



Test your knowledge of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario!

Discover what a typical day is like at Ontario's Parliament.
Fill in the blanks using words from the word bank below.

8:55 a.m.

It is 8:55 a.m. and everyone is rushing around in the Legislative Building to get ready for the meeting of the _____, also called the House, which is about to begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The sessional bells are ringing throughout the Legislative Building to summon all the Members of Provincial Parliament, or _____, to the Legislative Chamber. The young Legislative _____ look dapper in their traditional _____ as they scurry about getting the _____ ready for the business day. They take their posts on either side of the Speaker and by the Chamber doors. The Pages serve in the House for approximately two to four weeks during each session. They are grade _____ students from across Ontario, who are here to learn about the legislative process and how _____ works. When in the Chamber, they bring glasses of water and deliver _____.

9:00 a.m.

Each meeting begins with the entry of the Speaker into the Chamber. The _____ is approaching the entrance to the Legislative Assembly. The Sergeant-at-Arms, carrying the mace on her right shoulder, leads the Speaker, the _____ of the House, the Clerks-at-the-Table and two Legislative Pages into the _____.

" _____ !" says the Senior Attendant as the _____ enters the Chamber. Everyone is standing as the _____ takes his place on the dais. The Clerk and the _____ take their places at the big table in front of the Speaker, and the Pages proceed to their assigned posts. The Sergeant-at-Arms then places the mace on the Clerk's table with the _____ pointing towards the _____. The _____ is a golden, ceremonial staff used in parliament as a _____ of the Speaker's authority. The _____ then bows to the Speaker, and proceeds to her desk near the entrance of the Chamber. The Speaker reads the _____ of the day, and then it's time to begin the day's work.

10:35 a.m.

MPPs may engage in _____, present _____, ask questions of the government, or participate in any number of other _____ activities. The most exciting part of the day is _____, which begins at 10:35 a.m. each day and lasts 60 minutes. In fact, it is the longest Question Period in all of _____! This is the time that all MPPs get to ask questions of the _____ and the _____ about any issue or government business. No one is allowed to speak unless they are first _____ by the Speaker. When a member is recognized, they must _____ and address another Member by their riding or their title, never by their name. There are many rules, practices and _____ to follow in the Chamber! The Speaker calls on the leader of the _____, the party with the second highest number of MPPs, to ask the first question of the government.

Meanwhile, the _____ reporters are working hard to capture all the details in order to produce the daily _____ of the House proceedings, called Hansard. As for the Pages, they have to be alert and ready to quickly _____ messages to the Cabinet Ministers that are answering questions. The Speaker works hard to keep order in the House!

At the end of Question Period, the MPPs continue with their daily work in the House or in a Legislative _____. They have an important job to do; they introduce new _____ bills, pass new laws, or make changes to existing laws that affect the people across _____. At the end of the day, the Speaker will announce a motion to adjourn the House until the next meeting of parliament. The House is _____!

Word Bank

Fill in the blanks using these words.

Premier	messages	Hansard
Pages	prayers	Speaker
Chamber	Speaker's Parade	recognized
Canada	Ontario	Committee
Official Opposition	mace	provincial
Question Period	Order	uniform
MPPs	protocols	parliament
debate	Sergeant-at-Arms	Clerk
transcripts	House	procession
adjourned	crown	deliver
Cabinet Ministers	petitions	legislative
7 or 8	symbol	Clerks-at-the-Table
Legislative Assembly	government	stand

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