
Standing Orders Amendment Ordinance 1979

No. 44, 1979

AN ORDINANCE to amend the rules known as Standing Orders for the conduct of business coming before the Synod.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Standing Orders in the Schedule to the Standing Orders Ordinance 1968-1978 (hereinafter called the "Principal Ordinance") NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the "Standing Orders Amendment Ordinance 1979".

(2) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as "Standing Orders Ordinance 1968-1979" and in any reprint of that Ordinance clause 3 shall be amended accordingly.

2. Standing Order 5 in the said Schedule is amended by inserting after "President" the words "or his Chaplain at the President's direction".

3. Standing Order 9 in the said Schedule is amended by:—

(a) inserting the following after item (c):—

"(d) The President may lay upon the table a document appointing a Commissary.

(e) Any motion to declare a vacancy or vacancies on Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney in accordance with the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1965 as amended from time to time.

(f) The President shall lay upon the table any list of un-contested elections and declare the persons concerned elected."

(b) inserting the following after item (d)(iv):—

"(v) A Committee for the purpose of checking and, if agreed, certifying the minutes of each meeting other than a meeting of the Committee of the Whole Synod.

(vi) A Committee to make recommendations concerning Matters Referred to in the Presidential Address."

(c) deleting "Reports, Accounts and motions connected therewith" from item (i) and inserting the following:—

"Motions in connection with the formal reception and printing of Reports, Accounts and other documents"; and

(d) re-lettering items (d) to (k) as (g) to (n).

4. Standing Order 11 in the said Schedule is amended by:—

(a) inserting the following before item (a):—

"(a) The President or a person appointed by him shall, if the President so decides, read an extract from the Bible and expound any passage thereof;"

(b) inserting the following after "record" in item (a):—

"or otherwise dealt with in accordance with any resolution passed at that session"; and

(c) re-lettering items (a) to (g) as (b) to (h).

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5. The said Schedule is amended by inserting the following heading and clause after Standing Order 14:—

"Committee Concerning Presidential Address

14A. The Committee concerning Matters Referred to in the Presidential Address shall consist of no more than five members of Synod who shall order their business as they think fit."

6. The said Schedule is amended by the deletion of Standing Order 45 and the insertion of the following in its place:—

"45(1) When it is desired to avoid or postpone a decision on any Question it shall be competent for any member to move the Previous Question in the following form of motion:—

'That the motion be not put.'

- (2) When the Previous Question is moved the President shall forthwith put to the Synod this procedural question:—

'Does the Synod wish the debate on the original motion to continue before the Previous Question is put to the Synod?'

This procedural question may be debated but the debate shall be confined to that question until it is disposed of by a vote of the Synod.

- (3) If the vote on the procedural question is carried, debate on the original motion shall continue and the mover of that motion shall have the right of reply before the Previous Question is put. Amendments may be moved during the continuation of the debate. If the Previous Question is not then carried, the original Question and any proposed amendments shall be put forthwith without further debate.

- (4) If the vote on the procedural question is not carried, the President shall forthwith put the Previous Question to the Synod without debate and without any right of reply.

- (5) The Previous Question shall be put by the President in the following form:—

'That the motion be not put.'

- (6) The Previous Question shall not be moved in Committee."

7. Standing Order 53 in the said Schedule is amended by inserting the following at the end of that Standing Order:—

"Where the Archbishop has withheld his assent to any ordinance or the Synod has referred any ordinance after the ordinance has been considered by a Committee of the Whole Synod, the ordinance, may on motion or a clause or clauses specified in the motion may be reconsidered by a Committee of the Whole Synod at the next session of that Synod or at the next Synod as the case may be. Thereafter, on the adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole Synod, a time may be fixed for a third reading and sub-clauses (10) to (14) of Standing Order 64 shall apply thereto."

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8. Standing Order 53 in the said Schedule is further amended:—
(a) by inserting after the figures "53", the matter "(1)"; and
(b) by inserting before the words "The Synod may refer ordinances", the matter "(2)".
9. The heading to Standing Order 53 in the said Schedule is amended by inserting after the word "debate", the words "and reference or deferral of ordinances".

I certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

E. D. CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this eighth day of October 1979.

R. J. BOMFORD,
W. G. S. GOTLEY,
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

M. L. LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

8/10/1979.