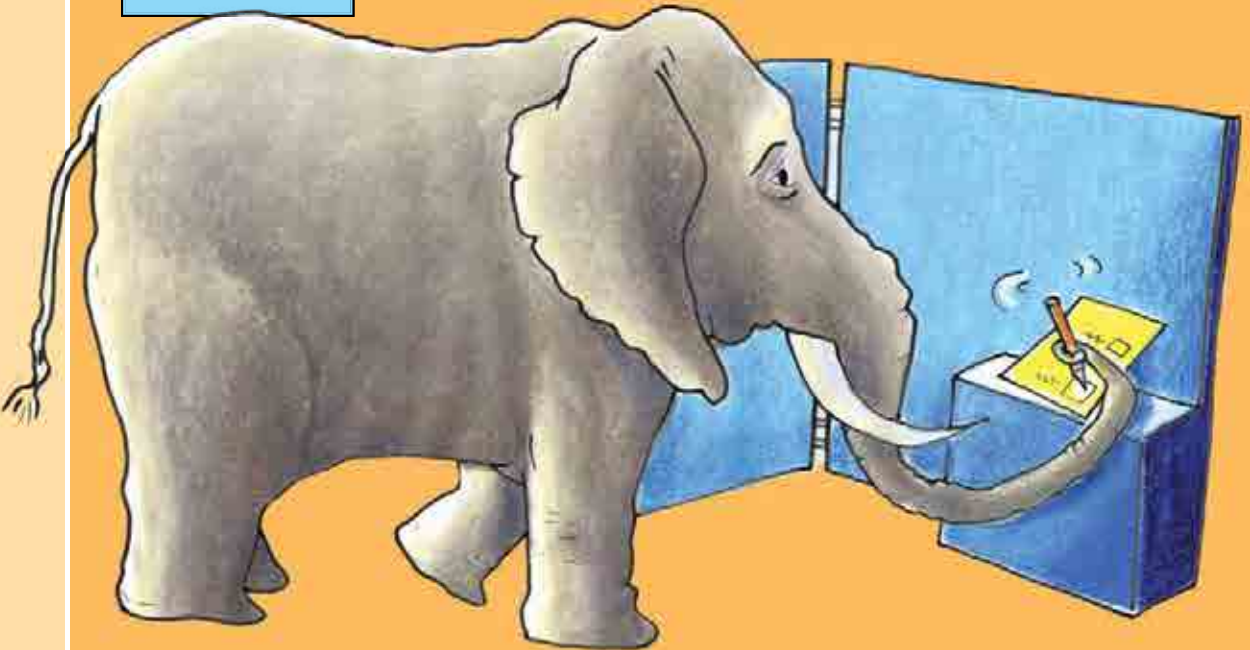
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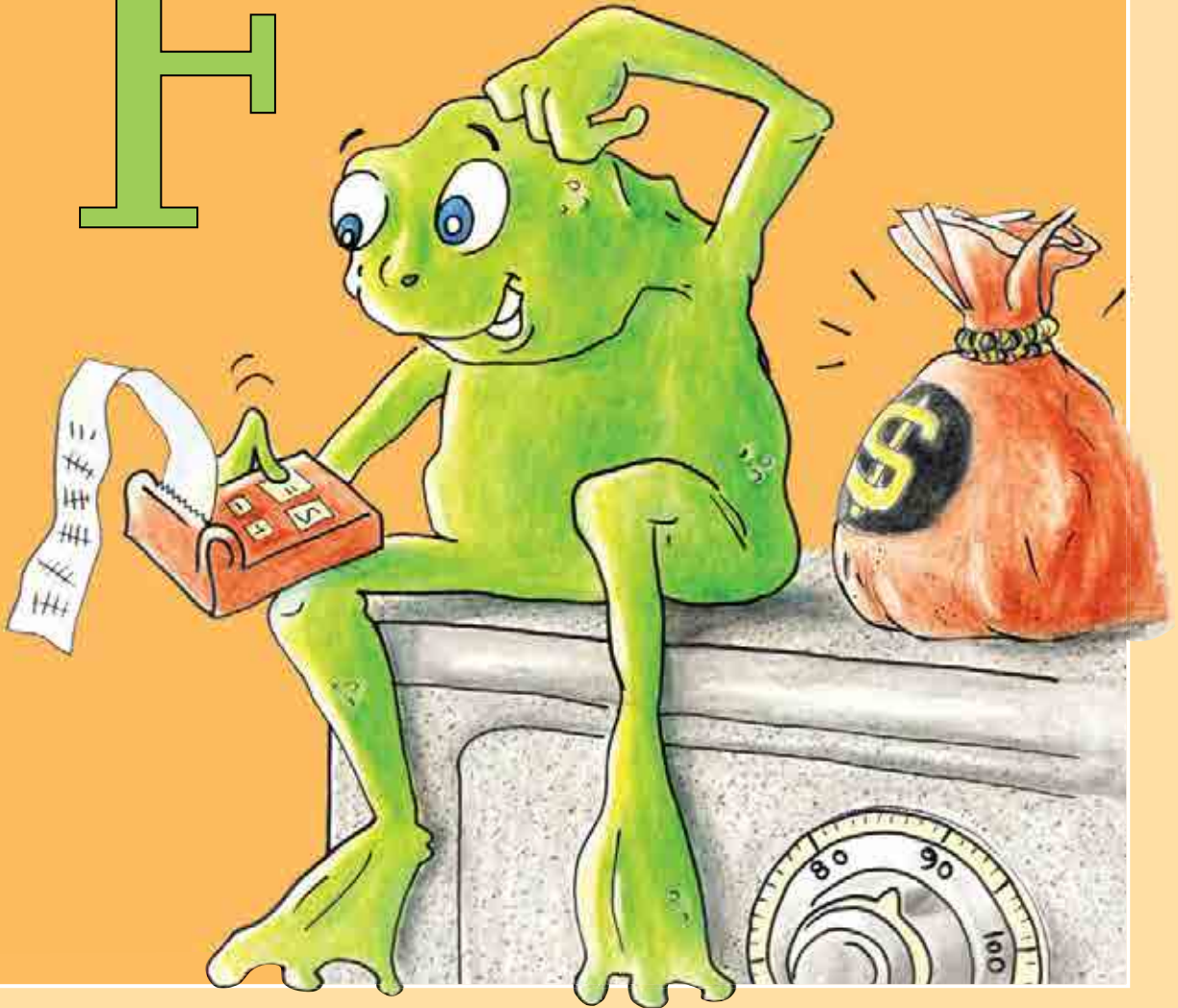


