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Memo to: Okanagan Senate

From: Policies & Procedures Committee

Re: Speaking Rights at Meetings of Senate: Change to the Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate

This report follows discussion at the September 2006 meeting of the Senate about speaking rights for Senators during debate on a question before the assembly. Since the *Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate* do not currently stipulate otherwise, the Senate's rules with respect to speaking rights are drawn from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. To paraphrase Robert's Rules, members may speak on an item once, and then once more after everyone who wishes to speak for the first time has done so.

In the interest of supporting full and open discussion of matters before the Senate, the Committee recommends the following modification to the *Rules & Procedures of the Okanagan Senate*. The motion will require a 2/3 majority to pass.

Motion: That the Senate approve the addition of the following new paragraph to the Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate.

*[Section 20 f, under "Conduct of Meetings"]
Debate on questions under consideration by the Senate shall be unlimited until debate is exhausted or the previous question is put to the Senate.*

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Michael Isaacson
Chair, Policies & Procedures Committee