

CYP8: INTRODUCTION TO PROCEEDINGS



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Westminster System

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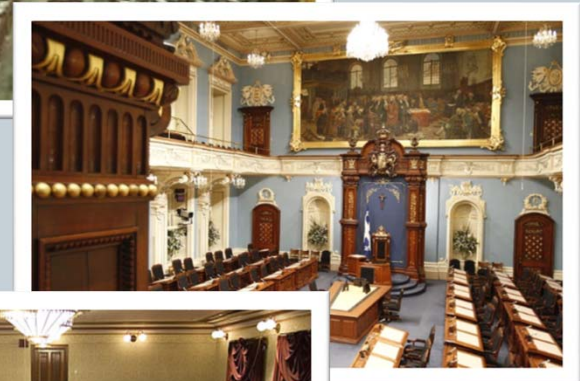
- Our system of government is based on the British system of parliamentary democracy



- Preamble to *Constitution Act 1867*
- Standing Orders – written rules of the House
 - Standing Order 1 refers to Westminster practices in the event that a British Columbia precedent does not yet exist.

History - St. Stephen's Chapel

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Three Roles of Parliament:

Legislative, Financial and Scrutiny

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1. Making Laws

(Public Bills, Private Bills,
Private Members' Bills)

2. Approving Finances

(Budget, Estimates Process)

3. Scrutinizing Government

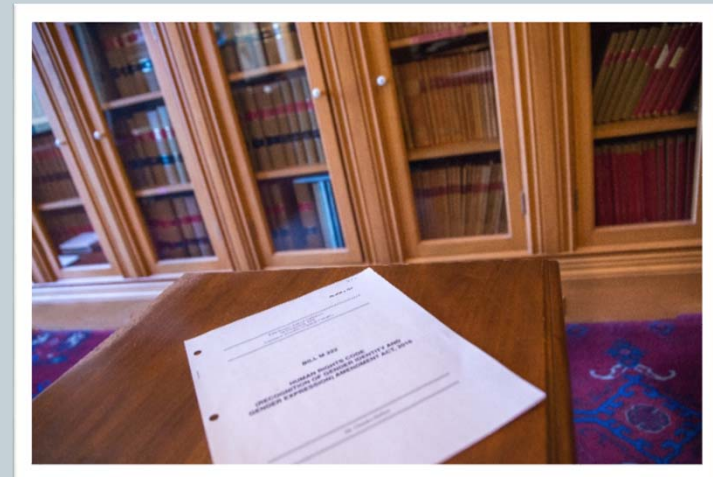
(Question Period,
Parliamentary Committees)



Legislative Role

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- Bills
 - Introduction and First Reading
 - Second Reading
 - ✦ debate on principle
 - Committee Stage (Committee of the Whole)
 - ✦ Section by section consideration
 - ✦ amendments
 - Third Reading
 - Royal Assent



Financial Role

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- Budget Public Consultation
- Budget Speech
- Budget Debate
- Interim Supply Bill
- Estimates Debate
- Final Supply Bill
- Public Accounts

Scrutiny Role

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Question Period

- 30 minutes in BC; 15 minutes in CYP
- Members recognized by Speaker
- Questions directed to a Cabinet Minister; Minister may choose to answer, defer to a colleague, or decline to reply

Committees: Private Members of the House

- Appointed to undertake business on behalf of the House



Political Parties and Caucuses

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Political parties

- key organizing principle for elections, for Parliament
- party with most seats = government
- 2nd place party – official opposition

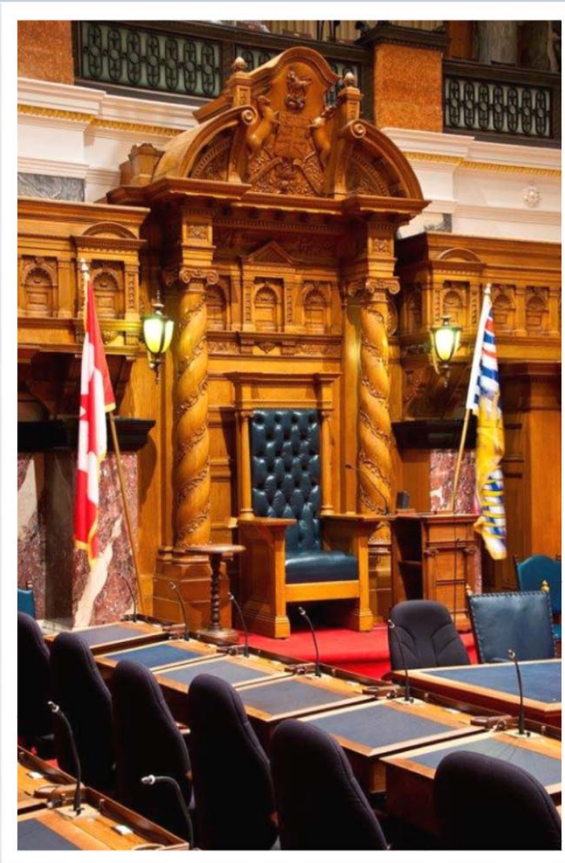


Caucuses

- the political parties' elected members
- responsible for party activities in legislative and executive branches
- meet and strategize on political issues

Role of the Speaker

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- **Procedural Role**
 - Presides over debate and is responsible to enforce and interpret rules
 - Maintains order and decorum
 - Never participates in debates, and only votes in case of a tie
- **Administrative /Ceremonial Role**
 - Head of the Legislative Assembly administration and Responsible for the direction and management
 - Chair of the Legislative Assembly Management Committee
 - Participates in traditional, ceremonial & diplomatic duties
- **Other Presiding Officers**

Key Roles

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- Premier *
 - Cabinet *
 - Leader of the Official Opposition *
 - Opposition critics (“shadow Cabinet”) *
 - House Leaders
 - Party Whips *
- * denotes roles to be chosen by CYP delegates in caucus. For CYP purposes – House Leader/Whip role will be combined

Role of the Clerk

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- Chief administrative and procedural advisor to the Speaker and Members
- Clerk and Assembly staff are neutral and impartial, serving all Members of the House
- Clerk leads provision of administrative, operational and procedural support to Speaker and Members



A Day in the House - CYP

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Speaker's procession

Routine Business

- Prayers
- Introductions by Youth Parliamentarians
- Introduction of Bills
- Statements by Youth Parliamentarians
- Oral Questions

Orders of the Day

- Main government business of the day
 - ✦ Address in Reply debate, Debate on Bills



CYP Orders of the Day

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Routine Business

- Introductions
- Statements
- Introduction of Bills
- Question Period

Orders of the Day

- Throne Speech Debate
- Debate on Bills

No. 1
ORDERS OF THE DAY
OF THE
Eighth Commonwealth Youth Parliament

Monday, November 7, 2016

1.00 p.m.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

PRAYERS
—

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
—

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON NOTICE
—

ORDERS OF THE DAY

THRONE SPEECH DEBATE
—

PUBLIC BILLS
—

PUBLIC BILLS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE MEMBERS

CRAIG JAMES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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8th Commonwealth Youth Parliament
Victoria, 2016

Rules of Debate and Procedural Tools

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- All debate occurs by motion
- Standing Orders contain key rules of debate
 - Points of Order
- Decision process
 - Voice votes
 - Divisions



Commonwealth Youth Parliament

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Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

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STANDING ORDERS OF THE 8TH COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Questions and Discussion

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Thank you

Parliament's Decision Making Process

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Notice

Motion

Debate

(amendments / subamendments)

Decision