

# National Parliaments: Nigeria

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i qxgtpo gpv."vj kv{/ukz"ucvgu.<sup>4</sup>"cpf "c"hgf gtcn'ecr kcn' \*Cdwlc+."cu"y gmi'cu"98: "mecn'i qxgtpo gpv' ctgcu'y kj kp'vj g'ucvgu<sup>5</sup>""

Vj g"j kvqt { "qh'vj g"P ki gtlcp"ngi kurvwxg"f cvgu'dcenl'vq"vj g"Nci qu'Ngi kurvwxg"Eqwpekn'qh'3: 84." guvcdkuj gf "wpf gt"Dtkkuj "eqmpkcn'twgo" P ki gtlc. "rknng'o quv'Chkcep"ucvgu. "ku" c"eqmpkcn'etgcvkqp" cpf. "cu"kp"o quv'qvj gt "Chkcep"eqwvtxgu"vj cv'j cxg"i qpg"vj tqwi j "vj ku"gzr gtlkpeg. "ku"cppgzcvkqp" y cu"pqv'ko o gf kvgo" Hqt "P ki gtlc. "kv'dgi cp"y kj "vj g'egf kpi "qh'Nci qu. "vj tqwi j "eqgtekqp. "vq"vj g" Dtkkuj "Etqy p"d { "Mkpi "F quwpo w'lp"3: 830""C" { gct"rcvgt. "Nci qu'y cu"f gerctgf "c"Etqy p"Eqmp { " cpf "c"ngi kurvwxg"eqwpekn'y cu"guvcdkuj gf "vq"ocf xlug"cpf "cuukwö"vj g"i qxgtpqt"qh'vj g"Eqmp { "y j q" ugtxgf "cu"vj g"j gcf "qh'dqvj "vj g"gzgewkxg"cpf "ngi kurvwxg"dqf kgu"qh'vj g"Eqmp { 0""Vj g'o go dgtu'qh' vj g"Eqwpekn'y j q'y gtg"cr r qkpvf "vq"vj gk"r qukkapu. "f k"pqv'j cxg"rcy o cnkpi "r qy gt<sup>8</sup>""Qh'vj g"vq" o go dgtu'qh'vj g"Eqwpekn'cv'vj g'vko g."qpn' "vy q'y gtg"P ki gtlcp<sup>0</sup>""

Vj g'cf o kpkvckqp"qh'Dtkkuj "eqmpkcu"lp"vj g'tgi kqp"eqvkwpgf "vq"gxqkxg"cpf "d { "3; 36"vj g"Eqmp { " cpf "Rtqvgevtcvg"qh'P ki gtlc"y cu"guvcdkuj gf "d { "o gti kpi "vj g"Rtqvgevtcvg"qh'Uqwj gtp"P ki gtlc" \*y j kej "d { "vj gp"lpenmf gf "vj g"Rtqvgevtcvg"qh'Nci qu"cpf "vj g"Rtqvgevtcvg"qh'P qtvj gtp"P ki gtlc<sup>0</sup>"" Hqt" cf o kpkvckxg"r wtr qugu. "vj g"Eqmp { "cpf "Rtqvgevtcvg"qh'P ki gtlc"y cu" f kxkf gf "kvq"vj tgg" tgi kpu<Nci qu. "vj g"P qtvj gtp"Rtqxlpegu. "cpf "vj g"Uqwj gtp"Rtqxlpegu<sup>0</sup>""Y j kv'Nci qu'Ngi kurvwxg" Eqwpekn'y cu"ngr v'kpvce. "c"pgy "ngi kurvwxg"dqf { ". "vj g"P ki gtlcp"Eqwpekn"y cu"guvcdkuj gf "hqt"vj g" tguv'qh'vj g"Rtqvgevtcvg"qh'P ki gtlc<sup>0</sup>""Qpn' "ukz"qh'vj g"vj kv{/ukz"o go dgtu'qh'vj g"Eqwpekn'y gtg" P ki gtlcp"cpf "vj g"dqf { "j cf "pq"ngi kurvwxg"hwpevkqp<sup>3</sup>""

O clqt"ej cpi gu"y gtg"kvqf wegf "vq"vj g"ngi kurvwxg"utvewt"vj tqwi j "c"3; 44"Eqpukwkwqp<sup>0</sup>""Vj g" Eqpukwkwqp"cdqkuj gf "vj g"Nci qu'Ngi kurvwxg"Eqwpekn'cpf "guvcdkuj gf "c"pvcwkpcn'ngi kurvwxg"dqf { " y kj "hqt{/ukz"o go dgtu. "hqt"qh'y j qo "y gtg"grgevgf <sup>4</sup>""K'ceeqtgf gf "vj g"dqf { "rcy o cnkpi "r qy gt="

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<sup>4</sup>Vj gug'ctg<Cdlc. 'Cfco cy c. 'Cny c'klqo . 'Cpco dte. 'Dewj k'Dc { gnc. 'Dgpwg. 'Dqtpq. 'Etquu'Tkxgt. 'F gnc. 'Gdqp { k" Gf q. 'Gnkk'Gpw w' I qo dg. 'Kq q. 'Lki cy c. 'Mcf wpc. 'Mcpq. 'Mcvkpc. 'Mgddk 'Mqi k' My etc. 'Nci qu. 'P cuctey c. 'P ki gt. " Qi wp. 'Qpf q. 'Quwp. 'Q { q. 'Rrcvcw' Tkxgtu. 'Uqnvq. 'Vctcdc. 'I qdg. 'cpf \ co hctc<sup>0</sup>'EQP UVK WVIQP "QHP K GTIC" \*3; ; ; +: " È<sup>5</sup>\*3+: "cxckrdng"qp'vj g"kvgtpcwkpcn'Eqvgt'g'ht'P ki gtlcp'Ncy " \*KHP N+: "at"j wr <ly y y Qki gtlc/rcy Qti I Eqpukwkwqp" Qh'vj g'Hg f gtcn'gr wdrk'QHP ki gtlc Q vo. "archived at"j wr u<lr gto c0e: WO | /O 69F 0"

<sup>5</sup>Id<sup>0</sup>"

<sup>6</sup>UI 0Gi RFGTQ. "Vj g'EQP UVK WVIQP CN'F GXGNQRO GP V'QHP K GTIC<3: 6; 63; ; ; "cv<sup>3</sup>\*3; ; 3+0"

<sup>7</sup>Id<sup>0</sup>=Vio QVJ | "KQIQ. '3'P K GTICP'NGI KNCVWTG<J KUVTECN'UWTXG| "QHEQNQP KCN'CFOR KUVTCVKQP'R'P K GTIC" DGHQTG'K'FGRGPF'GPEG'62. '323'\*3; ; 9+0"

<sup>8</sup>Gf gv'LVqo "( 'Co cf w'LVcwk'The Legislature and National Development: The Nigerian Experience.'4\*, +' I NQDCN'LOCTVU'J WO CP 0( "UQE0UEI085. '89"\*P qx04236+0"

<sup>9</sup>Id. ""

: "Gj RFGTQ. "supra"pqvg'6. 'cv'40"

: "QIQ. "supra"pqvg'7. 'cv'3260"

<sup>32</sup>Id<sup>0</sup>

<sup>33</sup>Id<sup>0</sup>=Vqo "( 'Cwck"supra"pqvg'8. 'cv'890"

<sup>34</sup>Gj RFGTQ. "supra"pqvg'6. 'cv'6="P ki gtlc" \*Ngi kurvwxg"Eqwpekn'Qtf gt'lp'Eqwpekn'3; 44. 'ÈÈ'6. '7. '8'( '5; . 'UWRRNGO GP V' VQ'VJ GP K GTICP' I C\GVG"\*P q03+\*"Lcp06. '3; 45+0"

j qy gxgt. "ku"lwtkuf levkqp"y cu"nko k'gf "vq"Nci qu"cpf "vj g"Uqwj gtp"Rtqxkpegu<sup>35</sup>"Vj g"Eqpukwkwqp" cnuq'r gto kw'gf "o go dgtu'qh'vj g'dqf { "vq'k'pvtqf weg'dkmu'cu'iqpi "cu'vj g{"y gtg'pqv'hkpcpeg/tgrcv'gf 0<sup>36</sup>"

C"3; 68"Eqpukwkwqp"kpvtqf wegf "hwtvj gt"tghqto u"vq"vj g"ngi kurwtg0"C"ng{"tghqto "wpf gt"vj ku" Eqpukwkwqp"etgcv'gf "vj g'hqwpf cvkqp"ht"vj g"eqwvpt { "aw'ewtgpv'hgf gtcn'u{ ugo "d{ "gucdrkuj kpi "vj tgg" tgi kqpcn' ngi kurv'xg" dqf k'gu' vj g" P qvtj gtp" Tgi kqpcn' Eqwpekn' \*j gcf s wctv'gtgf " kp" Gpwi w+ " vj g" Y guv'gtp" J qwug" qh" Cuugo dn{ " \*ugcv'gf " kp" K'cf cp+ " cpf " vj g" Gcu'v'gtp" J qwug" qh" Cuugo dn{ " \*y kj " M'cf wpc"cu'ku"j gcf s wctv'gtu+0<sup>37</sup>" J qy gxgt. "P ki gtlc"tgo ckp'gf "c"wpkct { "ucv'g'dgecv'ug. "co qpi "qvj gt" vj kpi u. "vj g"tqr'g'qh'vj g"tgi kqpcn'cuugo drk'gu"y cu'tgvt'k'ev'gf "vq"cf xkukpi "vj g"egpvtcn'i qxgtpo gpv'qp" cm'r tqr qu'gf "dkmu'gzegr v'hkpcpeg"dkmu<sup>38</sup>"

