

## Model Parliament Unit

### Simulation Scripts for House of Commons

#### *Introduction of a Government Bill*

Introduction of Government bills takes place during the time scheduled for Routine Proceedings. Public bills sponsored by the Government are listed in the Order Paper in the order in which they are received.

The introduction of a bill is a formality. There is no debate and motions are automatically passed. The purpose of the introduction is not to actually read the bill out loud, but to announce it and to allow the bill to be printed.

*[If you have prepared your own bill for the simulation, you will need to identify the Minister appropriate to its subject matter as the mover and another Minister as the seconder of the motion.]*

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#### **Simulation**

#### **Key Players:** Speaker, Minister

Speaker: **"Introduction of Government bills.  
The Honourable Minister of *(name of Cabinet position)*"**

Minister: *[Nod to indicate assent to proceed.]*

Speaker: **"The Honourable Minister of *(name of Cabinet position)* *[Minister stands and nods to the Speaker then sits immediately.]* seconded by the Honourable Minister of *(name of Cabinet position)* *[Minister nods to Speaker.]* moves for leave to introduce a bill entitled the ... *[Youth Electors Act, or National Essential Services Act, or Gasoline Preservation Act]*. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt this motion?"**

All MPs: **"Agreed."**

Speaker: **"I declare this motion carried."**



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*[This motion is automatically carried without debate, amendment or question put (i.e., without a vote or decision of the House.)]*

Speaker: **"It is moved by** *(name of Cabinet position)* *[Minister stands and nods.]* **seconded by** *(name of Cabinet position)* *[Minister nods to Speaker.]* **that the bill be now read a first time and be printed. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?"**

All MPs: **"Agreed."**

Speaker: **"I declare this motion carried."**

*[This motion is automatically carried without debate, amendment or question put (i.e., without a vote or decision of the House.)]*

Clerk: **"First reading of this bill."**

Speaker: **"When shall the bill be read a second time?  
At the next sitting of the House? [Looks to the House for approval.] Agreed."**

*[This places the bill on the agenda of the House. Despite the wording of this motion, the bill is not necessarily debated at the very next sitting of the House, but at a next sitting to be determined by the Government House Leader.]*

