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***Speaker Farrugia receives new Icelandic Ambassador***

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia has received a courtesy visit from Mr Sturla Sigurjónsson, the new Ambassador of the Republic of Iceland.

After welcoming the Icelandic Ambassador, Speaker Farrugia highlighted the excellent bilateral relations that exist between the two countries.

Speaker Farrugia made reference to the number of Icelandic citizens working in Malta, whereas Ambassador Sigurjónsson said that he had been informed that there were about 11 Maltese citizens living in Iceland.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest, inter alia the status of neutrality, the OSCE, the European Union, the situation in Libya and migration.

The tourism sector, the preservation of the language and the forthcoming elections also featured in the discussion.