

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2008

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS**

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following standing orders be amended to read as follows:

1 Maximum speaking times (*amendments to existing subjects, as follows*)

Committee and delegation reports on Mondays

in the House

Each Member

10 mins maximum,
as recommended by the whips

in the Main Committee

Each Member

10 mins maximum,
as recommended by the whips

(*standing orders 39, 40, 41A, 192(b)*)

Grievances

Whole debate

1 hour

Each Member

10 mins

(*standing order 192B*)

Private Members' business on Mondays

Whole debate

as recommended

Each member

by the whips

(*standing orders 41 and 41A*)

29 Set meeting and adjournment times

(a) The House shall meet each year in accordance with the program of sittings for that year agreed to by the House, unless otherwise ordered.

- (b) When the House is sitting it shall meet and adjourn at the following times, subject to *standing orders 30, 31 and 32*:

1 day	2 meeting commences	3 adjournment proposed	4 House adjourns
Monday	12 noon	9.30 p.m.	10 p.m.
Tuesday	2 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	9 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.	7.30 p.m.	8 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	5 p.m.

31 Automatic adjournment of the House

- (a) At the time set for the adjournment to be proposed in *standing order 29, column 3 (times of meeting)*, the Speaker shall propose the question—*That the House do now adjourn*.

This question shall be open to debate—maximum time for the whole debate shall be 30 minutes—and no amendment may be moved.

- (b) If this question is before the House at the time set for adjournment in *standing order 29, column 4 (times of meeting)* the Speaker shall interrupt the debate and immediately adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

- (c) The following qualifications apply:

Division is completed

- (i) If there is a division at the time set for the adjournment to be proposed in *standing order 31(a)*, that division, and any consequent division, shall be completed.

Minister may require question to be put

- (ii) If a Minister requires the question to be put immediately it is proposed under paragraph (a), the Speaker must put the question immediately and without debate.

Minister may extend debate

- (iii) When the Speaker interrupts the adjournment debate under paragraph (b), a Minister may ask for the debate to be extended by 10 minutes to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised during the debate. After 10 minutes, or if debate concludes earlier, the Speaker shall immediately adjourn the House until the time set for its next meeting.

Question negatived

- (iv) If the question is negatived, the House shall resume proceedings from the point of interruption.

Unfinished business

- (v) If the business being debated is not disposed of when the adjournment of the House is proposed, the business shall be listed on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