Vj ku" ej cpi gf " y kj " vj g" gpcevo gpv' qh' vj g" 3; 73" Eqpukwkwqp. " y j lej " ceeqtf gf " vj g" tgi kqpcn' ngi kurwt'gu'rcy o cnkpi "r qy gtu"qp"xctk'qwu"tgi kqpcn'kuu'wgu"gpwo gtcv'gf "kp"vj g"Eqpukwkwqp<sup>39</sup>"k'p" cf f k'kqp. "vj g"Eqpukwkwqp"gpj cpegf "vj g"tgr t'gugp'cv'xg"pcw'gtg"qh'dq'vj "vj g"egpvtcn'cpf "tgi kqpcn' ngi kurwt'gu'd { "kpetg'cukpi "vj g"ugcv'qh'vj g"dqf k'gu"vj cv'p'ggf gf "vq"dg'h'k'ngf "vj tqwi j "cp"gr'ev'k'p'0<sup>3</sup>: " J qy gxgt. "vj g"3; 73"Eqpukwkwqp"t'f k' "pqv'r tqxk'f g"c"r'kuv'qh'ct'gcu'qh'ngi kurv'xg"eqo r gv'p'ek'gu'ht"vj g" egpvtcn'i qxgtpo gpv'y j lej "o gcpv'vj cv'ngi kurv'xg"r qy gtu'qh'vj g"egpvtcn'i qxgtpo gpv'ogz'v'p'gf gf "vq" cpf "qxgtr'r r gf " vj qug"qh' vj g"tgi kqpcn' i qxgtpo gpw<sup>3</sup>: " "Vj g" h'gf gtcn'ctt'cpi go gpv'y cu'hwt'vj gt" gpj cpegf " vj tqwi j " vj g" 3; 76" Eqpukwkwqp. " y j lej. " co qpi " qv'j gt" vj kpi u. " engctn{ " f g'k'p'gf " vj g" ngi kurv'xg"eqo r gv'p'ek'gu'qh'vj g'h'gf gtcn'cpf "tgi kqpcn'ngi kurwt'gu<sup>42</sup>"

O qtg"tghqto u'y gtg'o cf g'kp"vj g{"gctu'vj cv'hqmy gf 0"Hqt "k'pucpeg. "kp"3; 7; "vj g"P ki gtlc"Ugpcv'g" y cu"gu'cdrikuj gf "cpf "vj g"P ki gtlc"p'gf gtcn'ngi kurwt'g. "y j lej "wp'k'i'vj gp"j cf "dggp" "c"wp'k'eco gtcn' dqf { ".d'geco g"dl'eco gtcn<sup>43</sup>" "O quv'qh'vj g'o go dgtu'qh'vj g"pgy n{/eqpukw'w'gf. "h'qtv{/g'k'j v'o go dgt" dqf { "y gtg"r'r q'k'p'v'gf "vq"vj g'k' "ugcv<sup>44</sup>" "Vj g"pwo dgt "qh"ucv'gu. "y j lej "uxq'f "cv'hqwt "kp"3; 85. "j cf " k'p'etg'cu'gf "vq"vj k'v{/ukz "d { "3; ; 3. "y j gtg'k'v'uc'p'f u'v'q'f c { 0<sup>45</sup>"

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35"Gi RFGTQ."supra"pqv'g'6."cv'7=P ki gtlc"\*Ngi kurv'xg'Eqwpekn'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 44. "E"450"  
36"P ki gtlc"\*Ngi kurv'xg'Eqwpekn'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 44. "E"49"( "4: 0"  
37"P ki gtlc"\*Ngi kurv'xg'Eqwpekn'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 68. "E"55657. "55\*72+'GZVTCQTF RCTI "P K GTIC" I C \ GVVG" \*Ugr v0; .3; 68+0"  
38"P ki gtlc"\*Ngi kurv'xg'Eqwpekn'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 68."E"75=EJ KGF Q\ K'G'CNZ"QI DQPP IC. "DCP CP C"RGGN'VJ G" DWTF GP "QHNGI KNCVWTG"R "P K GTIC"62"422; +0"  
39"P ki gtlc"\*Eqpukwkwqp'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 73."E"; 3"\*Lxp'g'52."3; 73+."P K GTIC" I C \ GVVG"UWRRNGO GP V"VQ"VJ G" Lcp'06 Lxp'g'3; 73+0"  
3: "Gi RFGTQ."supra"pqv'g'6."cv'36=P ki gtlc"\*Eqpukwkwqp'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 73."E"3; .52."58"( "890"  
3: "Id0E": 3=F KQ0GY GNWMY C. "J KUVQTECN"K'V'VTQF WEVQ"VQ"VJ G" P K GTIC" P "EQP UVK'WVQ"354"3; ; 5+0"  
42"P ki gtlc"\*Eqpukwkwqp'+Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 76."E"73. "63\*65+'UWRRNGO GP V"VQ"VJ G" P K GTIC" I C \ GVVG" GZVTCQTF RCTI "Ugr v05."3; 76+GY GNWMY C."supra"pqv'g'3; . "cv'3726730"  
43"P ki gtlc"\*Eqpukwkwqp'+\*Co gpf o gpv'P q05+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 7; . "E"7. "68\*88+'UWRRNGO GP V"VQ"VJ G"QHHEICN" I C \ GVVG" GZVTCQTF RCTI "Qe v049."3; 7; +GY GNWMY C."supra"pqv'g'3; . "cv'3890"  
44"P ki gtlc"\*Eqpukwkwqp'+\*Co gpf o gpv'P q05+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 7; . "E"80"  
45"QI DQPP IC."supra"pqv'g'38. "cv'630"

Cv'kpɛ gr gɔf gɔgɛ'kp"3; 82."P ki gɛkɛ"cf qɔ vɛf "c"r cɛtrɛko gɔvɛt {"u{uɔgo "qɦ'i qxgɛpɔ gɔv'o ktɔtɔkɔi "vɛ cv' qɦ'ku"ɦɔto gt"eqmɔpk gt."vɛ g"Wɔkɔgɛ "Mɔpi f qo 0<sup>46</sup>" "Vɛ g"I qxgɛpɔqɛ/I gɔgɛcn"y j q"ugɛxgɛf "cu"vɛ g" tgr tɔgɔpɛvɛxg"qɦ'vɛ g"S wɔgɔp"cpf "vɛ g"J gɛf "qɦ'Ucɛvɛg."cɛr r qkɔvɛf "vɛ g"Rɛtko g"O kɔkɔvɛt"cu"vɛ g"J gɛf "qɦ' I qxgɛpɔ gɔv."cpf "j ku'ecɛdɔkɔv'ɦɔto "co qpi "o go dɛtu"qɦ'vɛ g"ngi kɔrɛwɛt g0<sup>47</sup>" "kɔ"3; 85."P ki gɛkɛ"ugxgɛtɛf " vɛgu"y kɛ "vɛ g"Dɛtkɔj "O qɔpɛtɛj {"cpf "etgɛvɛf "vɛ g"r qukɔkɔp"qɦ'Rɛtkɔkɔf gɔv'cu"vɛ g"J gɛf "qɦ'Ucɛvɛg0<sup>48</sup>" "kɔ" 3; 9; ."P ki gɛkɛ"cdɔkɔj gɛf "vɛ g"r cɛtrɛko gɔvɛt {"u{uɔgo "qɦ'i qxgɛpɔ gɔv' kɔ"ɦɛxqɛt" qɦ'c"r tɛgɛkɔf gɔvɛcn' u{uɔgo "qɦ'i qxgɛpɔ gɔv."kɔ"rɛti g"r cɛv'ɦɔt"vɛ g"r wɛr qug"qɦ'cɛj kɔxkɔi "c"uj cɛr gt"ugr cɛvɛkɔp"qɦ'r qy gɛtu" dɛvɛ gɔp"vɛ g"ngi kɔrɛvɛxg"cpf "gzgɛwɛxg"ɛtɛpɛj g0<sup>49</sup>" "Cmɛj qwi j "P ki gɛkɛ"y cu"c"r kɛvɛvɛtɔj kɛ "ɦɔto " 3; : 5" vɛ tqwi j "3; ; : ."vɛ g"r tɛgɛkɔf gɔvɛcn' u{uɔgo "qɦ'i qxgɛpɔ gɔv' y cu" tɛkɔpɛkɔwɛf "kɔ"3; ; ; " \*y j gɔp" P ki gɛkɛ"tɛwɛtɛpɛf "vɛ"cf go qɛtɛvɛkɛ"u{uɔgo "qɦ'i qxgɛpɔ gɔv"cpf "gɔf wɛgu"vɛ"vɛ ku'f c{0<sup>4</sup>:" "

Vɛ ku'tgr qɛv'qɛwɛkɔpɛ"vɛ g"uɛwɛwɛtɛ"cpf "tɛqɛ"qɦ'vɛ g"P ki gɛkɛp"ɦɛf gɛcn'ngi kɔrɛwɛtɛ"wpf gt"vɛ g"ɛwɛtɛgɔv' \*3; ; ; +"Eqɔpɛkɔwɛkɔp0"

**II. Current Constitutional Status and Role**

P ki gɛkɛ" j cu" c" r tɛgɛkɔf gɔvɛcn' u{uɔgo "qɦ'i qxgɛpɔ gɔv' eqɔpɛkɔkɔi " qɦ' vɛ tɛgɛ" f kɔkɔpɛv' ɛtɛpɛj gu" vɛ g" gzgɛwɛxg."vɛ g"ngi kɔrɛwɛtɛg."cpf "vɛ g"lɛf kɛkɛt {0<sup>4</sup>:" "Vɛ g"ngi kɔrɛvɛxg"ɛtɛpɛj ."vɛ g"P cɔkɔpɛn'Cuɔgo dɛf . " y j kɛj "ku'uckɛf "vɛ"j cɛxg"dɛgɔp"o qf gɛf "cɦɛgt"vɛ g"Wɔkɔgɛf "Ucɛvɛgu"Eqɔi tɛgu."ku"c"ɛkɛco gɛcn'dɔf {"y kɛj "c" 582/o go dɛt"J qɛwɛg"qɦ'Tgr tɛgɔpɛvɛxg"cpf "c"32; /o go dɛt"Ugɔpɛvɛg0<sup>52</sup>" "Cv"vɛ g"uɛvɛg"rɛxgn"vɛ ku" r qy gt"ku" xɛvɛf "kɔ"j qɛwɛg"cuɔgo dɛkɛgu"y j qug"ugɛvɛ"tɛpi g"ɦɔto "y gɔv{/ɦɔw"vɛ"ɦɔtɛf "o go dɛtu" f gr gɔf kɔi "qɔ"vɛ g"r qɛ wɛvɛkɔp"qɦ'vɛ g"r cɛvɛwɛtɛ"uɛvɛg0<sup>53</sup>"

kɔ"cf f kɔkɔp"vɛ"ku'ngi kɔrɛvɛxg"ɦɔpɛvɛkɔp."vɛ g"P cɔkɔpɛn'Cuɔgo dɛf {"j cu"ɛtɛqɛf "qɛxgɛtɛkɔi j v'r qy gɛtu0"Vɛ g" wɛkɔ cɛv"r qy gt"kɔ"vɛ ku'tɛi cɛf ."cu"kɔ"vɛ g"WU."tɛguu"kɔ"vɛ g"P cɔkɔpɛn'Cuɔgo dɛf {ɔ'r qy gt"qɦ'vɛ g"r wɛtɛg=" gzɛgr "kɔ" kɔpɛvɛgɛgu"y j gɛt"vɛ g"Eqɔpɛkɔwɛkɔp"kuɛgn'ur gɛkɔkɔp"qɛj gɛy kɛg."ur gɔf kɔi "cp{"r wɛkɛ"ɦɔpɛf u" tɛg wɛtɛgu"vɛ g"cr r tɛxɛn'qɦ'vɛ g"P cɔkɔpɛn'Cuɔgo dɛf {0<sup>4</sup>" "Vɛ g"P ki gɛkɛp"Eqɔpɛkɔwɛkɔp"r tɛxɛf gu"vɛ cv'ɔ]p\_q" o qɔp{u"vɛ cɛm'dɛg"y kɛj f tɛy p"ɦɔto "cp{"r wɛkɛ"ɦɔpɛf "qɦ'vɛ g"ɦɛf gɛvɛkɔp."qɛj gt"vɛ cp"vɛ g"Eqɔpɛkɔf cɛvɛf " Tɛxgɔpɛwɛ"ɦɔpɛf "qɦ'vɛ g"ɦɛf gɛvɛkɔp."wɔpɛgu"vɛ g"kuuɛg"qɦ'vɛ qug"o qɔp{u"j cu"dɛgɔp"cwɛj qɛkɛf "d{"cp"Cɛv"