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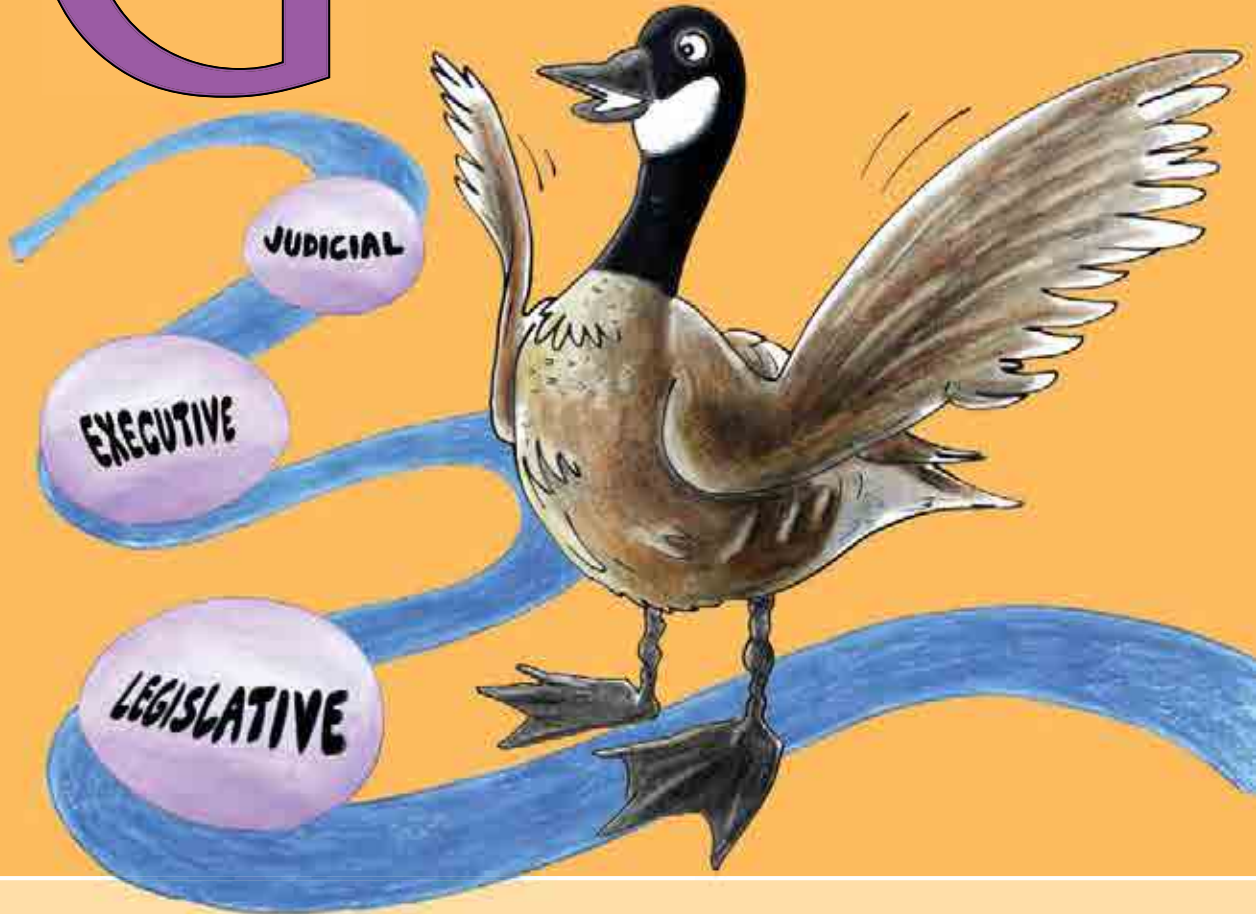