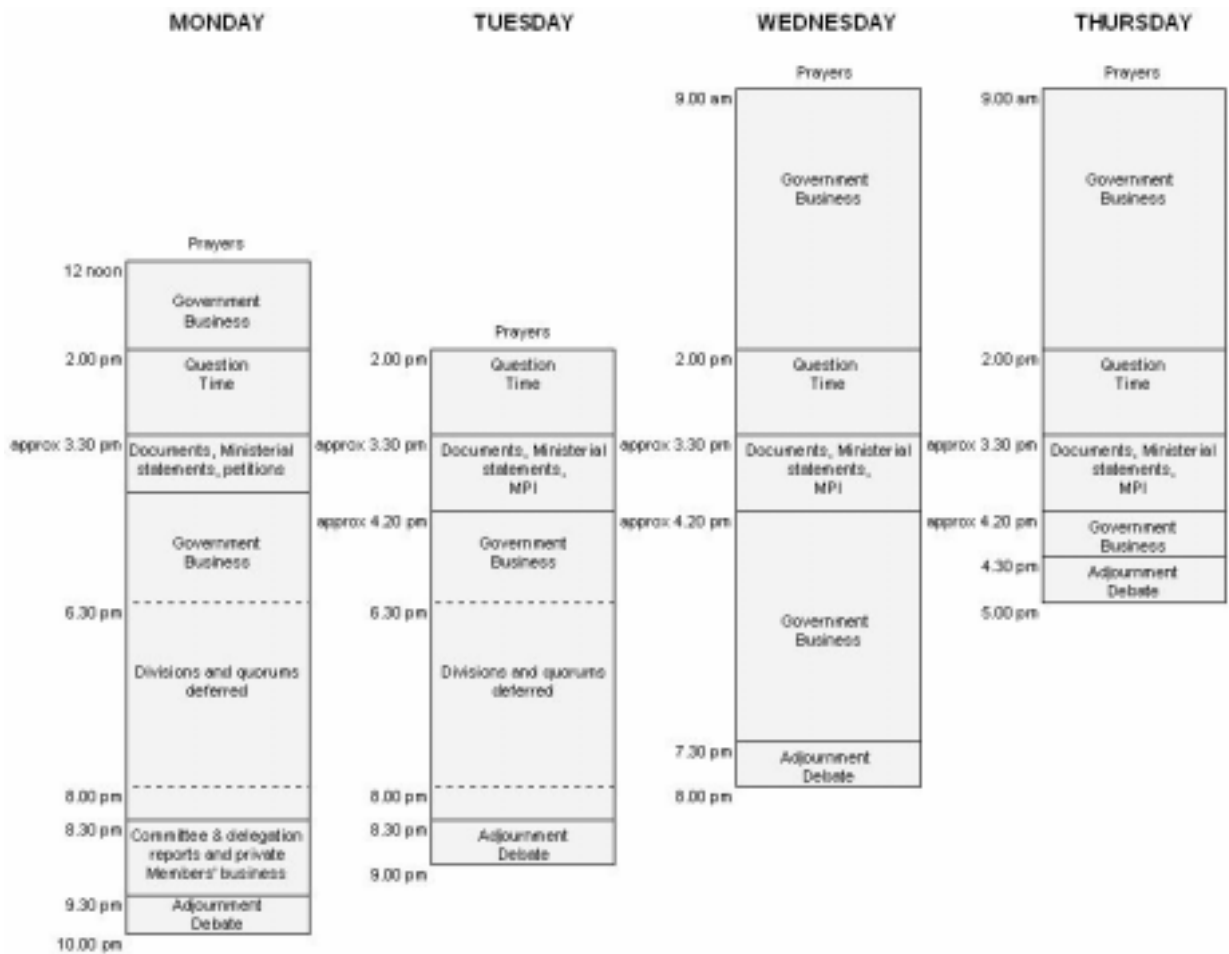
33 Limit on business

No new business may be taken after 10 p.m., unless by order of the House before 10 p.m.

34 Order of business

The order of business to be followed by the House is shown in figure 2.

Figure 2. House order of business



35 Priority of business

Government business shall have priority over committee and delegation reports and private Members' business except on Mondays as provided by *standing orders 34 (order of business) and 192 (Main Committee's order of business)*.

39 Presentation of reports

- (a) Members may present reports of committees or delegations:
 - (i) as recommended by the whips, during the period for committee and delegation reports on Mondays (*standing order 34*); or
 - (ii) at any time when other business is not before the House.
- (b) Members may make statements in relation to these reports:
 - (i) during the period for committee and delegation reports on Mondays in the House (*standing order 34*); the whips shall recommend time limits for statements, of not more than 10 minutes for each Member; or
 - (ii) at any other time, by leave of the House.
- (c) The Member presenting a report may move without notice, a specific motion in relation to the report. Debate on the question shall be adjourned to a future day.

- (d) If, on Mondays, the Speaker presents a report referred to in this standing order, the following steps are deemed to have occurred in respect of the report—a motion to take note of the report, debate on the motion to be adjourned to a later hour and the order of the day to be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration within any parameters adopted by the House on the recommendation of the whips.

