



Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE NITIJELA

Index

Section	Page
PART I – PRELIMINARY	7
§1. Interpretation	7
§2. Matters not provided for, etc.	9
§3. Adaptation of Rules to meet constitutional requirements.	9
§4. Suspension of Rules.	9
§5. Amendment of Rules.	10
§6. Decisions of the Nitijela, etc.....	10
PART II - OFFICERS OF THE NITIJELA.	10
DIVISION 1 - SPEAKER AND VICE-SPEAKER	10
§7. Election, etc., of the Speaker and Vice-Speaker.....	10
§8. Functions of the Speaker.	11
§9. Functions of the Vice-Speaker.	12
§10. Temporary Speakers.	12
§11. Authentication of Nitijela documents.	12
DIVISION 2 - CLERK OF THE NITIJELA	13
§12. Appointment, etc., of the Clerk.	13
§13. Functions of the Clerk.....	13
§14. Assistant Clerk.....	14
DIVISION 3 - SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	14
§15. Appointment, etc., of the Sergeant-at-Arms.....	14
§16. Functions of the Sergeant-at-Arms.	14
PART III - MEETINGS OF THE NITIJELA	15
§17. Sessions.....	15

§18.	Place and time of meeting.....	16
§19.	Oath by members.....	16
§20.	Quorum	17
§21.	Attendance.....	17

PART IV - VOTING 17

§22.	Constitutional provisions as to voting.....	17
§23.	Methods of voting.....	18
§24.	Voice votes.....	18
§25.	Hand votes.....	18
§26.	Secret ballot.....	19
§27.	Calls of the roll.	20
§28.	Change of vote, etc.....	20
§29.	Conflicts of interest.....	20

PART V - COMMITTEES 21

DIVISION 1-GENERAL 21

§30.	Types of Committees.....	21
§31.	Committees of the Whole.	21
§32.	Standing Committees.	21
§33.	Special Committees.....	22
§34.	Duties of Committees.....	22
§35.	Appointment of members.....	22
§36.	Ministers on Committees.	23
§37.	Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Secretaries of Committees.....	23
§38.	Meetings.	24
§39.	Procedures.	24
§40.	Reports.....	24
§41.	Withdrawal of matters.	25
§42.	Staff, etc.	25

DIVISION 2 - STANDING COMMITTEES 25

§43.	Standing Committees.	25
§44.	Committee on Appropriations.....	26
§45.	Committee on Ways and Means.....	26
§46.	Committee on Resources and Development.....	26
§47.	Committee on health, education and social affairs.	27
§48.	Committee on judiciary and governmental relations.	27
§49.	Committee on public accounts.....	28
§49A.	Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade.	29
§50.	Referrals to two or more Committees: Transfers between Committees, etc.	29

PART VI - JOINT COMMITTEES AND JOINT CONFERENCES	29
§51. Membership of joint committees and joint conferences.	29
PART VII - BUSINESS GENERALLY	30
DIVISION 1 - ORDER OF BUSINESS	30
§52. General order of business.....	30
§53. Special Order of Business.....	31
§54. Cabinet Priority.	31
DIVISION 2 - MOTIONS GENERALLY	31
§55. Seconding of motions.....	31
§56. Disposal of Motions.	31
§57. Main and subsidiary motions.	32
DIVISION 3 - PRIORITY BUSINESS	32
§58. Priority business.	32
§59. Points of privilege.	33
§60. Recess.	33
§61. Deferment of debate.....	34
§62. Re-consideration.....	34
§63. Budgets and appropriations.	34
DIVISION 4 - INCIDENTAL BUSINESS	35
§64. Incidental business.....	35
§65. Points of information.	35
§66. Points of order.....	35
§67. Withdrawal of motions.....	36
§68. Motions for division.....	37
§69. Motions for calls of the Nitijela or of a Committee.....	37
§70. The previous question.	38
PART VIII- BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS	38
DIVISION 1 - GENERAL	38
§71. Introduction.	38
§72. Control of Bills and resolutions.	38
§73. Format and submission.	38
§74. Numbering.	39
§75. Distribution.	39
§76. Amendments.....	39
§77. Consideration of reports.....	39
§78. Notification of referrals, etc.	40
DIVISION 2 - "MONEY" BILLS AND AMENDMENTS	40

§79.	Application of Division 2.....	40
§80.	Dealing with “money” Bills.....	40
§81.	Dealing with “money” amendments.	40
§82.	Effect of recommendation or consent.	41
DIVISION 3 - BILLS		41
§83.	Form of bills.....	41
§84.	Readings.....	42
§85.	First reading.....	42
§86.	Second reading	42
§87.	Procedure “in Committee”.....	43
§88.	Re-committal.....	44
§89.	Third reading.....	44
§90.	Certification.	44
§91.	Saving of constitutional and other provisions.....	45
DIVISION 4 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO RE-CONSIDERATION OF BILLS REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL OF IROIJ		45
§92.	Advice of request by Council of Iroij.	45
§93.	Re-consideration on request.....	46
§94.	Joint meetings.....	47
DIVISION 5 - RESOLUTIONS		47
§95.	Nature and passing of resolutions.....	47
§96.	Moving of resolutions.	48
§97.	Consideration of resolutions.	48
§98.	Certification of resolutions.	48
PART IX - QUESTIONS		48
§99.	Asking of questions.	48
§100.	Contents of questions.	49
§101.	Limitation on questions.	50
§102.	Supplementary questions.	51
§103.	Answers.....	51
PART X - PAPERS, STATEMENTS AND REPORTS		51
§104.	Presentation of papers, etc.....	51
§105.	Debate on papers, etc.	51
PART XI- DEBATE, DECORUM AND DISCIPLINE		52
§106.	Meetings to be public.	52
§107.	Sitting in the Chamber.	52
§108.	Entry onto the Floor.....	52
§109.	Recognition and speaking.	52

§110.	Holding the Floor.....	53
§111.	Manner of referring to members.....	53
§112.	Closing debate and voting on the question.....	53
§113.	Rulings of the Chair.....	53
§114.	Dress.....	54
§115.	Interruptions.....	54
§116.	Disorderly conduct by members.....	54
§117.	Disciplining of members.....	54
§118.	Disturbances.....	55

PART XII - MISCELLANEOUS

55

§119.	Certification as to attendance.....	55
§120.	Papers of the Nitijela.....	55
§121.	The journal of the day.....	55
§122.	The journal of the session.....	56
§123.	Official Seal of the Nitijela.....	56