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<sup>46</sup>"QIQ. *supra*"pɔqɛ"7."cv"3720"  
<sup>47</sup>"P ki gɛkɛ"Eqɔpɛkɔwɛkɔp+"Qɛtɛf gt"kɔ"Eqɔpɛkɛn"3; 82."Ugɛqɛf "Uɛj gɛf wɛg."ÈÈ"55( " : 3"Qɛv03."3; 82+"CPPWCN"XQNWOG"QH' VJ G'NCY UQH'VJ G'ɦɛf gɛtɛvɛkɔp"QH'P kɛ gɛkɛ"3; 82+0'  
<sup>48</sup>"Gɛ ɦɛf gɛtɛq."supra"pɔqɛ"6."cv"480"  
<sup>49</sup>"Id."cv"596630"  
<sup>4</sup>"QI DQPPK."supra"pɔqɛ"38."cv"6: 6720"  
<sup>4</sup>"FCCOI vɛdɛf kɛ."The Legislature and Good Governance under the 1999 Constitution."in"P kɛ gɛkɛ<KUUWU"R"VJ G' 3; ; ; "EQP UVK'WVQ"65"KCC0C {wɛ"gv'cɛɔf u04222+0"  
<sup>52</sup>"Mɔp"pɛo cɔkɛ"the National Assembly in Perspectives: 1999–2005."3\*223+"P kɛ gɛkɛ"LONGI R0CH03."4"4228=" EQP UVK'WVQ"QH'P kɛ gɛkɛ"3; ; ; + ÈÈ"6."69."6: " ("6; =Nigeria."EK"Y QTNF"ɦɛvɛdɔqɛm" j wɛ uɛly y y ɛkɛf qɛ ɦɛtɛt { r wɛkɛvɛkɔpɛj g/y qɛf /ɦɛvɛdɔqɛm qɛpɛkɔf vɛ n"rɛv'wɛ f cɛvɛf "Lcp034."4239+."archived at" j wɛ uɛlr gto cɛe/7XRC/XEXX0"  
<sup>53</sup>"Id"ÈÈ"6."; 2(" ; 30"  
<sup>54</sup>"LCF GUQNC"Q0CMCPFG."VJ G'EQP UVK'WVQ"QH'VJ G'ɦɛf gɛtɛvɛkɔp"QH'P kɛ gɛkɛ"3; ; ; "cv"3: 4"4222+0"

qh'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{0<sup>55</sup>"" Vj g'E'qpu'kwkq' h'wt'j g'r tqx'kf gu'v'j cv'0]p\_q"o qpg{u'uj cm'dg" y kj f tcy p"htqo "v'j g'E'qpu'q'kf cv'gf "Tgx'gpw'g" H'wpf "qt"cp {"q'v'j g'r v'dr'ke" h'wpf "qh'v'j g'H'gf g'tc'kq'p." gze'gr v'k'p" v'j g'o c'pp'gt" r t'g'uet'kd'gf "d {"v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{0<sup>56</sup>"" K' g'z'g'te'kugu" v'j ku" r qy g't" k'p" f k'h'gt'gpv' y c{u." k'p'en'w'f k'pi "x'gw'k'pi " qh" r t'q'r q'u'cu" qh'v'j g'g'z'g'ew'k'x'g" d't'c'p'ej " h'qt" h'wpf k'pi "x'ct'k'q'wu" c'ev'x'k'k'gu"\*o c'k'p'n {"v'j t'q'wi j "v'j g'c'r r t'q'r t'k'v'k'p'u" r t'q'g'uu="v'j t'q'wi j "c'w'f ku"q'h' r v'dr'ke" c'ee'q'w'p'u" d {"v'j g' C'w'f k'q't/I g'p'g't'c'n" \*y j q"t'g'r q't'u" v'q" v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{=" c'p'f "v'j t'q'wi j "k'p'x'g'u'ki c'v'k'p'u" qh'v'j g' eq'p'f w'e'v' qh" r g'tu'q'p'u." d'q'v' " p'c'w't'c'n' c'p'f " l'w'k'f k'ec'n" e'j c'ti g'f " y k'j " k'o r n'g'o g'p'v'c'k'q'p" qh" r'v'y u" q't" f k'ud'w't'ugo g'p'v'q'h'c'p {"c'r r t'q'r t'k'v'g'f "h'wpf u<sup>57</sup>""

K'p" c'f f k'k'q'p." c'n'q" c'u" k'p" v'j g'W'U." v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{." u'r g'e'k'h'k'ec'm {"v'j g'U'g'p'c'v'g." r n'c {u" c"t'q'ng" k'p" h'k'n'k'pi " n'g {" g'z'g'ew'k'x'g" r q'u'k'k'q'p'u" W'p'f g't" v'j g'E'qpu'kwkq'p." u'c'h'h'k'pi " n'g {" g'z'g'ew'k'x'g" r q'u'k'k'q'p'u." k'p'en'w'f k'pi "v'j g'r q'u'k'k'q'p'u" qh'O k'p'k'v'g't." C'o d'c'u'c'f q't." c'p'f "E'q'o o k'u'k'q'p'g't." t'g's w'k't'gu" v'j g'c'f x'k'eg" c'p'f " eq'p'ug'p'v'q'h'v'j g'U'g'p'c'v'g<sup>58</sup>"" H'w't'j g't." v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{ "g'z'g'te'kugu" q'x'g't'uki j v'q'x'g't" v'j g'r qy g't" qh' v'j g'g'z'g'ew'k'x'g" v'q" g'p'v'g't" k'p'v'q" c"t'g'c'v'f "q'h'c'p {"n'k'p'f "d'g'h'q't'g'k'w'ec'p" d'g" k'o r n'g'o g'p'v'g'f "k'p" P ki g'k'c." c"t'g'c'v'f {" o w'u'v' h't'u'v" d'g" g'p'c'v'g'f "k'p'v'q" r'v'y "d {"v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{0<sup>59</sup>"" C'n'q." c"n'g {"q'x'g't'uki j v'q'ng" qh'v'j g' P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{ "k'u" v'j g'r qy g't" v'q" t'g'o q'x'g" e'j k'g'h' g'z'g'ew'k'x'g'u." k'p'en'w'f k'pi "v'j g'R't'g'u'k'f g'p'v." v'j g'X'k'eg/ R't'g'u'k'f g'p'v." c" I q'x'g't'p'q't." c'p'f "c" F'g'r w'w {" I q'x'g't'p'q't." h'q't" o'i t'q'u" o k'ue'q'p'f w'e'v<sup>5</sup>"" K'p" g'z'g'te'k'uk'pi "v'j ku" r qy g't." v'j g'E'qpu'kwkq'p" t'g's w'k't'gu" u'q'o g'k'p'r w'h'q'o "v'j g'l'w'f l'ek't {0<sup>5</sup>:"

### III. Structure and Composition

#### A. Seat of Parliament

U'k'p'eg" k'u" e't'g'c'v'k'q'p." P ki g'k'c" j c'u" j c'f "v'y q" e'c'r k'c'n'c" N'ei q'u" c'p'f "C'd'w'lc" V'j g'0'd'q't'f g'tu" qh'v'j g'o q'f g't'p" u'c'v'g'o" qh'P ki g'k'c" y g't'g" e't'g'c'v'g'f "k'p" 3; 36" y k'j "v'j g'c'o c'n'i c'o c'v'k'q'p" qh'v'j g'p'q't'v'j g't'p" c'p'f "u'q'w'j g't'p" r t'q'v'g'e'v'q't'c'v'g'u<sup>62</sup>"" N'ei q'u" y c'u" v'j g'g'c'v'f q'h'i q'x'g't'p'o g'p'v'w'p'k'i 3; 98" y j g'p" P ki g'k'c" f g'e'k'f g'f "v'q" e't'g'c'v'g" c" p'g'y "h'g'f g't'c'n' e'c'r k'c'n" C'd'w'lc<sup>63</sup>"" J q'y g'x'g't." v'j g'o q'x'g'f k'f "p'q'v'q'ee'w" w'p'v'k'i 3; ; 30<sup>64</sup>""

55"EQP UVK'W'W'K'Q'P 'Q'HP K G'K'K' %3; ; ; +E': 20"

56"Id. "

57"IdOÈÈ: 2.": 3.": 7.": .": ; ("34; =I wqdcf k."supra"pqv'g'4; .cv'696770"

58"EQP UVK'W'W'K'Q'P 'Q'HP K G'K'K' ÈÈ"369."393("3; 40"

59"IdOÈÈ"340"

5: "IdOÈÈ"365("3: : 0"

5: "IdO"

62"VQI R'HCNQNC("O CVVJ GY "O OJ GCVQP .C"J KUVQTI "QHP K G'K'K' "8"%422: +0"