40 Resumption of debate on reports

- (a) After presentation of reports on Mondays proceedings may be resumed on motions in relation to committee and delegation reports moved on an earlier day.
- (b) For debate in accordance with paragraph (a) the whips shall recommend:
- (i) the order in which motions are to be considered;
 - (ii) time limits for the whole debate; and
 - (iii) time limits for each Member speaking, of not more than 10 minutes.
- (c) During the period on Mondays provided by *standing order 192*, proceedings may be resumed in the Main Committee on motions in relation to committee and delegation reports referred that day or on an earlier day.

41 Private Members' business

- (a) In the periods set for committee and delegation reports and private Members' business under *standing orders 34 and 192*, private Members' notices and orders of the day shall be considered in the order shown on the Notice Paper. When the time set by *standing orders 34 or 192* or recommended by the whips ends, the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and put the question.
- (b) If
- (i) the whips have recommended that consideration of a matter may continue on a future day;
- then
- (ii) at the time set for interruption of the item of business or if debate concludes earlier, the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and the matter shall be listed on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

Private Members' bills—priority

- (c) The whips, in making recommendations to the House:
- (i) shall give priority to private Members' notices of intention to present bills over other notices and orders of the day; and
 - (ii) shall set the order in which the bills are to be presented.

First reading

- (d) When each notice is called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands may present the bill, together with an explanatory memorandum (if available), and may speak to the bill for no longer than 5 minutes. The bill shall be then read a first time and the motion for the second reading shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.
- (e) If, on Mondays, the Speaker presents a bill for which notice has been given by a private Member, the first reading of the bill is deemed to stand referred to the Main Committee. When the bill is called on in the Main Committee by the Clerk, the Member sponsoring the bill may present an explanatory memorandum (if available), and may speak to the bill for no longer than 5 minutes. The bill shall be then read a first time and the motion for the second reading shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

Second reading

- (f) If the motion for the second reading is agreed to by the House, further consideration of the bill shall be accorded priority over other private Members' business and the whips may recommend times for consideration of the remaining stages.

Alternation of notices

- (g) Subject to paragraph (c)(i), the whips shall provide for the consideration of private Members' notices to alternate between those of government and non-government Members.

Private Members' motions

- (h) If, on Mondays, the Speaker presents a copy of the terms of a motion for which notice has been given by a private Member, the following steps are deemed to have occurred—the motion is deemed to have been moved and debate on the motion adjourned to a later hour and the order of the day referred to the Main Committee for further consideration in accordance with any parameters adopted by the House on the recommendation of the whips.

41A Selection of private Members' and committee business

- (a) For the period for committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Mondays, the whips shall recommend the order of consideration of the matters, the times allotted for debate on each item and for each Member speaking, and the matters to be considered in the Main Committee.
- (b) The Chief Government Whip shall report the recommendations of the whips to the House and shall move without notice the motion—
That the House adopt the report.
- (c) The Chief Government Whip must report to the House under paragraph (b) in time for the report to be adopted by the House and published on the Notice Paper of the sitting Thursday before the Monday being considered. The report shall be published in Hansard.
- (d) The House may grant leave for the order of consideration of the matters, and the times allotted for debate on each item and for each Member speaking, set by the House to be varied.

42 Removal of business

The Clerk shall remove from the Notice Paper items of private Members' business and orders of the day relating to committee and delegation reports which have not been called on for eight consecutive sitting Mondays.

43 Members' statements on Fridays, to be omitted.

44 Grievance debate, to be omitted.

55 Lack of quorum

- (a) When the attention of the Speaker is drawn to the state of the House and the Speaker observes that a quorum is not present, the Speaker shall count the Members present in accordance with *standing order 56*.
- (b) On Mondays and Tuesdays, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m., the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House at 8 p.m., if the Member then so desires.
- (c) If a quorum is in fact present when a Member draws attention to the state of the House, the Speaker may name the Member in accordance with *standing order 94(b)* (*sanctions against disorderly conduct*).

