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Daily news summary**Parliamentary Bill Scrutiny Trends PRS Data**

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WHY IN NEWS

- PRS Legislative Research released data highlighting a sharp increase in bills introduced and passed during the same session without committee scrutiny.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

- More than half of the bills passed in the 18th Lok Sabha were introduced and cleared within the same session.
- Eleven out of twelve bills during the recent Monsoon Session were passed without referral to Department-related **Parliamentary Standing Committees** (DRPSCs).
- Multiple bills were passed without substantive floor debate while Lok Sabha operated at approximately 15% of scheduled time due to disruptions.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL CONTEXT

- Referral of bills to **Standing Committees** is not constitutionally mandatory but regulated by Rules of Procedure of the Houses.
- Bypassing committee scrutiny deprives legislation of multi-party detailed Clause-by-Clause examination and stakeholder consultation.

KEY TERMS

- **Standing Committee Scrutiny:** Detailed clause-by-clause evaluation of introduced bills by bipartisan parliamentary panels prior to voting.

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PRELIMS FACTS

- Referral of a bill to a **Departmentally Related Standing Committee** is discretionary under the direction of the Speaker or Chairman.

MAINS DISCUSSION

- Critically evaluate the decline in committee referrals and short-duration debates on the quality of Indian statutory lawmaking.

KEY DATA

- **Data Source:** PRS Legislative Research - Primary non-partisan research body tracking legislative metrics and parliamentary proceedings.

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