63"H'gf g't'c'n' e'c'r k'c'n' v'g't't'k'q't {"C'ev'P q'08"q'h'3; 98. È"3. "8"N'c'y U'Q'H'V'J G'H'G'F G'K'V'K'Q'P 'Q'HP K G'K'K' .E'c'r O'H'8"t'g'x'0'g'f O' 4228+."c'x'c'k'r'ed'ng"q'p"v'j g'R'q'r{k' {"c'p'f "N'g'i c'n'c'f x'q'c'c' {"E'g'p'v'g" \*RNCE+ y' g'du'k'g."at"j w'r <I'v'y u'q'l'p'k'i g't'k'c'f r'ec'p'i Q't'i I' r'v'y u'f'f'0' f' h"archived at"j w'r u'<I' r'g't'o c'0'e' I'P 6RM/P TI X0"

64"HCNQNC(" J GCVQP ."supra"pqv'g"62."cv'3; 20"





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Cu'ku'vj g'ecug'y kj "vj g'Ur gcngt"qh'vj g'J qwug"qh'T gr t gupvcxgu. "vj g'Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'Ugpcvg'f qgu" pqv'xqv'gzeqr v'ht"vj g'r vtr qug"qh'dtgcnpī "kgo<sup>83</sup>"

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K'cr r gctū'vj cv'vj g'Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'P ki gtlc"Ugpcvg'r ic { u'c"tqr"emugt "v'vj cv'qh'vj g'Ur gcngt"qh' vj g'J qwug"kp"vj g'WU"Eqpi t guo' "Hqt"kpucpeg." vj g'Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'P ki gtlc"Ugpcvg." rkn'vj g' Ur gcngt" qh' vj g' WU" J qwug" qh' T gr t gupvcxgu. " r t gukf gu" qxgt" lqkp' ukkpi u" qh' vj g' J qwug" qh' T gr t gupvcxgu"cpf "vj g'Ugpcvg<sup>84</sup>"k'cf f kkp. "vj g'Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'P ki gtlc"Ugpcvg"ku'ugeqpf "kp" vj g'rkp'qh'r t gukf gpvcn'uweeguikp'hmqy kpi "vj g'F gr w{ "Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'P ki gtlc"Ugpcvg"ku'ugeqpf "qh' vj g'Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'Ugpcvg"v'vj g'r t gukf gpe { "ku'go r qtct { "kp'pcwtg=k'ku'ecr r gf "cv'vj tgg"o qpvj u" f wt kpi "y j kej "ko g'cp'grgexkp"o wuv'dg'j gr "v' hkn'vj g'xcecpe { 0<sup>86</sup>"

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**D. Other Parliamentary Officers**

K'cf f kkp"v'vj g'Ur gcngt"qh'vj g'J qwug"qh'T gr t gupvcxgu. "vj g'Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g'Ugpcvg. "cpf "vj gkt" f gr wku. "vj g'rcf gtuj kr "kp"vj g'P cǎkpcn'Cuugo dn. "npqy p"v'cu'vj g'or tkpek cr'qh'hegtu"qh'vj g' J qwug"qh'T gr t gupvcxgu"cpf "vj g'Ugpcvg'kpenm'g"

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- vj g'O clqtkv{ "Ngcf gt"cpf "j ku'f gr w{. ""
- vj g'O kpqtkv{ "Ngcf gt"cpf "j ku'f gr w{. ""
- vj g'Ej kgh'Y j kr "cpf "j ku'f gr w{. "cpf "
- vj g'O kpqtkv{ "Y j kr "cpf "j ku'f gr w{ 0<sup>87</sup>""

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Vj g'hpevkpu"qh'c"O clqtkv{ "Ngcf gt. "y j q"ku"pqo kpcvg"v'vj g'r qukkp"d { "vj g'r ctv{ "y kj "vj g' j ki j guv'pwo dgt"qh'ugcu"kp"vj g'tgur gevkg"j qwug. "kpenm'g"rcf kpi "vj g'dwukpguu"qh'vj g'j qwug. "o cpci kpi "ngi kur'vkg'uej gf wgu. "cpf "rcukpi "y kj "eqo o kvgg'ej cko gp"cpf "qvj gt "hpevkpctkgo<sup>88</sup>" Vj g'hpevkpu"qh'vj g'Ej kgh'Y j kr. "cnu'c'r gtup'tgr t gupvkpi "vj g'r ctv{ "y kj "vj g'j ki j guv'pwo dgt"qh' ugcu"kp"vj g'tgur gevkg"j qwug. "kpenm'g"o ckpvkpi "qtf gt"cpf "f geqtwo. "qti cpk kpi "r ctv{ "o go dgtu" f wt kpi "f gdcvu"cpf "o cpci kpi "r ctv{ "dwukpguu"qv'vj g'hqqt"qh'vj g'tgur gevkg"j qwug<sup>89</sup>""

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<sup>83</sup>"Id0'EQP UVKWWIQP 'QHP K GTIC'E'780"

<sup>84</sup>"EQP UVKWWIQP 'QHP K GTIC'E'75"

<sup>85</sup>"Id. E'3680""

<sup>86</sup>"Id. ""

<sup>87</sup>"Principal Officers of the House of Representatives." P CVIQPCN'CUUGODN. "j vr <ly y y fcuupki qti lj qwugaqha" tgr t gupvcxguar tkpek cmqhhiegtu"rcuv'xkuksgf "Lcp07."4239+."archived at" j vr u<lr gto c&e IVW7E/6RXI "Principal Officers of the Senate." P CVIQPCN'CUUGODN. "j vr <ly y y fcuupki qti lugpcgar tkpek cmqhhiegtu"rcuv'xkuksgf "Lcp07." 4239+."archived at" j vr u<lr gto c&e IOF: Z/I I: S 0

<sup>88</sup>"UGPCVG'UVCPR I 'QTF GTU."supra pqv'7; .E'4: =UVCPR I 'QTF GTUQHVI G'J QWUG'QHT'GRTGUGP VCVK&GU."supra pqv'77."Qtf gt"XKK"

<sup>89</sup>"UGPCVG'UVCPR I 'QTF GTU."supra pqv'7; .E'53=UVCPR I 'QTF GTUQHVI G'J QWUG'QHT'GRTGUGP VCVK&GU."supra pqv'77."Qtf gt"XKK"

Vj g"P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn{ "cnuq"j cu"pqpo go dgt"qh'legtu"vj cv'ectt{ "qw"cf o l'p'k'nt'c'v'x'g"hw'p'v'k'p'u" p'g'g'g'u'c't{ "h'q't"j'g"t'w'p'p'k'p'i "q'h'j'g"d'q'f { 0"Vj g'cf o l'p'k'nt'c'v'x'g"hw'p'v'k'p'u"p'g'g'g'u'c't{ "h'q't"j'g"P c'k'q'p'c'n' Cuugo dn{ "c't'g"j'g"t'g'ur'q'p'k'd'k'k'v{ "q'h'j'g"Er'g't'n'i'q'h'j'g"P c'k'q'p'c'n'Cuugo dn{ "l'p"cf f'k'k'q'p."g'c'ej "j'q'w'ug" j'c'u'c"Er'g't'n'i'c'u'ng'f "y'k'j "q'x'g't'g'g'g'k'p'i "j'g'cf o l'p'k'nt'c'v'x'g"cu'r'g'ev'u'q'h'j'g"d'q'f { 0: "G'c'ej "j'q'w'ug"cu'q'j' cu" c"U'g't'i'g'c'p'v'c'v'c't'o u'y'j'q'k'u'j'g'ej'k'g'h'g'ew't'k'v{ "q'h'leg't"l'p"j'g"t'g'ur'g'ev'x'g'j'q'w'ug"cp'f "y'j'q'ug"hw'p'v'k'p'u" k'p'en'f'g'o'c'k'p'v'k'p'i "q't'f'g't'f'w'k'p'i "u'k'v'k'p'i u0: "" ""

**E. Committee System**

Vj g'Eq'p'u'k'w'k'q'p'c'w'j'q't'k'g'u'j'g"J'q'w'ug"q'h'T'g'r't'g'ug'p'v'k'x'g'u'c'p'f "j'g"U'g'p'c'v'g"v'q'h'q't'o "eq'o o'k'w'g'g'u'c'p'f " ko'r'q'ug'u'd't'q'c'f "h'o'k'u'q'p"j'q'y "eq'o o'k'w'g'g'u'o'c{ "d'g'h'q't'o'g'f'0"K'v'c'v'g'u'j'c'v'g'k'j'g't"j'q'w'ug'o'c{ "

cr'r'q'k'p'v'c"eq'o o'k'w'g'g'q'h'k'u'o'go'd'g't'u'h'q't"u'we'j "ur'g'ek'n'q't"i'g'p'g't'c'n'r'w'r'q'ug"cu'k'p"ku'q'r'k'p'q'p" y'q'w'f "d'g"dg'w'g't'g'i'w'r'v'g'f "c'p'f "o'c'p'c'i'g'f "d{ "o'g'c'p'u"q'h"u'we'j "c"eq'o o'k'w'g'g."c'p'f "o'c{ "d{ " t'g'u'q'n'w'k'q'p."t'g'i'w'r'v'k'q'p"q't"q'v'j'g't'y'k'ug."cu'k'v'j'k'p'm'u'h'k'v."f'g'r'g'i'c'v'g"cp{ "hw'p'v'k'p'u"gz'g't'ek'c'd'g"i'd{ " k'v'q"cp{ "u'we'j "eq'o o'k'w'g'g"02"

