

## Miscellaneous Notes on Parliamentary Debate

Wednesday, October 10, 2007  
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## Agenda

- Roster, Constitution
- Teams
- Fundraising
- Review
- Presentation
- Practice!

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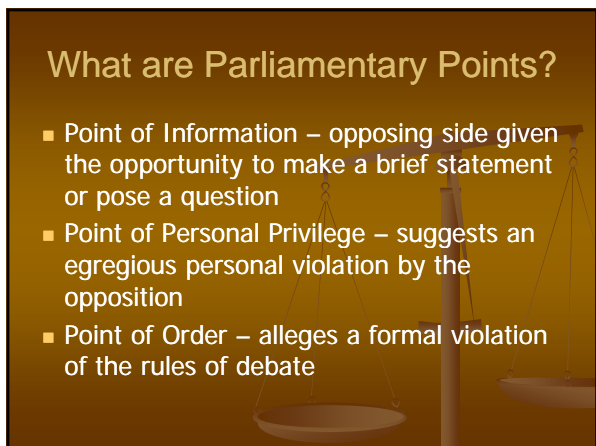
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## What are Parliamentary Points?

- Point of Information – opposing side given the opportunity to make a brief statement or pose a question
- Point of Personal Privilege – suggests an egregious personal violation by the opposition
- Point of Order – alleges a formal violation of the rules of debate

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### Ruling on POPP/POO

- Judge rules:
  - Point well taken.
  - Point taken under advisement.
  - Point not well taken.



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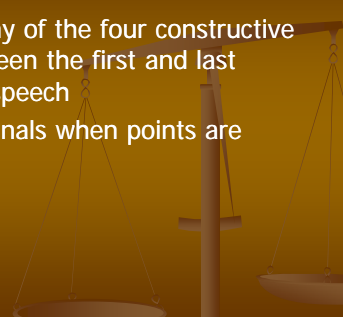
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### Points of Information

- Permitted in any of the four constructive speeches between the first and last minute of the speech
- Timekeeper signals when points are allowed
- Making a point



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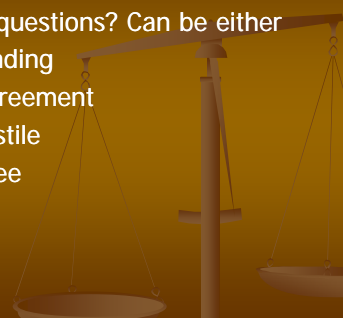
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### Strategic Uses of POIs

- Statements or questions? Can be either
- Seek understanding
- Establishing agreement
- DO NOT be hostile
- No Rule of Three



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### Manner During POIs

- Present the point clearly, relatively dispassionately; occasion for further communication with the judge
- Focus attention on the judge and audience

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### Responding to POIs

- Try to anticipate the issues your opponent might raise when you make your arguments
  - "What will my opponent say when I make this argument?"
  - "What will I say to that?"
- Be brief in both answering and declining points ("No, thank you" NOT "Not at this time")
- Take points during argument transitions
- Be clear

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### Humor and Heckling

- Makes the debate interesting to watch
- *The Onion* ([www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com))
- Heckling – non/verbal interruptions of speech
- CHECK WITH JUDGE FIRST
- Use it sparingly; wears off
- Knocks vs. Slaps, "Herehere" vs. "Shame"
- NOT GENERAL DISAGREEMENT

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## Speaking

- Speak clearly and at an appropriate volume
- Articulate (warm-ups)
- Vocal variety (vary tone, pitch, rate, and volume)
- Gestures
- DO NOT hold a pen in hand while speaking
- Stay still (no pivoting)
- Make good eye contact WITH JUDGES
- Do not address team directly
- Do not be adversarial WITH YOUR OWN PARTNER

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## Word Economy and Word Choice

- Word Economy – use only the minimum number of ideas to convey an idea
- “Like”, “You know”, “Um”, “Uh
- “Remember”, “Ladies and Gentlemen”, “in fact”
- Word Choice – choosing how to say what you’re saying

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## Note Taking (“Flow Sheeting”)

	Friedman (1)	Polyszak (1)	Sumner-Smith (2)	Joynt (2)
Case (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not prob. w/ pol. participation of citizens</li> <li>↳ bias of corp. show both sides of issue</li> <li>↳ bias w/ some news orgs</li> <li>excludes big activities</li> <li>external for dem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not a solution, focus</li> <li>all provisions in current law</li> <li>reduces bias of governmental news</li> <li>FCC sanctions → + penalties</li> <li>FCC communication is det. by gov't</li> <li>- (opt. weapon)</li> <li>- (chilling effect)</li> <li>- yet public needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>value: dem.</li> <li>democratic system</li> <li>pub. of other use</li> <li>1946, 1948-51, 1968</li> <li>dem. interests by not subject to discipline</li> <li>↳ distribution</li> <li>if business don't participate</li> <li>national interest</li> <li>→ dem.</li> <li>group participation (opt. before news)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how gov. get info?</li> <li>level: helping us?</li> <li>FCC has tried some restrictions</li> <li>Observation: what solve problem, need to reflect will</li> <li>group participation</li> <li>conflict of interest (between gov. &amp; current studies)</li> <li>gov. stopped using controversial shows</li> <li>System is where by FCC control of content of content</li> <li>Violation of dem.</li> <li>media communication control issues for news (Lindber)</li> </ul>
Sum. Sp. Friedman (1)	(3:30)	(4:00)		(5:00)

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