THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

A legislative proposal is submitted. Legislative proposals may be submitted by the President of the Republic, the Government, parliamentary committees and MPs (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §31).

The Speaker designates a committee to hold a detailed debate on the proposal (hereinafter known as the designated committee) (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §32 (1)).

A non-designated committee (hereinafter known as the cooperating committee) may submit a request to the Speaker to join in the debate of any provisions of the legislative proposal that fall within its scope (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §32(2)).

A general plenary debate is held (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §34).

A detailed debate is held in the designated and cooperating committees (hereinafter known as the reading committees). During the debate, committees vote on proposed amendments, support them, uphold them with changes or may formulate additional planned amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §43-44).

The reading committee adopts an amendment which closes the detailed debate and submits it to the Speaker with its final report on the detailed debate (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §45).

The Committee on Legislation forms an opinion on the amendments adopted in committee with the close of the detailed debate. It combines the amendments adopted in committee with the close of the detailed debate and its own proposals into a single proposal (hereinafter known as the summary of proposed amendments). It sends the Speaker a report on the close of the reading and on the contents of the summary of proposed amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §46).

The Committee on Legislation sends the Speaker the combined language of the legislative proposal and the summary of proposed amendments (hereinafter known as the unified proposal) signed by the proposer (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §46(10)).

A plenary debate is held on the committee reports regarding the detailed debate, on the summary report and on the summary of proposed amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §47).

Parliament upholds amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §48(6)).

Before a final vote, proposers may request a postponement of the vote if they wish to submit a proposed amendment in preparation for the vote.

The Committee on Legislation submits a second summary of proposed amendments and the upheld proposed amendment and a second unified proposal (the combined language of the legislative proposal and the second summary of proposed amendments) (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §48(7)).

Parliament decides on the second summary of proposed amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §49(2)).

Parliament does not uphold amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §48(6)).

Parliament decides on the summary of proposed amendments (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §48(1)).

Final vote (Parl. Res. 10/2014, §50)