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Bill 65

An Act to amend the Remembrance Week Act, 2016

Mr. L. Coe

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading February 22, 2023

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



An Act to amend the Remembrance Week Act, 2016

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

1 Section 4 of the *Remembrance Week Act, 2016* is repealed and the following substituted:

Moment of silence, Legislative Assembly

4 (1) On the last sessional day before Remembrance Day in each year, immediately after Introduction of Visitors during the Morning Routine,

- (a) the members of the Legislative Assembly shall pause and observe two minutes of silence in honour of those who died serving their country in wars and in peacekeeping efforts; and
- (b) following the two minutes of silence, members are permitted to give speeches for 15 minutes, with five minutes allotted to the party recognized as the Official Opposition, five minutes allotted to the recognized party from which the Government is chosen and five minutes allotted to any other recognized parties and independent members as a group.

Definition

(2) In this section,

“recognized party” has the same meaning as in subsection 62 (5) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Honouring Our Veterans Act, 2023*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Remembrance Week Act, 2016* to require members of the Legislative Assembly, on the last sessional day before Remembrance Day in each year, to pause and observe two minutes of silence in honour of those who died serving their country in wars and in peacekeeping efforts. Members are also permitted to make speeches.