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## The Mace

The mace is used as a ceremonial staff-of-office and as a symbol of the Speaker's authority and the right of Members of Parliament to exercise freedom of speech.

At the beginning of each sitting of the House, the mace is placed on the table in front of the Speaker and only removed when the House adjourns.

At the top of the staff is a coronet of proteas and rings. The crown sits on a Khoikhoi pot, decorated with anchors and bunches of grapes. Just above and below the pot is traditional San beadwork. At the bottom of the Stinkwood shaft is a stylised protea. The top and bottom of the mace consists of nine-carat white and yellow gold.