97 Daily Question Time

- (a) Question Time shall begin at 2 p.m. on each sitting day, at which time the Speaker shall interrupt any business before the House and call on questions without notice.
- (b) The business interrupted shall be dealt with in the following manner:
 - (i) if a division is in progress at the time, the division shall be completed and the result announced; or
 - (ii) the Speaker shall set the time for resumption of debate.

106 Giving notice

- (a) A Member giving a notice of motion must deliver it in writing to the Clerk at the Table.
- (b) The notice may specify the day proposed for moving the motion and must be signed by the Member and a seconder.
- (c) A notice of motion which expresses censure of or no confidence in the Government, or a censure of any Member, must be reported to the House by the Clerk at the first convenient opportunity.

133 Deferred divisions on Mondays and Tuesdays

- (a) On Mondays and Tuesdays, any division called for between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. shall be deferred until 8 p.m.
- (b) The Speaker shall put all questions on which a division has been deferred, successively and without amendment or further debate.
- (c) This standing order does not apply to a division called on a motion moved by a Minister during the periods specified in this standing order.

138 Initiation of bills

A House bill may be initiated:

- (a) by the calling on of a notice of intention to present a bill;
- (b) by an order of the House;
- (c) without notice by a Minister under *standing order 178 (Appropriation Bill or bill dealing with taxation)*; or
- (d) by presentation under *standing order 41(e)*.

A bill not prepared according to the standing orders of the House shall be ordered to be withdrawn.

139 Notice of intention to present bill

- (a) A Member giving a notice of intention to present a bill must deliver the notice in writing to the Clerk at the Table.
- (b) The notice must:
 - (i) specify the title of the bill and the day for presentation; and
 - (ii) be signed by the Member and at least one other Member.
- (c) A notice of intention to present a bill shall be treated as if it were a notice of motion.

140 Signed copy of bill presented

- (a) Member presenting a bill must sign a legible copy of the bill and give it to the Clerk at the Table, or to the Speaker for the purposes of *standing order 41(e)*.
- (b) The title of a bill must agree with the notice of intention to present it, and every clause must come within the title.

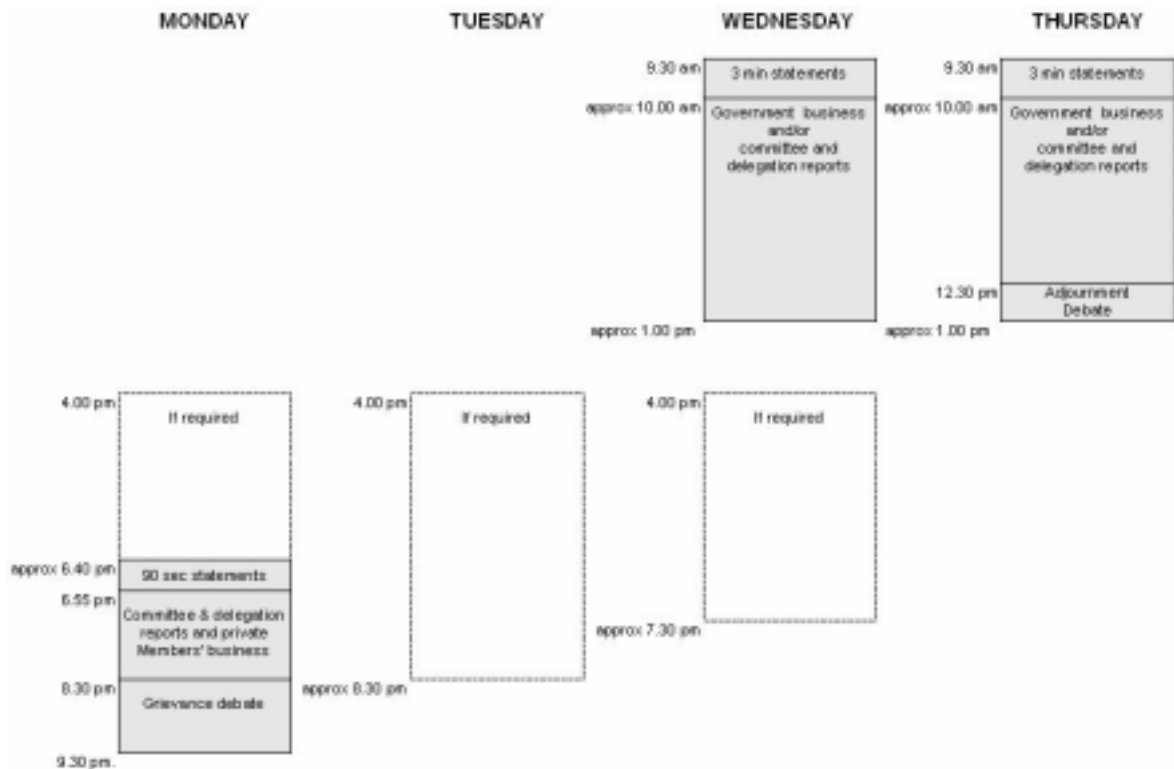
141 First reading and explanatory memorandum