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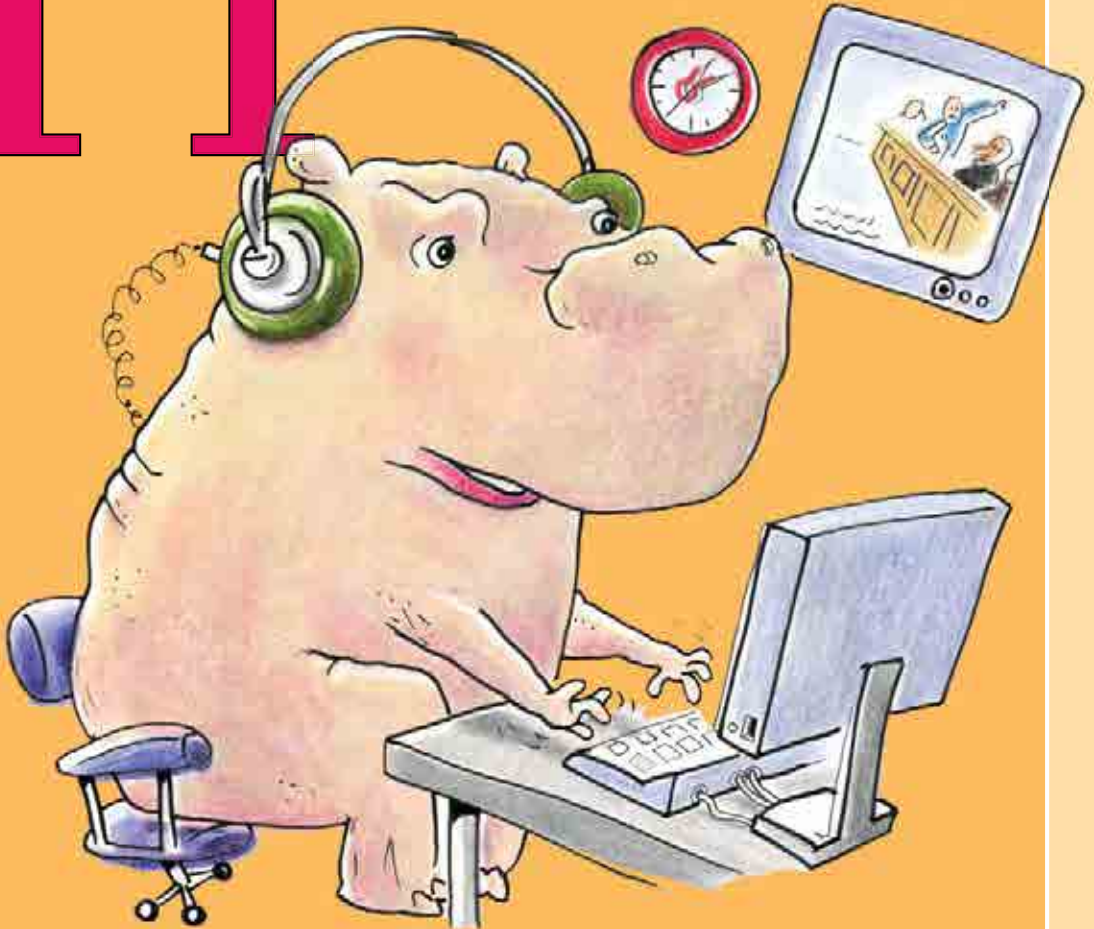
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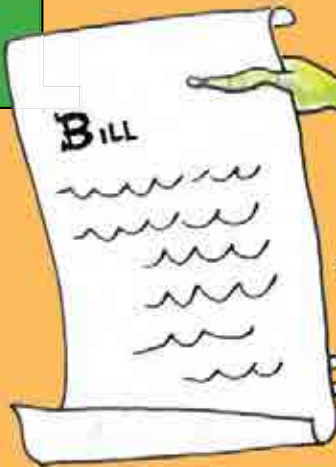


