

# DANEIS Speaker-Timekeeper Script

## Parliamentary Debating – with POIs

When the debaters are properly seated (Government to your right, Opposition to your left, facing each other) and the judge has taken his/her place (opposite and facing you, say: "I call the House to order. I call upon the Prime Minister to open the case for the Government."

[The Prime Minister speaks for up to five minutes. You should bang the table after the first minute, and then give her/him (and each of the other debaters) time signals indicating how much time is left. At thirty seconds, you should show the number 30 on your hands, and at 15 seconds you should wind your arm down like a clock. When the final 15 seconds have passed, you should stand up. When the Speaker sits down, you should record the time elapsed during the speech. This is standard procedure and should be repeated for all speakers.

When the Prime Minister finishes speaking, you say "We thank the Prime Minister for her/his remarks, and call upon the Member of the Opposition to open the case for the Opposition."

[Member of Opposition speaks for up to eight minutes. You should show hand signals and bang the table after the first and seventh minute.]

Speaker: "We thank the Member of the Opposition for his/her remarks, and call upon the Minister of the Crown to continue the case for the Government."

[Minister of Crown speaks for up to eight minutes. You should show hand signals and bang the table after the first and seventh minute.]

Speaker: "We thank the Minister of the Crown for his/her remarks, and call upon the Leader of the Opposition to conclude the case for the Opposition."

[Leader of Opposition speaks for up to eight minutes. You should show hand signals and bang the table after the first and fifth minute.]

Speaker; "We thank the Leader of the Opposition for his/her remarks, and call upon the Prime Minister to conclude the case for the Government, reminding her/him that she/he has three minutes in which to do so, and may introduce no new evidence or lines of argument."

[Prime Minister speaks for up to three minutes. You should show hand signals.]

Speaker; "We thank the Prime Minister for his/her remarks, and we declare this House adjourned."

Does the judge, Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss. \_\_\_\_\_, wish to make any comments?"

(As the judge is filling out his/her score sheet, let the judge know the time for each speech. After comments, if any, and after the judge has finished filling out the scoresheet, collect the scoresheet and take it to the entrance of the Tab Room. You should wait at the door while someone in the Tab Room checks your scoresheet. If a problem is identified, you will need to take the scoresheet back to the judge immediately to fix it and then bring it back to the Tab Room for a recheck. You and the judge should begin proceedings for the next round as soon as all of the debaters have arrived.)

Note: The judge will expect you to read the script at the appropriate times and keep track of the speaking time (giving appropriate raps on the table and appropriate time signals). See the sheet entitled "Beginning the Round" for how the judge should conduct the coin toss, choice of resolution, choice of side, etc.