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Bill 1

An Act to perpetuate an ancient parliamentary right

The Hon. D. Ford

Premier and President of the Council

Government Bill

1st Reading April 15, 2025

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



An Act to perpetuate an ancient parliamentary right

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Purpose

1 This Bill is introduced before consideration of the Throne Speech to perpetuate the established right of Parliament, through the representatives elected by the people, to sit and act without leave from the Crown.

Assertion of right

2 This Bill, therefore, asserts the right of this Legislative Assembly to give precedence to matters other than those expressed by the Sovereign.

History

3 This practice dates to at least 1558 and was codified by resolution of the House of Commons in 1604.

***Pro forma* Bill**

4 The practice of introducing a *pro forma* Bill, followed in certain other parliamentary jurisdictions, is adopted to explain and record the constitutional importance of the first Bill.