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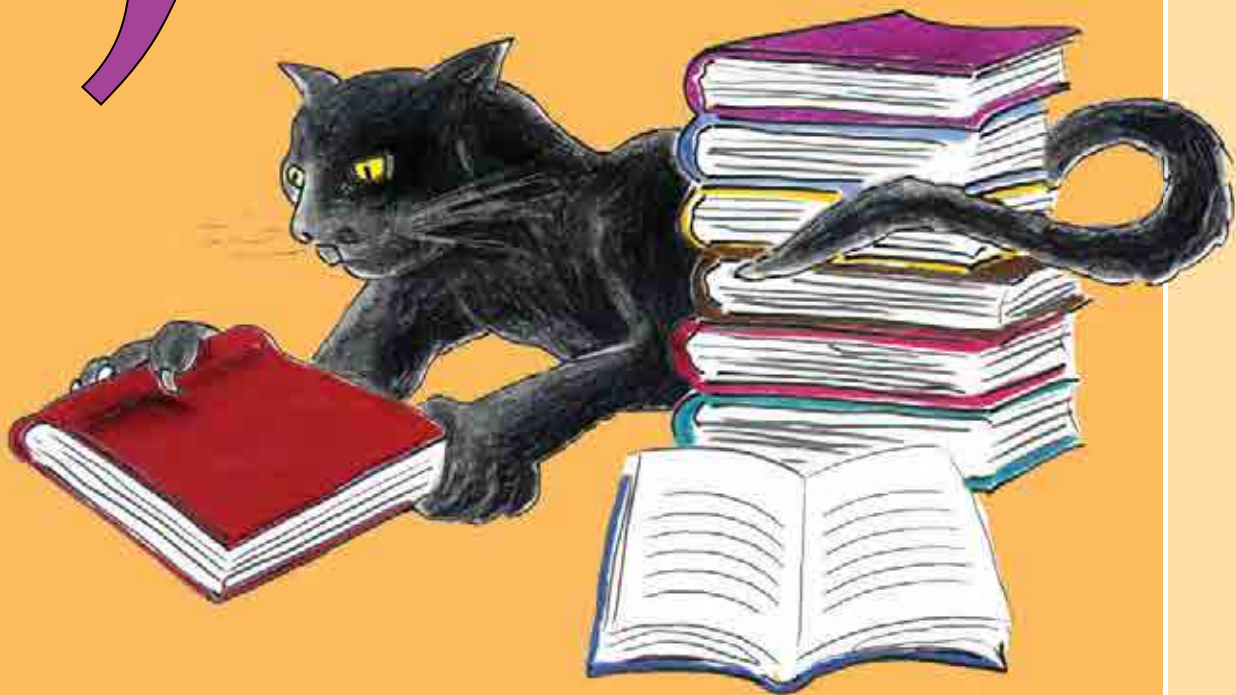


INTRODUCTION



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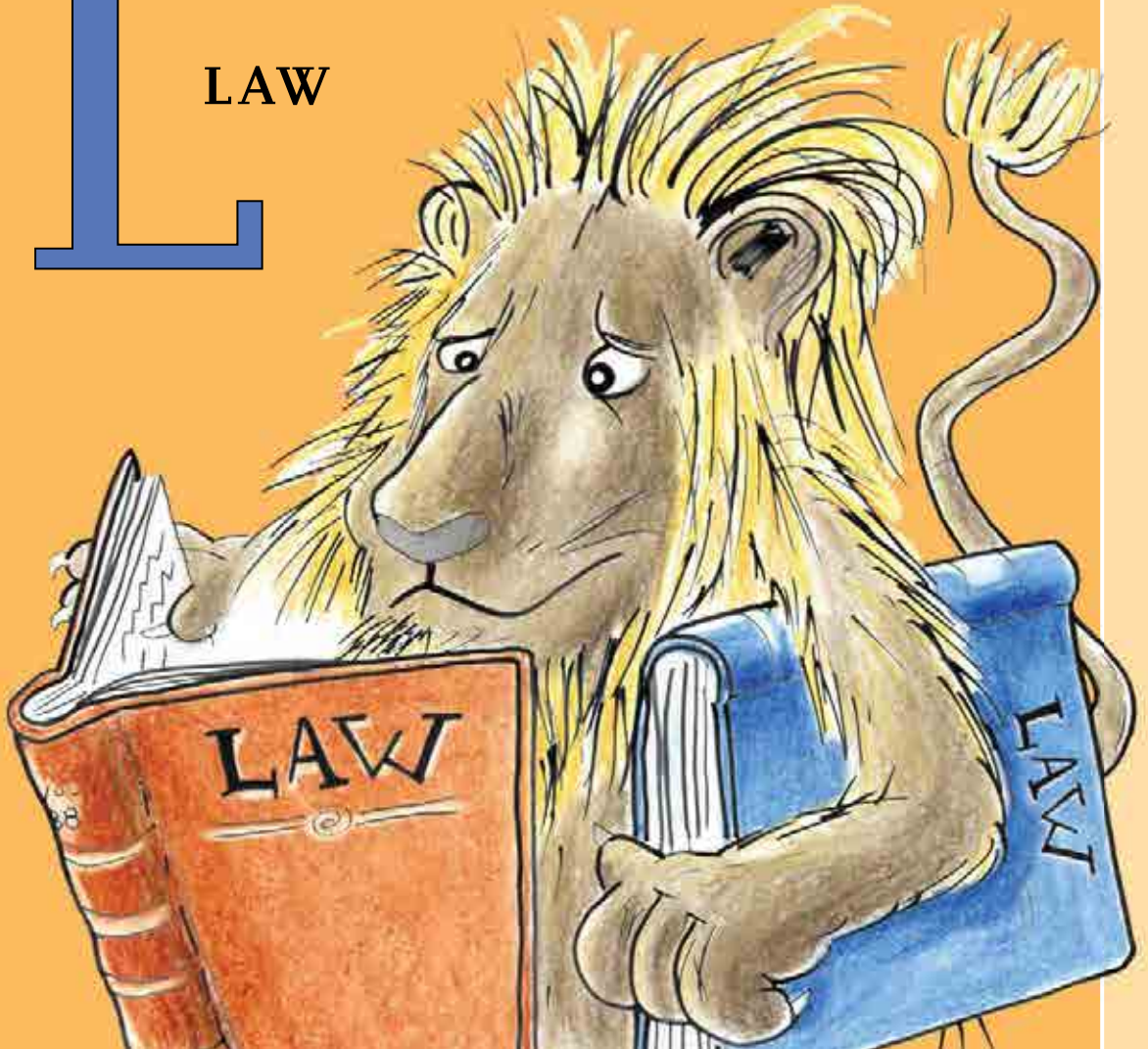