K'f'q'k'p'i "u'q."j'g"t'g'ur'g'ev'x'g'j'q'w'ug"ku'lt'g'g"v'q"v'g'v't'o'k'p'g"j'g"o'p'w'o'd'g't"q'h'o'go'd'g't'u"q'h"c"eq'o o'k'w'g'g" cr'r'q'k'p'v'g'f "w'p'f'g't"j'k'u"u'g'ev'k'q'p."j'g'k't"v'g't'o'u"q'h"q'h'k'eg"cp'f "s'w'q't'w'o'03""J'q'y'g'x'g't."j'g"cr'r'q'k'p'v'k'p'i " j'q'w'ug'o'c{ "p'q'v'0'f'g'r'g'i'c'v'g"v'q"c"eq'o o'k'w'g'g"j'g'r'q'y'g't"v'q"v'g'k'f'g'y'j'g'v'j'g't"c"dk'm'uj'c'm'd'g'r'cu'ng'f "k'p'v'q" r'ey "q't"v'q"v'g'v't'o'k'p'g"cp{ "o'c'w'g't"y'j'k'ej "k'v'k'u"go'r'q'y'g't'g'f "v'q"v'g'v't'o'k'p'g"d{ "t'g'u'q'n'w'k'q'p"w'p'f'g't"j'g" r't'q'x'k'k'q'p'u"q'h'j'g'k'u"Eq'p'u'k'w'k'q'p"04""Vj'k'u"ku"c"v'g'r'c't'w'g'g'lt'q'o "j'g'o'c'p'p'g't"l'p"y'j'k'ej "eq'o o'k'w'g'g'u"l'p" j'g"U'U"Eq'p'i't'g'u'q'r'g't'c'v'g"l'p"y'j'k'ej "j'g'g{ "j'c'x'g"j'g'r'q'y'g't"v'q"n'k'm'd'k'm'u"cp'f "r't'g'x'g'p'v'j'g'k't'g'h'g't't'c'n'v'q" j'g'r'c't'i'g't"d'q'f { "d{ "u'k'o'r'n{ "p'q'v'x'q'v'k'p'i "q'p"j'g'o'05""K'P'k'i'g'k'c."j'g"eq'o o'k'w'g'g'u"ct'g"q'p'n{ "c'w'j'q't'k'g'f" v'q"o'c'n'g"t'g'eq'o o'g'p'f'c'v'k'q'p'u"cp'f "j'g'g{ "o'w'w'v'c'n'y'c{ "u"t'g'r'q't'v'j'g"o'c'w'g't"dg'h'q't'g"j'g'o "v'q"j'g" cr'r'q'k'p'v'k'p'i "j'q'w'ug"06"

Vj g'Eq'p'u'k'w'k'q'p"o'c'p'f'c'v'g'u"j'g"q'w'ug'c'v'k'q'p"q'h"v'y'q"eq'o o'k'w'g'g'u"0"K'v'g's'w'k't'g'u"j'c'v'j'g"J'q'w'ug"q'h" T'g'r't'g'ug'p'v'k'x'g'u"cp'f "j'g"U'g'p'c'v'g"o'c'r'r'q'k'p'v'c"l'q'k'p'v'eq'o o'k'w'g'g"q'p"l'p'c'p'eg"eq'p'u'k'v'k'p'i "q'h"cp"gs'w'c'n' p'w'o'd'g't"q'h'r'g't'u'q'p'u"cr'r'q'k'p'v'g'f "d{ "g'c'ej "J'q'w'ug"07""Vj'g'l'q'd"q'h'j'g"l'q'k'p'v'Eq'o o'k'w'g'g"ku'v'q"t'g'eq'p'ek'g" f'k'h'g't'g'p'v'x'g't'uk'q'p'u"q'h"cr'r't'q'r't'k'v'k'q'p'u"dk'm'u"cf'q'r'v'g'f "l'p"j'g"U'g'p'c'v'g"cp'f "j'g"J'q'w'ug"q'h"

8: "EQP UVK'W'W'Q'P "Q'HP K'G'K'c"È73=P C'V'Q'P'C'N'K'U'V'K'W'W'G'H'Q'T'R'Q'N'K'c "C'P'F"U'V'T'c'V'G'I'K'U'W'F'K'G'U"0P'R'U'U:" N'G'I'K'N'c'V'Q'T'U'c'P'F"V'J'G'N'G'I'K'N'c'V'W'G'<C'I'W'K'G'H'Q'T"V'J'G'N'G'I'K'N'c'V'W'G'U'R'P'K'G'K'c": 7"0U'q'p'p{ "I'y'c'p'g"V{q'f'g'p" g'f'0'4236+0"

8: "U'G'P'c'v'g'U'v'c'p'f'f'f' "Q't'f'g't'u'."supra p'q'v'g'7; .È58=U'v'c'p'f'f'f' "Q't'f'g't'u'q'h'v'j'g'J'q'w'ug'q'h't'g'r't'g'ug'p'v'c'v'k'x'g'u"supra p'q'v'g'77."Q't'f'g't'X'K'0"

92"EQP UVK'W'W'Q'P "Q'HP K'G'K'c"È840"

93"Id. "

94"Id0"

95"P'c'v'q'p'c'n'U'g'et'g'v'c't'k'v'q'h'v'j'g'P'K'G'K'c"p'N'G'I'K'N'c'V'W'G'U'c'J'c'p'f'd'q'q'm'q'p"v'j'g'N'G'I'K'N'c'v'k'g'r't'c'v'k'g'c'p'f" R't'q'eg'f'w'g'q'h'v'j'g'P'c'v'q'p'c'n'c'u'l'g'o'd'n " : : "04226+0"

96"Id0=EQP UVK'W'W'Q'P "Q'HP K'G'K'c"È840"

97"EQP UVK'W'W'Q'P "Q'HP K'G'K'c"È840"

T'g'r t'g'u'g'p'c'v'k'g'u'<sup>8</sup>"G'c'e'j 'j' q'w'u'g'k'u'c'n'u'q't'g's w'k't'g'f 'v'q'h'q't'o 'c'R'w'd'r'k'e'C'ee'q'w'p'u'E'q'o o k'w'g'g'v'q'e'q'p'u'k'f'g't' 'v'j'g't'g'r'q't'v'q'h'v'j'g'C'w'f'k'q't/I'g'p'g't'c'n'q'p'v'j'g'e'q'w'p't'f'c'u'r'w'd'r'k'e'c'ee'q'w'p'u'<sup>9</sup>"

V'j'g't'g'c't'g'c'p'w'o d'g't'q'h'f'k'h'g't'g'p'v'v'r'g'u'q'h'e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'k'p'v'j'g'P'k'i'g't'k'c'p'P'c'v'k'p'c'n'Cu'g'o d'n'f'<'u'r'g'e'k'n' 'e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u.'u'c'p'f'k'p'i' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u.'c'f' "j'q'e"e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u.'c'p'f' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'q'h'v'j'g'y'j'q'r'g'<sup>0</sup>: ""T'g'h'g't't'g'f' "v'q"cu"o'o'c'e'j'k'p'g't'f' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u.o"u'r'g'e'k'n' 'e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'c't'g'h'q't'o'g'f' "h'q't' "v'j'g' "v'g't'o "q'h'v'j'g'P'c'v'k'p'c'n' Cu'g'o d'n'f' "c'p'f' "v'j'g'k't' "t'q'r'g'k'u"v'q"o'h'c'e'k'k'c'v'g'v'j'g' "n'g'i'k'u'r'c'v'k'g'r't'q'e'g'u'u'c'p'f' "c'u'k'u'v'k'p'v'j'g' "u'o'q'q'v' "e'q'p'f'w'e'v' q'h'd'w'u'k'p'g'u'u'<sup>9</sup>: ""U'c'p'f'k'p'i' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'c't'g'r'g't'o'c'p'g'p'v'e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'v'j'c'v'o'f'g'e'n'y'k'j' "u'w'd'l'g'e'v'o'c'w'g't'u' q't' "u'r'g'e'k'h'e" c't'g'c'u' "q'h'v'j'g' "y'q't'm' "q'h'v'j'g' "J'n'g'i'k'u'r'c'w'g'g'o'v'j'g' "V'j'g'f' "g'z'g't'e'k'g' "v'j'g' "n'g'i'k'u'r'c'v'k'g' "d'q'f'f'c'u' "q'x'g't'u'k'j'v' "h'w'p'e'v'k'p'u' "q'x'g't' "v'j'g' "u'r'g'e'k'h'e" "g'z'g'e'w'k'g' "c'i'g'p'e'k'g'u' "y'k'j'k'p' "v'j'g'k't' "r'w't'x'k'g'y' ." o'c'k'p'n'f' "d'f' "u'e't'w'k'p'k'k'p'i' "c'r'r't'r'q'r't'k'e'v'k'p'u'r't'q'r'q'u'e'n'u'<sup>3</sup>"C'p'c'f' "j'q'e"e'q'o o k'w'g'g'k'u'c'e'q'o o k'w'g'g'h'q't'o'g'f' "v'q"j'c'p'f' "n'g'c" "u'r'g'e'k'h'e" "c'u'm'k'p'e'n'f'k'p'i' "e'q'p'f'w'e'v'k'p'i' "c'p'k'p'x'g'u'k'i'c'v'k'p' "t'i'c' "u'w'f'f' "q'h'c'r'c't'v'e'w'r'c't' "k'u'w'g'."c'p'f' "f'k'u'u'q'x'g'u' "c'v'v'j'g' "e'q'p'e'n'u'k'q'p' "q'h'v'j'g' "c'u'n'u'<sup>4</sup>" "V'j'g' "J'q'w'g' "q'h' "T'g'r t'g'u'g'p'c'v'k'g'u' "c'p'f' "v'j'g' "U'g'p'c'v'g' "h'q't'o' "l'q'k'p'v' e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'v'q'f'g'e'n'y'k'j' "o'c'w'g't'u'q'x'g't' "y'j'k'e'j' "v'j'g'f' "u'j'c't'g' "l'w't'k'uf'k'e'v'k'p'="u'q'o'g' "l'q'k'p'v'e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'c't'g' "u'c'p'f'k'p'i' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u.'y'j'k'g' "q'v'j'g't'u'c't'g'c'f' "j'q'e" "k'p' "p'c'w'g'g'o'<sup>5</sup>" "C'u'k'u'v'j'g' "e'c'u'g'y'k'j' "v'j'g' "l'q'k'p'v' "u'k'v'k'p'i' "u'q'h'v'j'g' "P'c'v'k'p'c'n' Cu'g'o d'n'f' "c'p'f' "v'j'g' "U'g'p'c'v'g'." "l'q'k'p'v' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'c't'g' "e'j'c'k't'g'f' "d'f' "c' "o'g'o' d'g't' "q'h'v'j'g' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g'p'q'o'k'p'c'v'g'f' "h'q't'o' "v'j'g' "U'g'p'c'v'g'o'<sup>6</sup>"

E'q'o o k'w'g'g'u'q'h'v'j'g'y'j'q'r'g' "k'p'x'q'x'g' "v'j'g' "g'p'v'k'g' "o'g'o' d'g't'u'j'k'r' "q'h'v'j'g' "t'g'u'r'g'e'v'k'g' "j'q'w'g' "u'k'v'k'p'i' "c'u"c' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g' "c'p'f' "r't'g'k'f'g'f' "q'x'g't' "d'f' "c' "e'j'c'k't'o'c'p'="v'j'g' "o'r't'k'p'e'k'r'c'n' "h'w'p'e'v'k'p' "q'h'v'j'g' "e'q'o o k'w'g'g' "k'u' "f'g'k'd'g't'c'v'k'g'c'p'f' "p'q'v'g'p's'w'k't'f'c'u'<sup>7</sup>"