- (a) Subject to *standing order 41(e)*, when a bill is presented to the House, or a Senate bill is first received, the bill shall be read a first time without a question being put. A Member presenting a bill during private Members' business may speak to the bill, before it is read a first time, for no longer than 5 minutes.
- (b) For any bill presented by a Minister, except an Appropriation or Supply Bill, the Minister must present a signed explanatory memorandum. The explanatory memorandum must include an explanation of the reasons for the bill.

192 Main Committee's order of business

- (a) If the Committee meets on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, the normal order of business is set out in figure 4.
- (b) If the Committee meets on a Monday to consider orders of the day relating to committee and delegation reports, these orders of the day shall have priority over other business, unless otherwise ordered.

Figure 4. Main Committee order of business



The meeting times of the Main Committee are fixed by the Deputy Speaker and are subject to change. Adjournment debates can occur on days other than Thursdays by agreement between the Whips. The Main Committee may also meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and evening, if required.

192A Members' statements on Mondays

Before committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Mondays, the Deputy Speaker shall call on statements by Members. The Deputy Speaker may call a Member, but not a Minister (or Parliamentary Secretary*), to make a statement for no longer than 90 seconds. The period allowed for these statements shall extend until 6.55 p.m.

* Including Assistant Ministers who are Parliamentary Secretaries

192B Grievance debate

- (a) At the conclusion of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Mondays, the first order of the day shall be grievance debate. The order of the day stands referred to the Main Committee.
- (b) After the Deputy Speaker proposes the question—
That grievances be noted—
any Member may address the Main Committee or move any amendment to the question. When debate is interrupted after one hour or if it concludes earlier, the Deputy Speaker shall adjourn the debate on the motion, and the resumption of the debate shall be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

207 Presenting a petition

A petition may be presented in one of two ways:

- (a) The Speaker shall present petitions and the Clerk announce them each sitting Monday, in accordance with *standing order 34 (order of business)*.
- (b) A Member may present a petition during:
 - (i) the period of Members' statements in the Main Committee, in accordance with *standing order 192A and standing order 193*;
 - (ii) adjournment debate in the House in accordance with *standing order 31*, and in the Main Committee in accordance with *standing order 191*; and
 - (iii) grievance debate in accordance with *standing order 192B*.