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MACE





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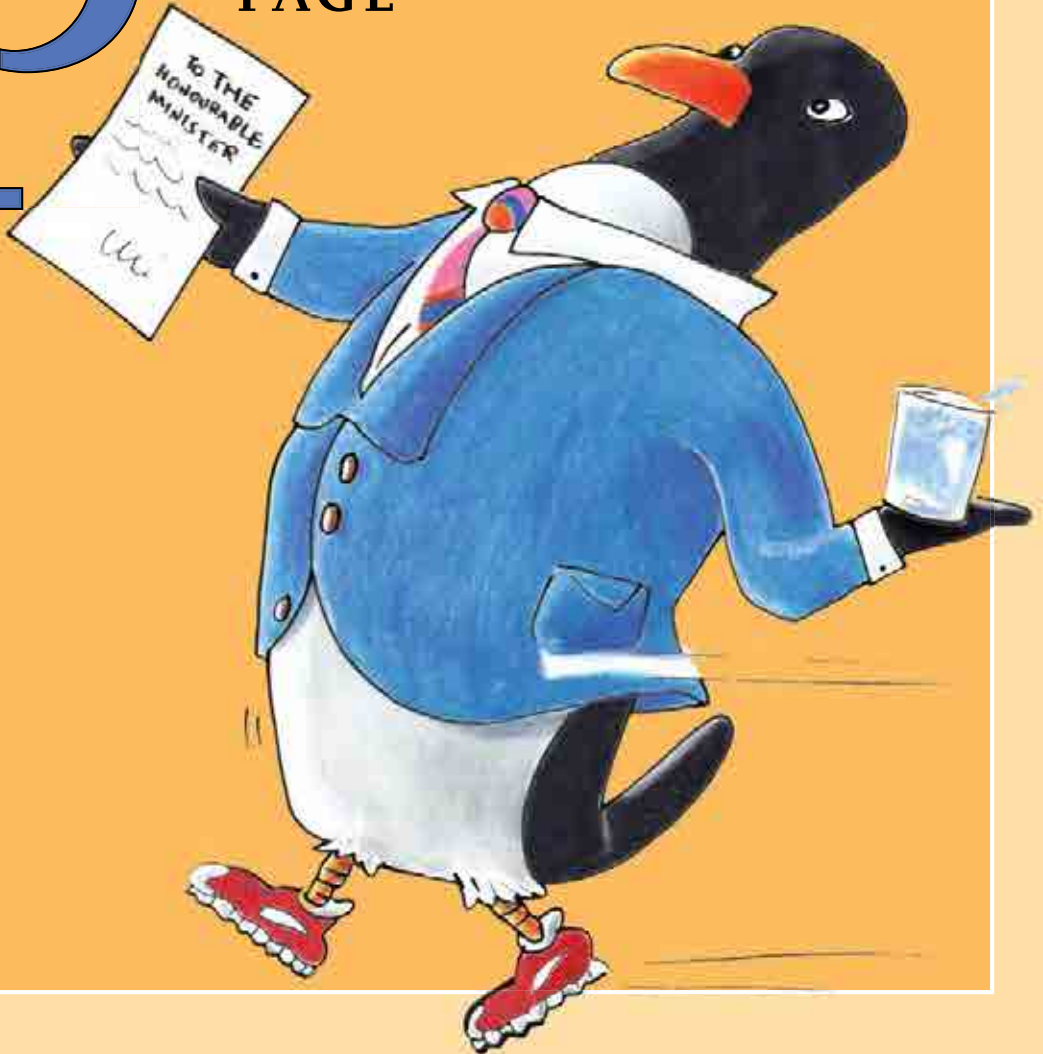
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OPPOSITION