**IV. Elections**

K'p'P'k'i'g't'k'c'."P'c'v'k'p'c'n'Cu'g'o d'n'f' "g'r'g'e'v'k'p'u'c't'g'j'g'f' "g'x'g't'f' "h'q'w't'f'g'c't'u'<sup>8</sup>" "C'u"p'q'v'g'f' "c'd'q'x'g' "v'j'g't'g'c't'g' "v'j'g'g' "u'g'p'c'v'q't'k'n'f'k'u't'k'v'u'k'p'g'c'e'j' "q'h'v'j'g'v'j'k't'v'f' "u'k'z' "u'c'v'g'u'."c'p'f' "v'j'g' "H'g'f'g't'c'n' "E'c'r'k'e'n' "C'd'w'k'c'."k'u' "e'q'w'p'v'g'f' "c'u"q'p'g'f'k'u't'k'v'."y'j'k'e'j' "d't'k'p'i' "u'v'j'g' "v'q'v'c'n'p'w'o' d'g't' "q'h' "u'g'p'c'v'q't'u'v'q' "32; 0'<sup>9</sup>" "H'q't' "r'w't'r'q'u'g'u'q'h' "c'm'q'e'c'v'k'p'i' "

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<sup>8</sup>"IdOÈ7; 0"  
<sup>9</sup>"IdOÈ: 70"  
<sup>9</sup>: "P'c'v'k'p'c'n'U'g'e't'g'v'c't'k'v'q'h'v'j'g'p'k'g't'k'c'p' "N'g'i'k'u'r'c'v'w't'g'u'."supra"p'q'v'g'95."c'v': ; 6; 70"  
<sup>9</sup>: "IdO'c'v': ; 0"  
:2"Id."c'v': 30"  
:3"IdO'c'v': 40"  
:4"TCI 'GUGCI DQP. "VJ G'P K GTICP 'NGI K'NCV'K'G'RT'Q'EGU'<D'K'N'U.'D'W'F'I'G'V'CTI' 'E'Q'P'V'T'Q'N'C'P'F' 'E'Q'O O K'V'G'G'U'J' U'V'G'O " 39; 6: 2"4227-0"  
:5"P'c'v'k'p'c'n'U'g'e't'g'v'c't'k'v'q'h'v'j'g'p'k'g't'k'c'p' "N'g'i'k'u'r'c'v'w't'g'u'."supra"p'q'v'g'95."c'v': 50"  
:6"CM'P'V'Q'N'C'0'L'Q'J' . 'N'c'y' . 'R't'c'e'v'g'e'g'c'p'f' "R't'q'e'g'f'w't'g'q'h' "N'g'i'k'u'r'c'v'w't'g'33; \*3; ; ; +0"  
:7" "GUGCI DQP."supra"p'q'v'g': 4."c'v'3: 20"  
:8" "E'Q'P'U'V'K'W'W'Q'P' "Q'H'P'K'G'T'K' "ÈÈ'86.'980"  
:9"Id. "ÈÈ'6: "( '930"

ugc'u'k'p'y'j'g'J' q'wug'q'h'T'gr't'gug'p'v'k'x'g'u.'P'k'i'g'k'c'k'u'f'k'k'f'g'f'k'p'v'q'582'h'g'f'g't'c'n'e'q'p'u'k'w'g'p'e'k'g'u.'g'c'e'j'q'h' y'j'k'e'j'k'u't'g'r't'gug'p'v'g'f'd'{'q'p'g'o'g'o'd'g't'k'p'y'j'g'J'q'wug'q'h'T'gr't'gug'p'v'k'x'g'u'0' :''''

O'g'o'd'g't'u'q'h'y'j'g'P'c'k'q'p'c'n'Cu'g'o'd'n'f'{'c't'g'g'r'g'e'v'g'f'f'k't'g'e'w'f'{'c'p'f'c'p'{'P'k'i'g'k'c'p'ek'k'g'p'c'd'q'x'g'y'j'g'c'i'g' q'h'g'k'i'j'v'g'g'p'o'c'{'t'g'i'k'u'g't'v'q'x'q'v'g'0' :''

K'p'c'f'f'k'k'q'p'v'q'y'j'g'q'y'j'g't'g'r'k'i'k'k'k'v'f'g's'w'k't'g'o'g'p'u' '\*o'c'k'p'n'f'q'p'c'i'g.'e'k'k'g'p'u'j'k'r.'c'p'f'g'r'g'x'g'n'q'h' g'f'w'e'c'v'k'q'p'+.'k'p'q't'f'g't'v'q'eq'o'r'g'v'g'h'q't'c'ug'c'v'k'p'y'j'g'P'c'k'q'p'c'n'Cu'g'o'd'n'f'.'c'r'g't'u'q'p'o'w'u'v'd'g'c'o'g'o'd'g't' q'h'c'r'q'k'k'c'e'n'r'c't'v'f'{'c'p'f'g'o'w'u'v'd'g'ur'q'u'q't'g'f' d'{'y'j'c'v'r'c't'v'f'0' :'''' P'k'i'g'k'c'f'q'g'u'p'q'v'r'g't'o'k' k'p'f'g'r'g'p'f'g'p'v'c'p'f'k'f'c'e'f'0' :''''

V'j'g't'g'c't'g'h'q't'v'f'{'t'g'i'k'u'g't'g'f'r'q'k'k'c'e'n'r'c't'v'g'u'k'p'P'k'i'g'k'c'0' :'''' J'q'y'g'x'g't.'y'j'g'r'c'u'v'g'r'g'e'v'k'q'p.'y'j'k'e'j'v'q'q'n'f' r'm'e'g'k'p'4237.'y'c'u'o'c'k'p'n'f'c'eq'p'v'g'u'v'd'g'y'g'g'p'w'y'q'o'c'k'p'r'c't'v'g'u'<'y'j'g'R'g'q'r'g'g'u'F'g'o'q'e't'c'v'k'e'R'c't'v'f' '\*R'F'R'+c'p'f'y'j'g'C'm'l'R't'q'i't'g'u'k'x'g'E'q'p'i't'g'u'u'\*C'RE+0' :'''' Y'j'k'g'y'j'g'R'F'R'k'u'y'j'g'r'c't'v'f'{'y'j'c'v'j'c'u'i'q'x'g't'p'g'f' P'k'i'g'k'c'k'u'p'e'g'k'u't'c'p'u'k'k'q'p'k'p'v'q'f'g'o'q'e't'c'e'f'{'k'p'3' ; ; . : 'y'j'g'C'RE'y'c'u'h'q't'o'g'f'q'p'n'f'k'p'4235'y'j't'q'w'i'j'c' eq'c'r'k'k'q'p'q'h'h'q'w'q'r'r'q'u'k'k'q'p'r'c't'v'g'u'<'y'j'g'C'e'v'k'q'p'E'q'p'i't'g'u'u'q'h'P'k'i'g'k'c' '\*E'c'p'+.'y'j'g'E'q'p'i't'g'u'u'h'q't' R't'q'i't'g'u'k'x'g'E'j'c'p'i'g' '\*E'RE+.'y'j'g'C'm'l'P'k'i'g'k'c'R'g'q'r'g'g'u'R'c't'v'f'{'\*C'P'R'R'+c'p'f'y'j'g'C'm'l'R't'q'i't'g'u'k'x'g'u' I't'c'p'f'c'm'k'p'e'g' '\*C'R'I'c'+'0' :'''' V'j'g'C'RE.'n'g'f'd'{'I'g'p'g't'c'n'O'q'j'c'o'o'c'f'w'D'w'j'c't'k'y'j'g'eq'w'p'v'f'g'u' k'p'e'w'o'd'g'p'v'R't'g'u'k'f'g'p'v.'y'q'p'y'j'g'r'g'g'u'k'f'g'p'e'f'{'\*y'k'y'750'8' q'h'y'j'g'x'q'v'g'u'+c'p'f'y'j'g'o'c'l'q't'k'v'f'q'h'y'j'g'ug'c'u' k'p'y'j'g'P'c'k'q'p'c'n'Cu'g'o'd'n'f'0' :'''' 82'q'h'y'j'g'32; 'ug'c'u'k'p'y'j'g'U'g'p'c'v'g'\*77' +c'p'f'434'q'h'y'j'g'582'ug'c'u'k'p' y'j'g'J'q'w'ug'q'h'T'gr't'gug'p'v'k'x'g'u'\*7: 0' +0' :'''' V'j'g't'g'u'v'q'h'y'j'g'ug'c'u'k'p'y'j'g'P'c'k'q'p'c'n'Cu'g'o'd'n'f'y'j'g'p'v'q' y'j'g'R'F'R'y'k'y'q'y'j'g't'uo'c'm'l'r'c't'v'g'u'y'k'p'k'p'i'q'p'n'f'g'k'i'j'v'ug'c'u'k'p'y'j'g'J'q'w'ug'q'h'T'gr't'gug'p'v'k'x'g'u'0' :''''

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:1 "Id0ÈÈ'6; '( '930"

:2 "Id0È'990"

:3 "Id0È'870"

:4 "Frequently Asked Questions. 'K'F'G'R'G'P'F'G'P'V'P'c'v'q'p'c'n'g'ng'e'v'q't'c'n'e'q'o'o'k'u'q'p' '\*k'p'g'e'+.'j'w'r'<I'y'y'v'Q'p'g'e'p'k'i'g'k'c'Q' q't'i'l'A'r'c'i'g'a'k'f'?:4: '\*r'c'u'v'x'k'k'g'f'H'g'd'04.'4239+.'archived at'j'w'r'u'<I'r'g't'o'c'è'e'IR54P/W'f'F'G'W'F'Q'RG'CP'W'P'Q'P'G'N'G'E'V'Q'P' Q'D'U'G'T'X'c'v'q'p' 'O'k'u'q'p'.'H'k'c'n't'g'r'q't'v'<I'g'p'g't'c'n'g'ng'e'v'q'p'u'4: 'O'c't'e'j'4237.'33'c'r't'k'4237'c'v'3: '\*L'w'f'4237+.' j'w'r'<I'g'c'u'q'w'r'c'g'w'k't'e'j'k'g'u'f'q'e'u'l'p'k'i'g'k'c'f'q'e'u'l'g'w'g'q'o' /p'k'i'g'k'c'4237/h'k'p'c'n't'g'r'q't'v'g'p'f'h'archived at' j'w'r'u'<I'r'g't'o'c'è'e'IC898/6DI'D0"

