

Procedural Digest

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13–15 May 2014

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Bills

116.01 *Presentation of first bill for assent by incoming Governor-General*

The Speaker informed the House that on 28 March 2014 she had personally presented the Farm Household Support Bill 2014 to the Governor-General for royal assent.

Note: It is customary for the Speaker, the Clerk of the House and usually the Attorney-General to attend a small ceremony at Government House during which the first bill is presented for assent to a new Governor-General. His Excellency the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) was sworn in as Australia's 26th Governor-General on 28 March 2014.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3501
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/451

SO 175

116.02 *Presentation of 2014-2015 Budget*

On Tuesday 13 May, after a suspension of sitting from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., the Speaker reported a message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015. The Treasurer then presented Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2013-2014, moved the second reading and delivered the budget speech. Debate was then adjourned and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer presented documents in connection with the Budget.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance then presented Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2014-2015; Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015; Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2013-2014; and Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2013-14. The introduction of each bill was preceded by a message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3590-3602
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/455-57

SOs 141, 147, 178, 180, 182

116.03 *Presentation of temporary budget repair levy bills*

Immediately following the presentation of the budget bills on 13 May, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer presented the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 and presented one explanatory memorandum addressing the bill and 14 related bills. The bill was read a first time and the Parliamentary Secretary made a second reading speech after which debate was adjourned. This process was then repeated for the remaining 14 bills. The House then adjourned at 8.44 p.m.

Note: While notice is not required for appropriation bills or bills dealing with taxation, unlike the budget bills the 15 bills relating to the proposed temporary budget repair levy had not been listed on the Daily Program. The Daily Program is not a formal document and does not fix the order of business or limit the scope of business.

*Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3602-13
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/457-60*

SOs 141, 142, 178

116.04 *Fewer than five members vote on one side during division*

At the conclusion of debate on the second reading of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014, the Chair put the question on a second reading amendment moved earlier in the debate by a Shadow Minister, and the amendment was negatived on the voices. The Chair then put the question on the second reading, and a division was called.

As there were fewer than five Members on the side of the noes, the Chair declared the question carried without completing the count, and the names of those in the minority were recorded in the Votes and Proceedings.

*Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3844
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/477*

SOs 122, 126, 127

Business**116.05** *Minister presents Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement*

During Government Business time on Tuesday 13 May, the Minister for Trade and Investment, by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement and presented a document entitled 'Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea, Seoul, 8 April 2014'. Standing orders were suspended to enable the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to speak in reply to the ministerial statement.

*Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3502-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/452*

SO 63

116.06 *Statements by indulgence regarding death of former senator*

At 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13 May, the Speaker informed the House of the death of Mr Brian Harradine, a former senator for Tasmania. The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each made statements by indulgence in relation to the matter. As a mark of respect all Members present rose and stood in silence. The Leader of the House, by leave, moved that statements by indulgence in relation to the death of Mr Harradine be permitted in the Federation Chamber. The question was agreed to.

Further statements by indulgence were made in the Federation Chamber on 14 May.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3532-3; 14 May, 3798-3802;
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/453, 474

SO 65

116.07 *Statements by indulgence regarding death of the Hon Neville Wran AC QC*

Just prior to question time on 13 May, the Prime Minister made a statement by indulgence in relation to the death of the Hon Neville Kenneth Wran AC QC. The Leader of the Opposition, also by indulgence, made a statement regarding the same matter. As a mark of respect all Members present rose and stood in silence. The Leader of the House, by leave, moved that statements by indulgence in relation to the death of Mr Wran be permitted in the Federation Chamber. The question was agreed to.

Further statements by indulgence were made in the Federation Chamber on 14 May.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3533-4; 14 May, 3802-20;
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/453, 474

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116.08 *Statements by indulgence regarding death of Mr Paul Ramsay AO*

Just prior to question time on 13 May, the Prime Minister made a statement by indulgence in relation to the death of Mr Paul Joseph Ramsay AO. The Leader of the Opposition, also by indulgence, made a statement regarding the same matter. The Speaker associated herself with the remarks of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. As a mark of respect all Member present rose and stood in silence.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3534-5;

SO 65

116.09 *Suspension of standing order 31 (automatic adjournment)*

At the beginning of Government business time on Thursday 15 May, the Leader of the House, by leave, moved that standing order 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) be suspended for the sitting and that, after the Leader of the Opposition completed his Budget reply speech, the House automatically stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday 26 May 2014, unless the Speaker fixed an alternative meeting time. The motion was agreed to on the voices.

*Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3831
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/475*

SO 31

116.10 *Standing orders suspended to allow appropriation bills to be debated cognately*

During Government business time on 15 May, the Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved a suspension of standing orders to allow for Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015 (the main appropriation bill) to be debated cognately with four related appropriation bills. The suspension motion also provided for the immediate question(s) necessary to complete the second reading stage to be put at the conclusion of the second reading debate, and for the main appropriation bill to then be considered in detail, with any question(s) necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate. At the conclusion of proceedings on the main appropriation bill, the motion provided that separate questions be put without further debate on the motions for the second readings and any further motions necessary to conclude consideration of the four related appropriation bills. Any variation to the arrangement was to be made only by a motion moved by a Minister.