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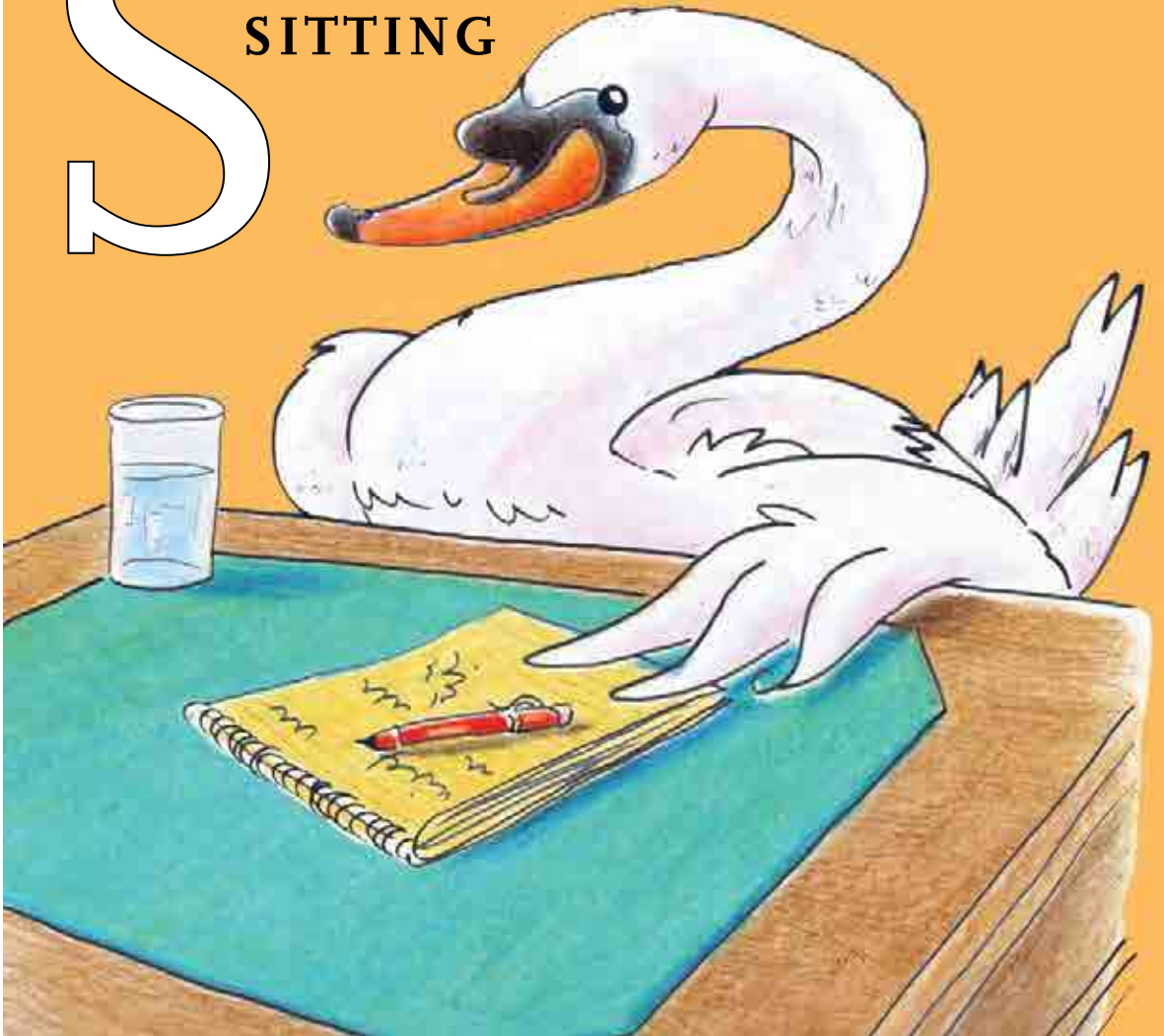
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RESOLUTION