:5 "Political Parties. 'K'F'G'R'G'P'F'G'P'V'P'c'v'q'p'c'n'g'ng'e'v'q't'c'n'e'q'o'o'k'u'q'p'.'j'w'r'<I'y'y'v'Q'p'g'e'p'k'i'g'k'c'Q'q't'i'l'A'r'c'i'g'a'k'f'?:3: '\*e'r'k'e'n'q'p'y'j'g'v'g't'o' 'o'R'q'k'k'c'e'n'R'c't'v'g'u'o'k'p'y'j'g'v'q'r'd'c't'+r'c'u'v'x'k'k'g'f'L'c'p'06.'4239+.'archived at'j'w'r'u'<I'r'g't'o'c'è'e'f'f' /O'7' / Z'X'V'D'0"

:6 "C'N'G'Z'c'p'f'g't'v'j'w't'u'v'q'p'.'E'g'p'v'g't'h'q't'U'v't'c'v'g'i'k'e'c'p'f'k'e'v'g't'p'c'v'q'p'c'n'U'v'w'f'k'g'u' '\*E'U'K'+.'D'c'e'm'i't'q'w'p'f'v'q' P'k'i'g'k'c'0'4237'G'N'G'E'V'Q'P'U'c'v'9' '\*L'c'p'04237+.'j'w'r'u'<I'y'y'v'Q'p'g'e'p'k'i'g'k'c'Q'q't'i'l'k'p'c'n'f'k'u'l'd'c'e'm'i't'q'w'p'f' /p'k'i'g'k'c' G'4' : 2' : ; u'4237/ g'r'g'e'v'k'q'p'u'archived at' j'w'r'u'<I'r'g't'o'c'è'e'f'f'G'T' : /O'U'X'f'0"

:7 "Id0c'v'9'( ' : 0"

:8 "G'W'F'Q'RG'CP'W'P'Q'P'G'N'G'E'V'Q'P'Q'D'U'G'T'X'c'v'q'p' 'O'k'u'q'p'.'supra'p'q'v'g'; 3.'c'v'90"

:9 "Id0"

### V. Legislative Process

#### A. General

Vj g'ngi kur'v'x'g'r qy gt "k'P ki g'k'c'ku'uj ctgf "d {"v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"cpf "v'j g'uc'v'g'ngi kur'wt'gu" Vj g'P ki g'k'c'"Eqpuk'w'k'q'p"gpwo g'c'v'g'u"v'j g'ngi kur'v'x'g'o cpf cv'g'qh'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"k'p"v'j g' Ugeqpf "Uej gf w'g'0<sup>9</sup>" "Vj g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"ecp"ngi kur'v'g'qp"o c'w'g'tu"gpwo g'c'v'g'f "w'p'f'g't"v'j g' Gzen'w'k'x'g'Ngi kur'v'x'g'Nku'v'k'p'Rctv'K'q'h'v'j g'Ugeqpf "Uej gf w'g'v'q"v'j g'g'zen'w'k'q'p'qh'uc'v'g'ngi kur'wt'gu." k'p'ew'f'k'pi "q'p'c'x'k'c'v'k'p."ek'k'k' g'p'uj'k'r ."o c'tt'k'ci g'"\*g'z'egr v'v'j qu'g'eq'p't'c'ev'g'f "w'p'f'g't"K'ir'co k'e"q't'ew'w'q'o c't {" r'ey + "cpf "r't'ku'q'pu'0<sup>1</sup>" "k'p'c'f'f'k'k'q'p."v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"uj'ct'g'u'y'k'j "uc'v'g'ngi kur'wt'gu"v'j g'r'qy'gt" v'q"o c'ng'r'ey u"q'p"o c'w'g'tu"gpwo g'c'v'g'f "w'p'f'g't"v'j g'Eq'p'ew't'g'p'v'Ngi kur'v'x'g'Nku'v'k'p'Rctv'K'q'h'v'j g' Uej gf w'g'0<sup>2</sup>" " " U'c'v'g'ngi kur'wt'gu" o c {" ngi kur'v'g' qp" cp {" o c'w'g't" p'q'v' r'k'v'g'f "k'p" Rctv' K'q'h'v'j g' Ugeqpf "Uej gf w'g'0<sup>22</sup>"

Vj g'ngi kur'v'x'g'r qy gt "q'h'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"ku'g'z'g'tek'ug'f "d {"d'k'm'u'c'f'q'r'v'g'f "k'p'd'q'v'j "v'j g'J'q'w'ug' q'h'T'g'r't'g'ug'p'v'x'g'u"cpf "v'j g'U'g'p'c'v'g'0<sup>23</sup>" "Vj g'uc'o g'x'g't'uk'q'p"q'h'c'd'k'm'y'j'k'ej "o c {"q't'k'i'k'p'c'v'g'k'p'g'k'j'g't' q'h'v'j g'j'q'w'ug'u."o w'w'v'd'g'c'f'q'r'v'g'f "d {"d'q'v'j "j'q'w'ug'u"q'h'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"0<sup>24</sup>" "Vj g'ngi kur'v'x'g' r'qy'gt"q'h'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"ku'ej'g'eng'f"v'j't'q'w'i'j "v'j g'x'g'v'q'r'qy'gt"q'h'v'j g'Rt'g'uk'f'g'p'v."c'n'j'q'w'i'j " v'j'k'u'r'qy'gt"ku'p'q'v'c'd'u'q'n'w'g'"\*u'g'g'Rctv'X'D+\*8+."d'g'm'y' -0

Vj g'c'f'q'r'v'k'p'q'h'y'j'c'v'c't'g'ng'p'q'y'p"cu'õ'o'q'p'g {"d'k'm'ü<sup>325</sup>"ku'ur'ki'j'w'f {"f'k'h'g't'g'p'v'0"K'i'c"o'q'p'g {"d'k'm'ku' r'c'w'g'f "d {"q'p'g'q'h'v'j g'j'q'w'ug'u"q'h'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"cpf "v'j g'q'v'j'g't"j'q'w'ug'f'q'g'u'p'q'v'c'f'q'r'v'v'j'g' u'co g'x'g't'uk'q'p'y'k'j'k'p"v'y'q"o'q'p'y'u."v'j g'Rt'g'uk'f'g'p'v'q'h'v'j g'U'g'p'c'v'g'o w'w'v'c'tt'c'p'i'g'f'q't'v'j g'f'q'k'p'v'k'p'c'p'eg' E'q'o'k'w'g'g'v'q"eq'p'x'g'p'g'v'q"t'g'u'q'x'g'v'j g'f'k'h'g't'g'p'eg'u<sup>326</sup>" "K'i'v'j g'E'q'o'k'w'g'g'h'ek'u"v'q"t'g'u'q'x'g'v'j g' f'k'h'g't'g'p'eg'u."v'j g'd'k'm'õ'w'w'v'd'g'r't'g'ug'p'v'g'f "v'q"v'j g'l'q'k'p'v'uk'v'k'p'i'q'h'v'j g'P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dn {"h'q't'c'x'q'v'g'0<sup>327</sup>"

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<sup>9</sup>"EQP UVK'W'W'Q'P'Q'HP'K'G'K'c'È'60"

<sup>10</sup>"Id0"

<sup>11</sup>"Id0"

<sup>322</sup>"Id0"

<sup>323</sup>"Id0È7: 0"

<sup>324</sup>"Id0"

<sup>325</sup>"C"o'q'p'g {"d'k'm'k'p'ew'f'g'u"

\*c+ cp'c'r'r't'q'r't'k'v'k'p'd'k'm'q't'c'w'r'r'g'o'g'p'v'c't {"c'r'r't'q'r't'k'v'k'p'd'k'm'k'p'ew'f'k'pi "cp {"q'v'g't'd'k'm'q't'v'j'g'r'c {"o'g'p'v'k'u'w'g'q't" y'k'j'f't'c'y'c'n'l'q'o "v'j g'Eq'p'uk'f'c'v'g'f "T'g'x'g'p'w'g'H'w'p'f'q't'cp {"q'v'g't'r'v'd'k'e'h'w'p'f'q'h'v'j g'H'g'f'g't'c'v'k'p'q'h'c'p {"o'q'p'g {" ej'c'ti'g'f'v'j'g't'g'q'p'q't'c'p {"c'ng't'c'v'k'p'k'p'v'j g'c'o'q'w'p'v'q'h'u'w'ej "c'r'c {"o'g'p'v'k'u'w'g'q't'y'k'j'f't'c'y'c'n'c'p'f ""

\*d+ c"d'k'm'q't'v'j g'k'o'r'q'k'k'q'p'q'h'q't'k'p'et'g'c'ug'k'p'c'p {"w'z."f'w'f {"q't'f'g'g'q't'c'p {"t'g'f'w'v'k'p."y'k'j'f't'c'y'c'n'q't'ec'p'eg'm'v'k'p" v'j'g't'g'q'h'0"Id0È7; 0"

<sup>326</sup>"Id0"

<sup>327</sup> Id0"

**B. The Legislative Stages**

Vj gtg'ctg'vj tgg'ecvqi qtkgu'qh'dkmu'g'zgewkxg.'r tkxcvg."cpf "o go dgt'au'dkmu"<sup>328</sup>"Cp"gzgewkxg'dkmi'ku" qpg'kpkkcvgf "d{ "cp{ "r ctv'qh'vj g"gzgewkxg'dtcpej 0"<sup>329</sup>"Vj ku'nkpf "qh'dkmi'o wuv'dg'hqty ctf gf "vq"vj g" Ur gcngt "qh'vj g"J qwug'qh'T gr tgugpvcv'xgu"cpf "vj g"Rtgukf gpv'qh'vj g"Ugpcvg'y kj "c"eqxgt "rgwt'htqo " vj g"eqwpt {au"r tgukf gpv"<sup>32</sup>: "" C"o go dgt'au'dkmi'ku" c" dkmi'kpkkcvgf "d{ "c"o go dgt "qt" c"i tqw "qh" o go dgtu'qh'vj g"P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dnf . "y j krg"cp{ "dkmi'pqv'cp"gzgewkxg'dkmi'qt" c"o go dgt'au'dkmi'ku" npqy p"cu" c" r tkxcvg'dkmi"<sup>32</sup>: "" Y j krg"cp{ qpg"o c{ "kpkkcvg" c" dkmi'qpn{ "c"o go dgt "qh'vj g"P c'kqpcn' Cuugo dnf "o c{ "kvtqf weg" k' qp" vj g" hqqt" qh' vj g"J qwug" qh' T gr tgugpvcv'xgu" qt" Ugpcvg"<sup>332</sup> "" k" cf f kkp." dghqtg" cp{ " dkmi' ecp" dg" kvtqf weg f . " ku" hpcpekn' ko r hccv'kpu" o wuv' dg" ecrewcvgf " cpf "cwcej gf "vq'k0"<sup>333</sup>"