The motion was agreed to on the voices.

*Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3831
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/475*

SOs 1, 47

116.11 *Standing orders suspended to allow taxation bills to be considered together*

During Government business time on 15 May, the Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved a suspension of standing orders in respect of consideration of the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Budget Repair Levy) Bill 2014 and 14 related bills. The motion provided that the resumption of debate on the second readings of the bills be called on together; with any questions being put on amendments to the motion for the second readings, and then one question being put on the second readings of the bills together. The motion also provided for the consideration in detail stages, if required, on all bills to be taken together, with one question put on the bills together at the conclusion of the detail stage, and

then one question being put on the third readings of the bills together. Any variation to the arrangement was to be made only by a motion moved by a Minister.

The motion was carried on the voices.

Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3831-2
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/475

SOs 1, 47

116.12 *Appropriation bill called on prior to suspension of sitting for budget reply speech*

During Government business time on the evening of 15 May, the second reading debate on the Fair Work Amendment Bill 2014 was adjourned, and the order of the day for the resumption of debate on the second reading of Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2014-2015 was called on, in preparation for the Leader of the Opposition's budget reply speech. The Chair informed Members that, in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier, the bill would be debated cognately with the four related appropriation bills (*see entry 116.10*). The sitting was then immediately suspended, at 5.59 p.m. When the sitting was resumed at 7.30 p.m., the second reading debate was immediately resumed by the Leader of the Opposition who gave his budget reply speech.

At 8.03 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier (*see entry 116.09*).

Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3959-66
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/479

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Committees

116.13 *Statement by Chair of Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on draft budget estimates for the ANAO and PBO*

During Government Business time on Tuesday 13 May, the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, by leave, made a statement concerning the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2014-2015. He then, by leave, presented a copy of the statement.

Note: As the committee responsible for parliamentary oversight of the PBO and ANAO, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit is required by legislation to consider the draft budget estimates for each office, with the Chair making recommendations to both Houses of Parliament. Therefore, on Budget day each year the Committee makes a statement on whether, in its opinion, these offices have been given sufficient funding to carry out their respective mandates. See sections 64R and 64S of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* regarding the

Committee's role in respect of the PBO and section 8(1), paragraphs (g) and (h) of the *Public Accounts and Audit Act 1951* regarding the ANAO.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3564-6
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/454

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116.14 *Appropriations and Administration Committee report*

On Wednesday 14 May, the Speaker, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Administration, presented the Committee's report on the 2014-2015 budget estimates for the Department of the House of Representatives.

Hansard: 14 May 2014, 3780
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/472

SOs 222A, 247

Federation Chamber

116.15 *Federation Chamber meets for extended constituency statements and extended adjournment debate*

On Thursday 15 May, after taking the Chair in the Federation Chamber at 9.30 a.m., the Deputy Speaker stated that he understood it would suit the convenience of Members for constituency statements to take place for one hour and that he would allow this. At 10.41 a.m. a Member moved that the Federation Chamber do now adjourn, and the motion was debated until 12.12 p.m. when the question was agreed to, and the Federation Chamber adjourned.

Note: The standing orders provide for a 30 minute period of Members' constituency statements each day that the Federation Chamber meets. Meeting times of the Federation Chamber are approximate and unlike the House there is no automatic adjournment provision. There was no other business listed on the program for the Federation Chamber.

Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3968-4007
Votes and Proceedings: 2014/481

SOs 190, 191, 192, 193

Questions

116.16 *Treasurer adds to an answer given during question time*

After question time on Thursday 15 May, the Treasurer, by indulgence, added to an answer he had given earlier in question time, and presented a document entitled 'Fitch: Aussie Budget enhances long-term sovereign risk profile—Email from Fitch ratings to Alistair Campbell, 15 May 2014.'

Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3920

SO 65

Speaker

116.17 *Statement on arrangements for budget and budget reply nights*

After question time on Tuesday 13 May, the Speaker made some remarks concerning arrangements for Budget night and Budget reply night. She asked Members to ensure that guests arrived in the galleries in a timely way and informed the House that she would be upholding the principle that a Member with the call is entitled to speak without interruption. In accordance with precedent, offending Members would be directed by her to leave the Chamber under standing order 94(a), by written note.

Hansard: 13 May 2014, 3549

SOs 91, 92, 94

116.18 *Question to the Speaker regarding placement of posters*

After question time on Thursday 15 May, a Member asked the Speaker a question regarding the placement of posters in the corridors of Parliament House. The Speaker stated that she would take the question on notice.

Hansard: 15 May 2014, 3921

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Withdrawals

116.19 *Offensive words*

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