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SITTING



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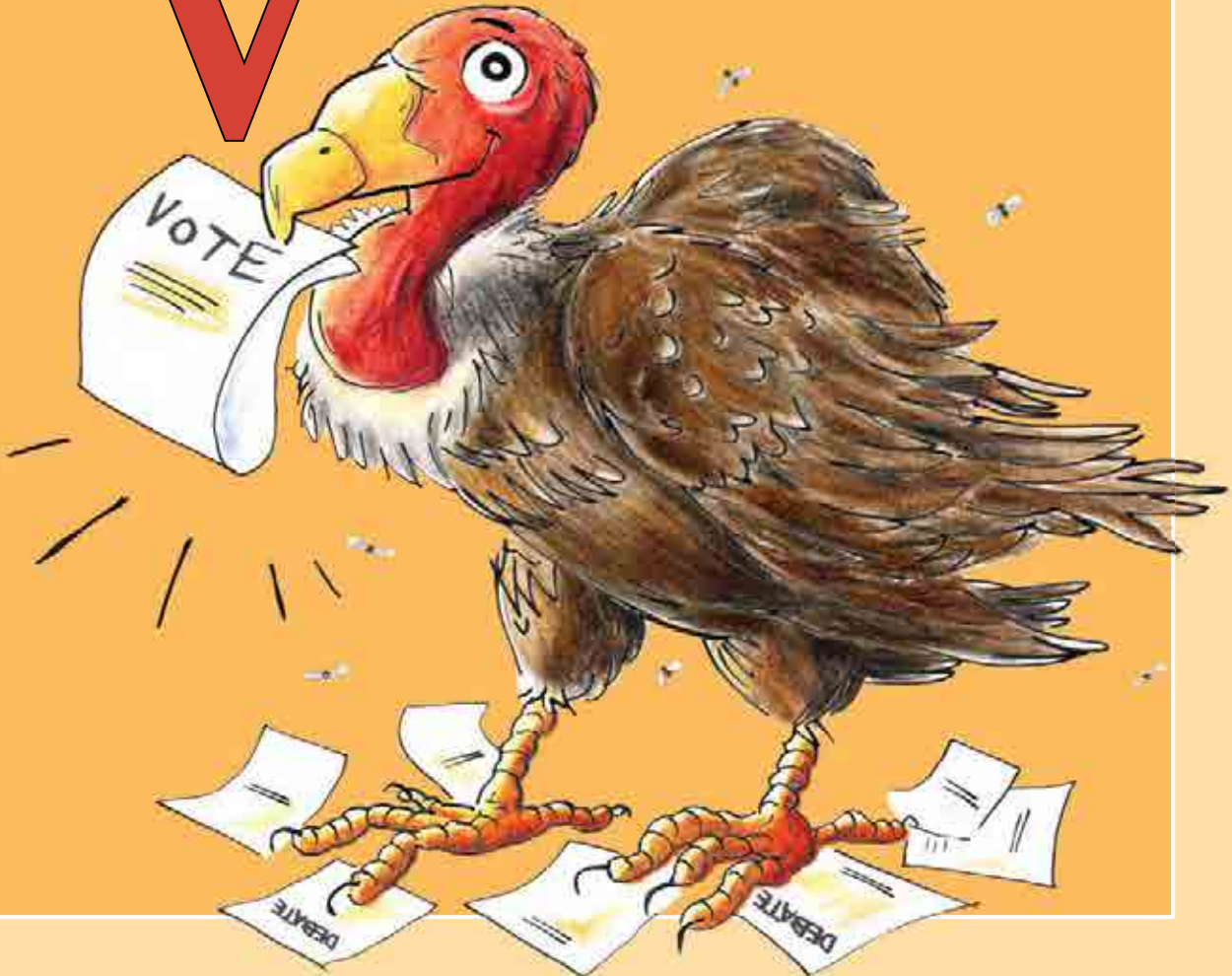
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UNANIMOUS