208 Action by the House

- (a) Discussion on the subject matter of a petition shall only be allowed at the time of presentation as provided for under *standing order 207(b)*.
- (b) Each petition presented shall be received by the House, unless a motion that it not be received is moved immediately and agreed to.
- (c) The only other motion relating to a petition that may be moved is a motion on notice that the petition be referred to a particular committee.
- (d) The terms of petitions shall be printed in Hansard.
- (e) The Standing Committee on Petitions shall respond to petitions on behalf of the House and report to the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr Hockey was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

3 REVISED PROGRAM OF SITTINGS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following program of sittings for 2008, dated 12 March 2008, be adopted in substitution for the program adopted on 12 February 2008:

PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS 2008

(Updated 12 March 2008)

First Issued 18 December 2007

	MONTH	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun	School Holidays
			21	22	23	24	25	26/27
A U T U M N	February	28 <i>Australia Day Holiday</i>	29	30	31	1	2/3	WA, TAS, ACT
		4	5	6	7	8	9/10	TAS
		11	12	13 <	14	15	16/17	TAS
		18 H/AE	19 H/AE	20 H/AE	21 H/AE	22 H	23/24	
	March	25	26	27	28	29	1/2	
		3	4	5	6	7	8/9	
		10 <i>Canberra Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15/16	
		17	18 <	19	20	21 <i>Good Friday</i>	22/23	
	April	24 <i>Easter Monday</i>	25	26	27	28	29/30	VIC
		31	1	2	3	4	5/6	VIC
		7	8	9	10	11	12/13	QLD, NT
		14	15	16	17	18	19/20	NSW, WA, SA, ACT
21		22	23	24	25 <i>ANZAC Day</i>	26/27	NSW, WA, SA, ACT	
W I N T E R	May	28	29	30	1	2	3/4	
		5	6	7	8	9	10/11	
		12	13 <i>Budget</i>	14 <	15	16	17/18	
		19	20	21	22	23	24/25	
	June	26 H/BE	27 H/BE	28 H/BE	29 H/BE	30	31/1	
		2 H/BE	3 H/BE	4 H/BE	5 H/BE	6	7/8	TAS
		9 <i>Queen's Birthday</i>	10	11	12	13	14/15	TAS
	July	16	17	18	19	20	21/22	
		23	24 <	25	26	27	28/29	NT
		30	1	2	3	4	5/6	VIC, QLD, NT
		7	8	9	10	11	12/13	All ex Tas
		14	15	16	17	18	19/20	NSW, WA, SA, ACT, NT
S P R I N G	August	21	22	23	24	25	26/27	
		28	29	30	31	1	2/3	
		4	5	6	7	8	9/10	
	September	11	12	13	14	15	16/17	
		18	19	20	21	22	23/24	
		25	26	27	28	29	30/31	
		1	2	3	4	5	6/7	
		8	9	10	11	12	13/14	TAS
		15	16	17	18	19	20/21	TAS
	October	22	23 <	24	25	26	27/28	VIC, QLD
		29	30	1	2	3	4/5	All ex Tas
		6 <i>Labour Day</i>	7	8	9	10	11/12	ACT, NSW, SA, WA
		13	14	15	16	17	18/19	
	November	20 H/SBE	21 H/SBE	22 H/SBE	23 H/SBE	24	25/26	
		27	28	29	30	31	1/2	
		3	4 <i>Family Day</i>	5	6	7	8/9	
		10	11	12	13	14	15/16	
		17	18	19	20	21	22/23	
December	24	25	26	27 <	28	29/30		
	1	2	3	4	5	6/7		
	8	9	10	11	12	13/14		
	15	16	17	18	19	20/21	QLD, WA, SA, NT	

Both houses

AE = Additional Estimates

H = House of Representatives only

BE = Budget Estimates

< = date of Senate 2/3 cut-off

SBE = Supplementary Budget Estimates

Mr Hockey asked leave to continue his speech at a later hour.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr A. D. H. Smith moved—That the debate be adjourned.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

Mr Abbott	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Markus	Mr Simpkins
Mr Andrews	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs May	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Hockey	Mrs Mirabella	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Hull*	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hunt	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Irons	Mr Neville	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Dr Jensen	Mr Pearce	Mr Truss
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	Mr Turnbull
Mr Coulton	Mr Keenan	Mr Randall	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Downer	Mr Laming	Mr Robb	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	Dr Washer
Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Schultz	
Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Scott	
Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr Secker	