Vj gtg'ctg'uo g'f khgt gpegu'k'vj g'o cpgt'k'p'y j lej "gzgewkxg'dkmi"cpf "qvj gt'dkmi'ctg'r tgeguugf 0" Hqt'kpuvpeg."gzgewkxg'dkmi"o c{ "dg"eqpukf gtgf "uko wncpgqwu{ "d{ "vj g"J qwug'qh'T gr tgugpvcv'xgu" cpf "vj g"Ugpcvg."y j gtgcu"o go dgt'au'dkmi"cpf "r tkxcvg'dkmi'ctg"eqpukf gtgf "d{ "qpg"j qwug'qh'vj g" P c'kqpcn'Cuugo dnf "cv" c" vko g0"<sup>334</sup> "" Y j krg"cp"gzgewkxg'dkmi'o wuv'dg"r wdrukj gf "qpn{ "qpeg" k' vj g" i c' gwg'qh'vj g'lqwtpcn'qh'vj g"J qwug'qh'T gr tgugpvcv'xgu"cpf "Ugpcvg"dghqtg'k'ecp"dg"r tgugpvgf "hqt" eqpukf gtevkp."o go dgt'au'cpf "r tkxcvg'dkmi"o wuv'dg"r wdrukj gf "vj tgg'vko gu0"<sup>335</sup>"

Cnj qvi j "gxgt{ "dkmi'o wuv'tgegxg'vj tgg'tgcf kpi u"dghqtg'k'ecp"dg"cf qr vgf "cpf "pq"o qtg"vj cp"qpg" tgcf kpi "ecp"qewt"qp"vj g'uco g'f c{ . "vj g'twgu'qh'vj g"J qwug'qh'T gr tgugpvcv'xgu"cpf "Ugpcvg"o c{ "dg" uwur gpf gf "vq"gpwtg'cp"ceegrtcvgf . 'uco g'f c{ 'r cuuci g'hq'tegt'v'k'w'wi gpv'dkmi0"<sup>336</sup>"

*1. First Reading*

Cv'vj g"htuv'tgcf kpi . "vj g"r gtuqp"ur qpuqt kpi "vj g" dkmi'r tgugp'v'k' cpf "vj g" engtn'tgcf u"ku"uj qt v' v'krg'c'w'f 0"<sup>337</sup> ""

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<sup>328</sup>"The Legislative Process."P CVIQPCN'CUUGO DNf . "j wr <ly y y 0cuupki Qiti lr ci glj g/rigi kurv'xg/r tgeguu' "rcuv'x'k'k'g'f " lcp08."4239+."archived at"j wr u<lr gto c0e0f GH9/P S 6Y 0"  
<sup>329</sup>"UGPCVG'UVCPFR I "QTFGTU."supra"pqv'7; . 'E'980"  
<sup>32</sup>: "The Legislative Process."P CVIQPCN'CUUGO DNf . "supra"pqv'3280"  
<sup>32</sup>: "UGPCVG'UVCPFR I "QTFGTU."supra pqv'7; . 'E'980"  
<sup>332</sup>"The Legislative Process."P CVIQPCN'CUUGO DNf . "supra"pqv'3280"  
<sup>333</sup>"Id. "  
<sup>334</sup>"Id. "  
<sup>335</sup>"Id. "  
<sup>336</sup>"Id. "  
<sup>337</sup>"UGPCVG'UVCPFR I "QTFGTU."supra pqv'7; . 'E'9: =UVCPFR I "QTFGTU'QH'VJ G'J QWUG'QH'T GRTGUGPVCV'XGU."supra pqv'77."Qtf gt"Z K'QI DQPP IC."supra"pqv'38."cv'47: 0"

2. Second Reading

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Vj g"ugeqpf "tgc f kpi "ku"vj g"uuci g"cv'y j lej "f gdcvg"qh" c" dkm"qeevtu<sup>338</sup>""Vj g"ur qpuqt "qh"vj g"dkm"\*j g" O clqtkv{ " Ngcf gt " kp" vj g" ecug" qh" gzgewkxg" dkm+" gzr rckpu" ku" dcule" cur gew" cpf " dgpghku<sup>339</sup>"" O go dgtu"y kuj kpi "vq"r ct vkr cvg"kp"vj g" f gdcvg"ctg" ceeqtf gf "hkg"vq"ugxgp"o kpwgu"vq"ur gcm"cv" y j lej "ko g"vj g{"cti wg"ht"vj g"dkm"tglevkap"qt"co gpf o gpv="kh"cv"vj g" gpf "qh"vj g" f gdcvg. "vj g" dkm" tgegkxgu"vj g"uwr r qt v"qh"vj g"o clqtkv{ "qh"vj g"j qwug"kp"y j lej "k'ku"dgkpi "eqpukf gtgf . "k'r cuugu"vq"vj g" pgzv'uuci g<sup>33</sup>: "

3. Committee Stage

Vj g"dkm"ku"pgzv'cuuki pgf "vq" c"ugrgev"qt"ucpf kpi "eqo o kvgg"ht" c"o qtg"vj qtqwi j "gzco kpcvkp<sup>33</sup>"" Vj g"tgrxcpv"eqo o kvgg"gzco kpgu" gcej " r tqxkukp"cpf "j qif u"r wdrk"j gctkpi u="j qy gxgt. "y j kg" cp{qpg"o c{"o cng"uwi i guvkpu. "qpn" o go dgtu"qh"vj g"eqo o kvgg"o c{" r tqr qug"cp"co gpf o gpv<sup>342</sup>"" Vj g"eqo o kvgg"vj gp"tgr qt w"ku"hp f kpi u"qp"vj g"dkm"y kj "cm"vj g"co gpf o gpv. "kh"cp{ ."dcem"vq"vj g" J qwug"qh" T gr tguvpcvkxgu"qt"vj g"Ugpcvg"ht" f grkdgtcvkqp<sup>343</sup>""

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Dkm" f ggo gf " ko r qtvcv" ctg" tghgtgf " vq" cpf " gzco kpgf " d{" vj g" gpv"tg" j qwug" eqpukwvgf " cu" c" eqo o kvgg"qh"vj g"y j qng"kp"r nceg"qh"vj g"ugrgev"qt"ucpf kpi "eqo o kvgg<sup>344</sup>""

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4. Third Reading

V{r kcm{ ."vj gtg"ku"pqv"o wej "f gdcvg"cpf "pq"co gpf o gpv"ctg"o cf g"cv"vj g"vj kf /tgc f kpi "uuci g<sup>345</sup>"" J qy gxgt. "c"o go dgt"y j q"y kuj gu"vq"uggn"vq"co gpf "vj g"dkm"qt"kpvtqf weg" c" r tqxkukp"o c{" o cng" c" o qvkp"vj cv"vj g"dkm"dg"tgeqo o kvgf "dghgtg"vj g"o qvkp"ht"vj g"vj kf "tgc f kpi "ku"cev f "wr qp="kh"vj g" o qvkp"ku"ci tggf "vq. "vj g" r tqr qugf "co gpf o gpv"ku"eqpukf gtgf "d{" vj g"eqo o kvgg"qh"vj g"y j qng<sup>346</sup>"" Vj ku"ku" hqmj gf " d{" vj g" vj kf " tgc f kpi . " y j gtg" vj g" dkm" ku" xqvgf " qp" cpf " r cuugf " kh" k' i ctpgtu" o clqtkv{ "uwr r qt v<sup>347</sup>""

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<sup>338</sup>"The Legislative Process." P CVIQPCNCUUGO DN . "supra"pqvg"3280"

<sup>339</sup>"Id" GUG" O CNGO K" VJ G" P K GTKCP "EQP UVK" WVIQPCN" Ncy <Y KJ "HWP F CO GP VCN" T K J VU" \*GP HQTEGO GP V" RTQEGF WTG" 6" TWNGU" 422; "cv" 42: "5f "gf 0422: +0"

<sup>33</sup>: "The Legislative Process." P CVIQPCNCUUGO DN . "supra"pqvg"3280"

<sup>33</sup>: "O CNGO K" supra"pqvg"339. "cv" 42: 0"

<sup>342</sup>"The Legislative Process." P CVIQPCNCUUGO DN . "supra"pqvg"3280"

<sup>343</sup>"O CNGO K" supra"pqvg"339. "cv" 42; 0"

<sup>344</sup>"Id" cv" 42: 0"

<sup>345</sup>"The Legislative Process." P CVIQPCNCUUGO DN . "supra"pqvg"328="O CNGO K" supra"pqvg"339. "cv" 42; 0"

<sup>346</sup>"The Legislative Process." P CVIQPCNCUUGO DN . "supra"pqvg"328="O CNGO K" supra"pqvg"339. "cv" 42; 0"

<sup>347</sup>"Id. ""

### 5. *Joint Conference Committee*

If the House of Representatives and the Senate adopt different versions of a bill, a Joint Conference Committee is constituted to reconcile the differences. Members of the Committee deliberate only on the parts of the bill where there is disagreement; no new item may be introduced at this stage.<sup>126</sup> If either chamber of the National Assembly refuses to accept the decision of the Committee, the bill dies unless it is a money bill, as described above, in which case it is referred to a joint sitting of the National Assembly for a vote and enacted if it garners majority support.<sup>127</sup>

### 6. *Assent*

The Nigerian President plays a crucial role in the lawmaking process through the constitutionally guaranteed veto power, which may be exercised over any legislation adopted by the National Assembly. The Constitution states,

[w]here a bill has been passed by the House in which it originated, it shall be sent to the other House, and it shall be presented to the President for assent when it has been passed by that other House and agreement has been reached between the two Houses on any amendment made on it.<sup>128</sup>

If the President refuses to sign the bill into law within thirty-days of its referral to his desk, the bill dies unless the National Assembly overrides the presidential veto by passing the bill again with the support of at least a two-thirds majority in each chamber.<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>126</sup> *The Legislative Process*, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, *supra* note 106.

<sup>127</sup> *Id.*; CONSTITUTION OF NIGERIA § 59.

<sup>128</sup> CONSTITUTION OF NIGERIA § 58.

<sup>129</sup> *Id.*