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VOTE



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WHIP



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X MARK



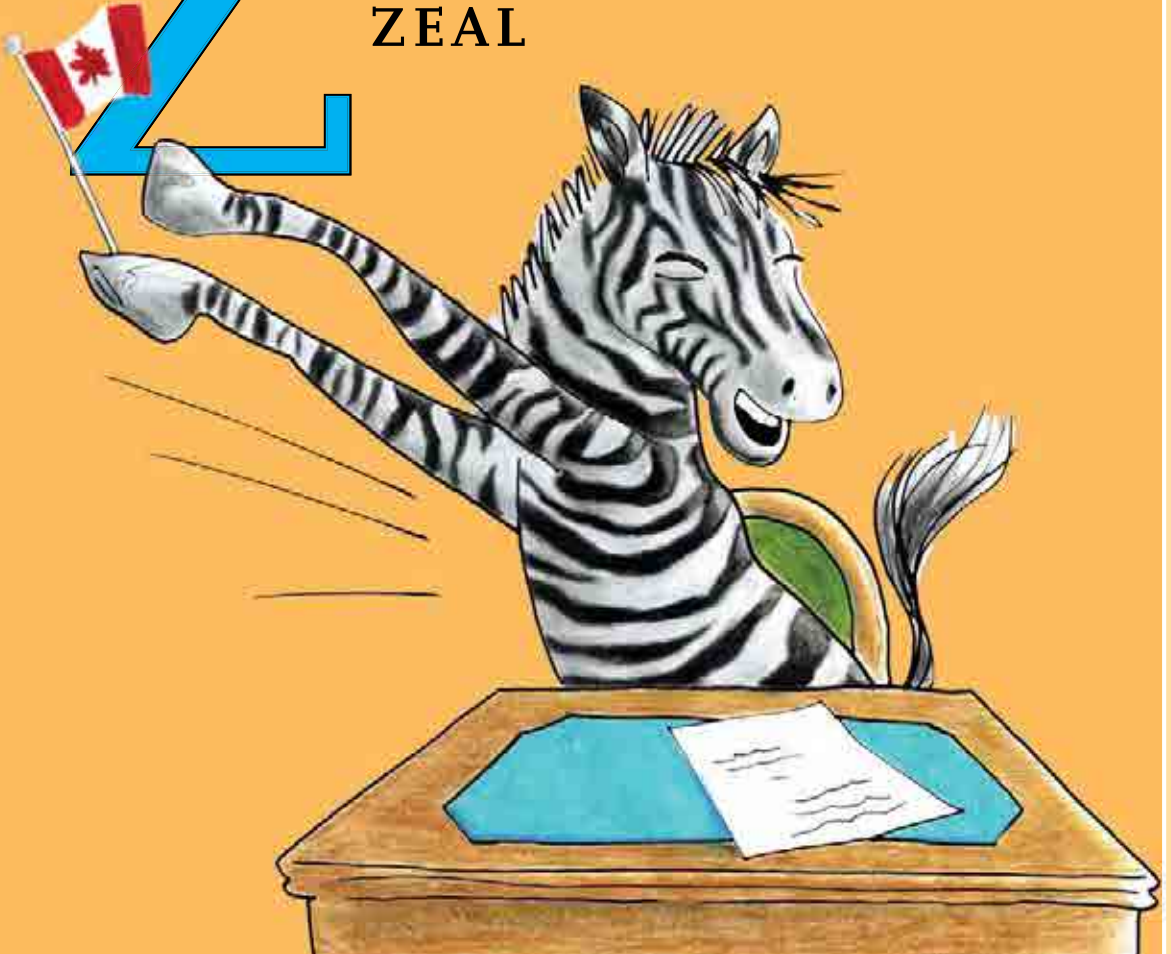
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YEA



Z

ZEAL



G L O S S A R Y

ALLIGATOR

ADJOURNMENT: The end of a sitting within a session.

BEAVER

BILL: A proposed law that is presented to the Legislative Assembly for approval.

CRAB

COMMITTEE: Members of the Legislative Assembly, divided into groups, who get together to talk about and make decisions on important topics.

DOLPHIN

DEBATE: An organized discussion about all sides of an idea or issue.

ELEPHANT

ELECTION: The process by which citizens choose their representatives.

FROG

FINANCE: To support something by giving money.

GOOSE

GOVERNMENT: The ruling political body that has the power to make laws.

HIPPOPOTAMUS

HANSARD: The written version of everything that is said during a sitting.

IGUANA

INTRODUCTION: The action of presenting a bill for the first time.

JAGUAR

JOURNALS: The written record of all official business that took place during each sitting.

KANGAROO

KANATA: Legend has it that the name Canada comes from this Huron word, which means village or settlement.

LION

LAW: A rule that every citizen has to follow.

MOOSE

MACE: A large, heavy and highly decorated staff that symbolises the authority of the Legislative Assembly and the Speaker.

NARWHAL

NOMINATION: Naming a person to be considered for a position or role.

OCTOPUS

OPPOSITION (OFFICIAL):

The political party that holds the second highest number of seats in the Legislative Assembly.

PENGUIN

PAGE: A student hired to be an attendant during sittings.

QUAIL

QUORUM: The minimum number of Members who must be present to conduct a meeting.

RACCOON

RESOLUTION: An agreed to statement of opinion or purpose.

SWAN

SITTING: When Members are officially gathered together in the Legislative Assembly to work and talk about important topics.

TURTLE

THRONE: A special chair for the King, his representative or the Speaker.

UNICORN

UNANIMOUS: When everyone agrees.

VULTURE

VOTE: Taking a formal decision by counting who is for and who is against.

WHALE

WHIP: A person appointed by a political party to make sure that its Members are informed and attend to their duties.

XENOP

X: When voting in an election, a citizen privately marks an X on a ballot to select a candidate.

YAK

YEA: An old word meaning yes, used by legislators when they agree with an idea that is being voted on.

ZEBRA

ZEAL: Great enthusiasm or spirit.

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