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Overture concerning Call-for-the-Question

Minute extract of an overture transmitted by the Presbytery of Montreal

At Montreal, on the internet by Zoom, the 16th day of March in the year 2021:
Which day the Presbytery of Montreal met and was constituted with prayer.
Among other matters addressed, the presbytery agreed to transmit the following overture to the General Assembly:

To the Venerable the General Assembly:

WHEREAS, under Paragraph 48 of the *Book of Forms*, if on the proposing of a motion the majority agrees and votes to move to an immediate vote, all debate on the motion is immediately cut off;

WHEREAS, if all debate on a motion is immediately cut off, no opportunity remains to point out the motion's weaknesses;

WHEREAS, if all debate on a motion is immediately cut off, those poorly informed on the motion will lose the opportunity to be better informed and perhaps be persuaded to vote against the motion;

WHEREAS, if all debate on a motion is immediately cut off, the minority is denied an opportunity to express its views;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Montreal humbly overtures the Venerable, the General Assembly to amend Paragraph 48 of the *Book of Forms* by deleting the words "If carried in the affirmative" and replacing them with the words "If carried by a two-thirds majority vote," or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, deems best.

The Presbytery transmits this overture with approval.

Michael Pettem
Clerk of Presbytery