NOES, 77

Mr Adams	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms King	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bevis	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Mr Bidgood	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Bradbury	Mr Garrett	Mr McMullan	Mr Sullivan
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Marles	Mr Swan
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Symon
Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Ms Neal	Mr C. R. Thomson
Ms Campbell	Mr Gray	Mr Neumann	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Champion	Ms Grierson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Trevor
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr Turnour
Mr Clare	Mr Hale	Ms Parke	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms Collins	Ms Hall*	Mr Perrett	Mr Windsor
Mr Crean	Mr Hayes*	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zappia
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	
Mrs D'Ath	Ms Jackson	Mr Raguse	
Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Ms Rea	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion to adopt the program of sittings for 2008 be agreed to—put and passed.

4 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007 (NO. 4) AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007 (NO. 1)—DISALLOWANCE

Ms Gillard (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 4), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 306 of 2007 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*; and
- (2) the Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Amendment Regulations 2007 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument No. 307 of 2007 made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*,

be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Scott, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Adams	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Mr Raguse
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bidgood	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms King	Ms Rishworth
Ms Bird	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Bowen	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Ms Saffin
Mr Bradbury	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms McKew	Mr Shorten
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Butler	Ms George	Mr Marles	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr Melham	Mr Sullivan
Ms Campbell	Ms Gillard	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Champion	Mr Gray	Ms Neal	Mr Symon
Mr Cheeseman	Ms Grierson	Mr Neumann	Mr Tanner
Mr Clare	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr C. R. Thomson
Ms Collins	Mr Hale	Ms Owens	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Hall*	Ms Parke	Mr Trevor
Mr Danby	Mr Hayes*	Mr Perrett	Mr Turnour
Ms D'Ath	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Mr Price	Mr Zappia

NOES, 56

Mr Abbott	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Markus	Mr Simpkins
Mr Baldwin	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs May	Mr Slipper
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mrs Mirabella	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hunt	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mr Broadbent	Mr Irons	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Neville	Dr Stone
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson*	Mr Pearce	Mr Truss
Mr Coulton	Mr Keenan	Mr Ramsey	Mr Turnbull
Mr Downer	Mr Laming	Mr Randall	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Robb	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Robert	Dr Washer
Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, express our loyalty to the Sovereign, and thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Windsor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That the House:

- (1) celebrate and commend the achievements of the State of Israel in the 60 years since its inception;
- (2) remember with pride and honour the important role which Australia played in the establishment of the State of Israel, as both a member state of the United Nations and as an influential voice in the introduction of Resolution 181 which facilitated Israel's statehood, and as the country which proudly became the first to cast a vote in support of Israel's creation;
- (3) acknowledge the unique relationship which exists between Australia and Israel; a bond highlighted by our commitment to the rights and liberty of our citizens and encouragement of cultural diversity;
- (4) commend the State of Israel's commitment to democracy, the rule of law and pluralism;
- (5) reiterate Australia's commitment to Israel's right to exist and our ongoing support to the peaceful establishment of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian issue;
- (6) reiterate Australia's commitment to the pursuit of peace and stability throughout the Middle East; and
- (7) on this, the 60th Anniversary of Independence of the State of Israel, pledge our friendship, commitment and enduring support to the people of Israel as we celebrate this important occasion together.

Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition) addressed the House.

Question—put and passed.

7 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*see item number 5, page 151*)—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Murphy—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Hockey, by leave, presented the following document:

Mr Hockey and Mr Albanese—Interview with Steve Price, Radio 2UE—Wednesday, 12 March 2008.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

Mr Bowen (Assistant Treasurer) presented the following document:

The ACCC's 15 warnings since the Dawson Committee reported in April 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

10 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Migration Act 1958—

Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2007.

Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2007.

Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statements—Personal identifiers 347/08 to 365/08.

Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 347/08 to 365/08.

