



## NEWS RELEASE

# Prorogation

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A Proclamation was issued today, January 6, 2025, proroguing the First Session of the 44th Parliament, effective immediately.

The prorogation of a session brings an end to all proceedings before Parliament. In addition, all currently scheduled committee meetings will be cancelled.

A new session of Parliament will begin on March 24, 2025.

## Effects of Prorogation on the House

During a period of prorogation, the Speaker, the Prime Minister, ministers and parliamentary secretaries remain in office, and all members of the House retain their full rights and privileges.

All government bills that have not received royal assent prior to prorogation cease to exist; in order for government bills to be proceeded with in a new session, they must be reintroduced as new bills or they may be reinstated, if the House adopts a motion to this effect.

In contrast, the Standing Orders provide for the automatic reinstatement of all items of Private Members' Business in a new session.

## Effects of Prorogation on Committees

Committees cease their activities after a prorogation. Committee work may also be revived either by motion in the House, or in committee, depending upon the nature of the study.

## Reference

*House of Commons Procedure and Practice, Third Edition, 2017*

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