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7 – 10 November 2022

Bills

5.01 Consideration of Secure Pay, Better Jobs Bill

On Tuesday, the Leader of the House moved a programming motion for the consideration of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022. The motion provided for the suspension of standing orders to allow reduced time limits for the second reading debate, for the second reading debate to continue on Wednesday evening after the normal time of adjournment, and for the bill to pass all stages on Thursday. As an amendment, the Manager of Opposition Business moved that the question on the second reading of the bill not be put until all members wishing to speak in the debate had done so, with the standard 15 minutes allocated speaking time. The amendment was negatived on division and the programming motion was carried on division.

Debate then resumed on the second reading of the bill. During the debate, the Leader of the Opposition moved a second reading amendment; a crossbench member (Ms Allegra Spender) moved an amendment to the proposed second reading amendment; and another crossbench member (Ms Rebekha Sharkie) moved an amendment to the amendment proposed by Ms Spender.

On Wednesday, in accordance with the programming resolution, the second reading debate continued after the adjournment debate, with members allocated 10 minutes speaking time from 8pm and 5 minutes from 9pm. At 10.34pm, there being no further speakers, the House was adjourned.

When consideration of the bill resumed the next day, pursuant to the programming resolution, questions were immediately put on the second reading amendments and on the second reading of the bill. Each of the amendments was negatived on division and the second reading was agreed to on division.

Governor-General's messages recommending appropriation for the bill and for government amendments to be moved were announced before the House proceeded to consider the bill in detail. Government, opposition and independent amendments were considered during the debate. All 150 government amendments and certain crossbench amendments were carried and the bill, as amended, was agreed to on division. The question that the bill be read a third time was then put and carried on division.

Hansard: 8 November 2022, 2555-61 Votes and Proceedings: 2022/292-4

SOs 1, 47, 124, 142, 145, 148, 155

Motions

5.02 Condolence motions for former members

On Monday the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion in relation to the death of the Honourable Anthony Austin (Tony) Street, a former minister and Member for Corangamite from 1966 to 1984. The following day the Prime Minister moved another condolence motion on the death of the Honourable Robert James (Bob) Ellicott AC KC, also a former minister and Member for Wentworth from 1974 to 1981.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the public service of the two former members and offered sympathy to the families in their bereavement. In both cases, the Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and all members rose in silence before the motion was referred to the Federation Chamber for debate.

Hansard: 7 November 2022, 2401-3 8 November 2022, 2531-2 Votes and Proceedings: 2022/275, 291

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SOs 49, 183

Committees

5.03 Motion to appoint joint select committee

After question time on Monday, the Manager of Opposition Business moved to suspend standing orders to allow him to move a motion to appoint a Joint Select Committee on Fair Work Amendment Legislation to inquire into and report on the provisions of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022. The motion was negatived on division and the bill was passed by the House later in the week (see **5.01**).

Hansard: 10 November 2022, 2882-4 Votes and Proceedings: 2022/320-1

SOs 39, 223, 224, 226

5.04 Joint Select Committee on National Anti-Corruption Commission Legislation presents report

The Deputy Chair of the Joint Select Committee on National Anti-Corruption Commission Legislation presented the committee's advisory report on the provisions of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Bill 2022 and the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2022 on Thursday. In speaking to the report, the Deputy Chair explained that the committee had made six key recommendations to improve the legislation.

Hansard: 10 November 2022, 2884-5 Votes and Proceedings: 2022/321-2

SOs 39, 223, 224, 226

Statements

5.05 Statements by indulgence of the Speaker

On Monday the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations made a statement in relation to the resignation of the President of the Fair Work Commission, Justice Iain Ross. He commended Justice Ross for his meritorious public service over 10 years in the role.

Later in the week, the Prime Minister made a statement on the death of Ms Chrys Meader, a librarian and historian from inner west Sydney and Marrickville. He paid tribute to the significant contribution she had made to her community.

Hansard: 7 November 2022, 2416 10 November 2022, 2907

Offensive words#

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| 'The member for Deakin had more people working on branch stacking in his office than the ACCC had working on this project.' | 7 November 2022 | 2414 |
| 'It's the biggest bloody Ponzi scheme—' | 8 November 2022 | 2553 |
| 'I note the interjection by the member for Jagajaga, who has suckled on the teat of the ABC' | 8 November 2022 | 2597 |
| 'You sit down like a petulant child.' | 9 November 2022 | 2678 |
| 'We've heard the blather and the noise from the bin chickens over there' | 9 November 2022 | 2710-1 |
| 'You're obviously getting a feed!' | 10 November 2022 | 2880 |
| 'a bunch of political bin chickens' | 10 November 2022 | 2909 |
| 'If dopey looks could power an energy system we'd have it nailed.' | 10 November 2022 | 2910 |

[#] List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.