Treaties—

Bilateral—

Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga relating to air services, done at Neiafu, Tonga on 23 August 2003.

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the co-production of films (Sydney, 7 September 2007).

Film Co-production Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China (Beijing, 27 August 2007).

Treaty between Australia and the State of the United Arab Emirates on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (Hobart, 26 July 2007).

Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the State of the United Arab Emirates (Hobart, 26 July 2007).

*Text, together with national interest analysis, regulation impact statement and annexures—*Convention between Australia and Japan for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, and protocol, done at Tokyo on 31 January 2008.

Multilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—

Amendments, agreed at The Hague, Netherlands, in June 2007, to Appendices I and II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora of 3 March 1973.

Constitutional amendments to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization and other WIPO administered treaties adopted by the WIPO General Assemblies in September 1999 and October 2003.

Fourth Agreement to extend the 1987 Regional Cooperative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology, done at Vienna on 22 June 2006.

Patent Law Treaty, done at Geneva on 1 June 2000.

Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks adopted at Singapore on 27 March 2006.

Withdrawal of Australia's exemption for the use of mirex under Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, done at Stockholm on 22 May 2001.

11 FERTILITY POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Ms Macklin (Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on fertility policy.

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Mr Gray (Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Northern Australia), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Abbott speaking for a period not exceeding 8 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Abbott addressed the House.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH SERVICES

The House was informed that Mr Hockey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need to provide the most vulnerable Australians with practical access to adequate health services".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hockey addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Speaker had received advice from Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) nominating Members to be members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security. Mr Snowden (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*, Mr Bevis, Mr Downer, Mr Dreyfus, Mr Melham and Mr Ruddock be appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.

Question—put and passed.

14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 12 March 2008, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 9—Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Allowances) 2008.

No. 10—Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) 2008.

15 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Snowden (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

16 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Snowden (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

17 SCREEN AUSTRALIA BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Snowden (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

18 NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Snowden (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

19 SCREEN AUSTRALIA AND THE NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Snowden (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

20 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Document

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented the following document:

Summary of taxing wages results 2000 to 2009 for Australia—Table 1: Tax wedge.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Mr Windsor dissenting—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Combet (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement), the bill was read a third time.

21 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Amendment Bill 2008 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

22 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMMUNICATIONS FUND) BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Combet—Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion to amend the standing orders moved by Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) (*see item No.2, page No. 141*)—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

24 WHIPS' REPORT

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip) presented the following document:

Whips' report—Report relating to private Members' business on Monday, 17 March 2008—

and moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

25 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Combet (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.57 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 12 March 2008:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives under Part 39-105—

AD/B737—Nos 316, 317 [F2008L00694], [F2008L00704].

AD/J4100—Nos 24, 25 [F2008L00695], [F2008L00697].

Exemption—2008 No. CASA EX18 [F2008L00621].

Extradition Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 12 [F2008L00529].

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Determination of reporting standards under section 13—2008 Nos 26, 27 [F2008L00449], [F2008L00450].

National Health Act—Guidelines under section 135AA—2008 Privacy guidelines for the Medical Benefits and Pharmaceutical Benefits Programs [F2008L00706].

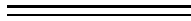
Social Security Act—Determination—2008 Social security exempt lump sum (Exceptional circumstances exit grant)—

DEEWR [F2008L00707].

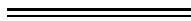
FaHCSIA [F2008L00705].

Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2008 Nos 16, 17 [F2008L00671], [F2008L00651].

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 14 [F2008L00575].

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Gash, Mr Katter, Mr Pyne and Mr Tuckey.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH 2008

1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.42 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of meeting

At 10.15 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 10.32 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Snowdon (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (14) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

5 SCREEN AUSTRALIA BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

6 NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

7 SCREEN AUSTRALIA AND THE NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA BILL 2008

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of meeting

At 1.07 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of meeting

At 4.33 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Keenan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Dreyfus, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.33 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee