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Barton, the Right Honourable Sir Edmund, GCMG, KC (1901-03)	7.1.1920 / 26.2.1920	Yes	Senators only stood in silence after motion agreed to.	Being the opening day of Parliament, the usual business was conducted, ie, proclamations, casual vacancy, messages etc. Minister, by leave, moved a motion and Opposition made statement in reply. Senators stood in silence and the routine of business continued for the remainder of the day. No special adjournment.
Deakin, the Honourable Alfred (1903-04; 1905-08; 1909-10)	7.10.1919 / 8.10.1919	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Motion seconded. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Deakin.
Watson, the Honourable John Christian (1904)	18.11.1941 / 19.11.1941	Yes	Senate suspended till 8 pm.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Motion was seconded by the Opposition. Senators stood in silence.
Reid, the Right Honourable George Houstoun, KC (1904-05)	12.9.1918 / 18.9.1918	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Motion was seconded. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Reid.
Fisher, the Right Honourable Andrew (1908-09; 1910-13; 1914-15)	22.10.1928 / 6.2.1929	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Being the opening day of Parliament, the usual business was conducted, ie, proclamations, etc. The Vice-President of the Executive Council, by leave, moved a motion. The motion was seconded by the Opposition. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Fisher, as well as former Senator Andrew Justice Higgins.
Cook, the Right Honourable Sir Joseph, GCMG (1913-14)	30.7.1947 / ?	No record found in either Journals or Votes and Proceedings.		
Hughes, the Right Honourable William Morris, CH, KC (1915-23)	28.10.1952 / 28.10.1952	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Motion was seconded. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Hughes.

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Bruce, the Right Honourable Stanley Melbourne, CH, MC (1923-29)	25.8.1967 / 29.8.1967	Yes	Senators only stood in silence after motion agreed to.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Motion was seconded. Senators stood in silence, and business continued for the remainder of the day.
Scullin, the Right Honourable James Henry (1929-32)	28.1.1953 / 18.2.1953	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, the appointment of deputy president and death of a former senator, the minister, by leave moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Scullin, as well as former Senator Chamberlain.
Lyons, the Right Honourable Joseph Aloysius, CH [†] (1932-39)	7.4.1939 / 1.5.1939	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, ministerial statements, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Other business was conducted before the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Lyons, as well as former members Baker, Watson, Killen and Clarke.
Page, the Right Honourable Sir Earle Christmas Grafton, GCMG, CH (1939)	20.12.1961 / 20.2.1962	Yes	Senate suspended till 8 pm.	Being the opening day of Parliament, the usual business was conducted, ie, proclamations, etc. The Vice-President of the Executive Council and minister, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence and then the Senate suspended.
Menzies, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Gordon, KC, KT, CH, QC (1939-41; 1949-66)	15.5.1978 / 23.5.1978	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 2.15 pm. After prayers, the Leader, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Menzies.
Fadden, the Right Honourable Sir Arthur William, GCMG (1941)	21.4.1973 / 1.5.1973	Yes	Senators only stood in silence after motion agreed to.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, the Leader, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence, and the routine of business continued for the remainder of the day.

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Curtin, the Right Honourable John Joseph Ambrose [†] (1941-45)	5.7.1945 / 5.7.1945	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. The only other business conducted after the minute's silence was a ministerial statement and a next meeting motion. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Curtin.
Forde, the Right Honourable Francis Michael (1945)	28.1.1983 / 3.5.1983	Yes	Senate suspended till 3.30 pm.	Senate met at 1.45 pm. After prayers and ministerial arrangements, the Leader, by leave, moved a motion. Opposition made statement in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate suspended at 2.1?pm as a mark of respect for Forde, as well as former Senator Maher and former MPs Blain, Conelan and Minogue.
Chifley, the Right Honourable Joseph Benedict (1945-49)	13.6.1951 / 19.6.1951	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 3 pm. After prayers, minister, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Chifley.
Holt, the Right Honourable Harold Edward, CH [†] (1966-67)	19.12.1967 / 12.3.1968	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Being the opening day of Parliament, the usual business was conducted, ie, proclamations, etc. Minister, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Holt, as well as former member Holloway.
McEwen, the Right Honourable Sir John, GCMG, CH (1967-68)	20.11.1980 / 25.11.1980	Yes	Senate adjourned to next day of sitting.	Being the opening day of Parliament for the 60 th session, the usual business was conducted, ie, proclamations, casual vacancy, swearing in of territory senators, ministry and shadow party arrangements , notices, and tabling of Clerk's documents. Leader, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for McEwen, as well as former Senator Gair and former MP Galvin.

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Gorton, the Right Honourable Sir John Grey, GCMG, AC, CH (1968-71)	19.5.2002 / 17.6.2002	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 12.30 pm. After prayers, the President reported the death of former member Carige and then the Leader, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for Gorton.
McMahon, the Right Honourable Sir William, GCMG, CH (1971-72)	31.3.1988 / 12.4.1988	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 2.15 pm. After notices, Leader, by leave, moved a motion. Other senators made statements in reply. Senators stood in silence. Senate adjourned as a mark of respect for McMahon.
Whitlam, the Honourable Edward Gough, AC, QC (1972-75)	21.10.2014 / 27.10.2014	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 10 am. Documents were tabled pursuant to a temporary order and notices were lodged up to the adjournment. The President announced the death and the Leader of the Government in the Senate moved a motion, by leave. The motion was supported and senators stood in silence. The Senate adjourned as a mark of respect at 3.43 pm.
Fraser, the Right Honourable John Malcolm, AC, CH (1975-83)	20.3.2015 / 23.3.2015	Yes	Senate adjourned to the next day of sitting.	Senate met at 10 am. Documents were tabled pursuant to a temporary order, committees were authorised to meet and notices were lodged up to the adjournment. The President announced the death and the Leader of the Government in the Senate moved a motion, by leave. The motion was supported and senators stood in silence. The Senate adjourned as a mark of respect at 3.05 pm.

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