

PROCEDURE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF BILLS IN THE GENERAL SYNOD/TE HĪNOTA WHĀNUI

The promotion of a Bill, under Standing Order 83.

NB: For most bills which are to be considered by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui and which have arrived within the prescribed time, (at least 10 weeks before the opening day of the Session – 83.1), the Introductions will be undertaken together in the Procedural Motion, in accordance with Standing Order 85.1, so the process begins at No 2 below, unless someone requests that a Bill be Introduced separately (85.2).

If without notice, then must be by the third day of the Session (unless from a Select Committee – 83.4) and begins at No 1 below.

	INTRODUCTION	WHAT TO SAY	ACTION
1	The Member moves	<i>"I move for leave to introduce a Bill (specifying the like and object)." 83.3</i>	<i>Must be seconded and carried without dissent. Referred to Statutes and Canons Committee – 83.3</i>
*	START HERE FOR BILLS SUBMITTED BY DEADLINE		
	APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE	Speech on the principle of the Bill.	
2	The Member then moves. Usual rules of debate including Right of Reply of the Mover.	<i>"I move that this Bill be approved in principle." 86.1</i>	<i>Must be seconded and carried</i>
3	The member then moves	<i>"That the Synod do go into Committee to consider the detail of the Bill." 86.1</i>	<i>Must be seconded and carried</i>
4	APPROVAL IN DETAIL	The Committee will work through the Clauses of the Bill in order, after deferring consideration of the Preamble, enacting Clause and short title. 86.2	
5	If the Chair is uncertain – move	<i>"That the preamble, enacting Clause and short title be deferred"</i> and then move each clause in turn	<i>No seconder required In Committee</i>
6		When all the clauses have been dealt with, the Preamble, enacting clause and short title will be adopted and then the Bill as a whole (as amended) is adopted. The Chair will move that Synod in Committee report to Synod.	
7	Synod should then resume and you should move if the President does not.	<i>"That the decision of the Committee be the decision of the Synod."</i>	<i>Must be seconded and carried</i>
8	Then move	<i>"That the Confirmation of the Bill be an Order of the day for day." 86.3</i>	<i>Must be seconded and carried</i>
9	<i>A Bill may be recommitted for further amendment at any stage before it is Confirmed. 87.3</i>		
10	NB: <i>As the Introduction is dealt with in a combined Motion by the President, so Confirmations may similarly be dealt within a single motion, (87.1), unless anyone wants a particular Bill's Confirmation taken separately (87.2). In that case...</i>		
11	CONFIRMATION On the Order of the Day being read for the Confirmation of the Bill the member in charge of the Bill moves (without notice)	<i>"That Bill Number be Confirmed."</i>	<i>Must be seconded and carried</i>
12	When that Motion has passed, the Bill has passed. The Confirmed Bill becomes a Statute of the General Synod / te Hinota Whānui 87.4		