

WHAT ARE COMMON MISTAKES MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY?

- Failure to obtain the floor before speaking
- Failure to limit one's remarks to the immediately pending question
- Arguing at a personal level, attacking opponents for their past actions or comments, instead of limiting discussion to the subject itself
- Failure to ask questions when uncertain about what is going on
- Failure to raise a point of order when the presiding officer infringes on the rights of members, as, for example, when discussion is arbitrarily cut off by the chair
- Nitpicking insistence on trivial parliamentary technicalities which prevent an assembly from focusing its attention on the substance of what is being discussed.