



STANDING ORDERS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HONG KONG

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- (c) Members shall not read newspapers, books, letters or other documents, except such matter therein as may be directly connected with the business of the Council; and
- (d) while a Member is speaking all other Members shall be silent and shall not make unseemly interruptions.

PART I.

RULES OF ORDER.

33. The President in Council or the Chairman in committee shall be responsible for the observance of the rules of order in the Council and committee respectively. His decision on a point of order shall be final.

Decision of
Chair Final.

34. (1) The President or the Chairman, after having called the attention of the Council or the committee to the conduct of a Member who persists in irrelevance or tedious repetition of his own or other Members' arguments in the debate, may direct him to discontinue his speech.

Order in Council
and Committee.

(2) The President or Chairman shall order a Member whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the Council for the remainder of that sitting; and the Clerk shall act on orders received by him from the Chair to ensure compliance with this order.

PART J.

VOTING.

35. (1) All questions put to the Council shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the Members present and voting.

Decision of
Questions.

(2) The Governor or other Member presiding shall, if the votes be equally divided, have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

36. (1) When the President or Chairman puts a question to the Council or to the committee for its decision he shall first call upon those Members who are in favour of the question to say "Aye" and then upon those who are against the motion to say "No".

Collection of
Voices.

(2) As soon as the President or Chairman has collected the voices of the Ayes and of the Noes, the question being then fully put no other Member may speak to it.

(3) The President or Chairman may, according to his judgment of the number of voices on either side, then state that he thinks the Ayes have it or that he thinks the Noes have it, as the case may be; and if no Member challenges his statement as provided in the next succeeding paragraph he shall declare the question to have been so decided.