

Procedural Digest

No. 93*31 October-3 November 2011*

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Bills

93.01 *Senate bill introduced and passed all stages*

The National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment Bill 2011 was received from the Senate and read a first time. The House agreed that the second reading be made an order of the day for a later hour that day and the bill was referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

In the Main Committee, the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth presented an explanatory memorandum and moved that the bill be read a second time. Following his second reading speech, debate ensued, by leave.

Later in the day, the bill was returned from the Main Committee without amendment and read a third time.

Hansard: 31 October 2011, 11996, 12111, 12194-214

Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1008, 1014, 1021

SOs 63, 141, 142, 143, 152, 155, 166, 183

93.02 *Private Senator's bill introduced and passed all stages*

On 31 October, during government business time, a non-aligned Member moved the second reading of the Territories Self-Government Legislation Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment of Laws) Bill 2011 (a private Senator's bill).

Debate ensued and an Opposition Member moved an amendment to the bill. The question was put and a division called for. The division was deferred until 8 pm in accordance with standing order 133(b), at which time the question on the amendment was negatived.

On 1 November, following the second reading of the bill, consideration in detail commenced and two Opposition amendments were moved and negatived on division. Consideration in detail concluded and the bill was read a third time.

Note: Although the bill was sponsored by the Government in the House and considered in government business time, a non-aligned Member had carriage of the bill.

Hansard: 31 October 2011, 12080-98, 12112-3; 1 November 2011, 12332-7

Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1013-5; 1027-8

SOs 142, 145, 148, 150, 155, 166

93.03 *Bill introduced and passed all stages*

On 1 November, the Minister for Justice, by leave, presented the Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011 and presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill. The Minister then moved that the bill be read a second time and debate, by leave, ensued. Following the second reading of the bill, leave was granted for the third reading to be moved immediately and the bill was read a third time.

Hansard: 1 November 2011, 12349-60
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1028

SOs 63, 141, 142, 155

93.04 *Suspension of standing orders to allow concurrent debate on related bills*

The Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation presented the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Bill 2011 and ten related bills. For each bill, following the second reading speech by the Minister, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting. The Leader of the House then, by leave, moved to suspend standing orders to allow for the resumption of debate on the second reading of each bill to be called on together and for the second readings of the bills to be debated together. The question was agreed to on the voices.

Hansard: 2 November 2011, 12427-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1033

SO 47

93.05 *Third reading debate on a bill*

Following consideration in detail of the Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill 2011 the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, by leave, moved that the bill be read a third time and spoke to the motion. The bill was then read a third time.

Note: It is relatively unusual for the question on the third reading of a bill to be debated. On this occasion, the Minister had not made a summing up speech on the second reading and took the opportunity to do so at the third reading stage.

Hansard: 3 November 2011, 12696
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1045

SO 155

Business

93.06 *Proposed program of sittings for 2012 agreed to*

The Leader of the House presented the proposed program of sittings for 2012 and, by leave, moved that it be agreed to. Debate ensued and the question was agreed to on the voices.

*Hansard: 31 October 2011, 12108-11
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1014*

SOs 29, 63, 199

93.07 *Sitting of first Tuesday in November*

On 1 November, the House sat early, at 1.30 pm, pursuant to notification by the Speaker. Following Prayers, the Leader of the House moved to suspend standing orders to allow for question time to commence immediately and the motion was agreed to. The sitting was suspended after question time, with the Speaker leaving the Chair at 2.56 pm and resuming the Chair at 3.30 pm. (And *see* entries **14.05** and **33.10**.)

*Hansard: 1 November 2011, 12293
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1025*

SOs 29, 30, 47, 97

93.08 *Attempted suspension of standing orders to bring on a bill*

During question time, the Leader of the Opposition moved to suspend standing orders to allow him to move a motion requiring the House to immediately bring on the Government's Migration Legislation Amendment (Offshore Processing and Other Measures) Bill 2011 for a vote. Debate ensued and the suspension motion was negatived on division.

*Hansard: 2 November 2011, 12498-505
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1036-7*

SO 47

93.09 *Arrangements for address by President of the United States of America*

The House agreed to a motion to invite the Honourable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, to attend and address the House on 17 November, at a time to be fixed by the Speaker. The motion provided that proceedings for 17 November, not a scheduled sitting day, would comprise welcoming remarks, followed by the address, after which the sitting would be automatically adjourned.

The motion also provided for a message to be sent to the Senate inviting Senators to attend the House as guests, and to extend the powers of the Speaker in respect of visiting Senators from those seated in the Senators' gallery to those in other galleries and on the floor of the House. (For similar arrangements, *see* entries **36.03**, **52.10**, **76.03** and **88.03**.)

Hansard: 3 November 2011, 12677-81
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1043

SOs 29, 30, 34, 35, 257

Matters of Public Importance

93.10 *Two matters of public importance proposed for discussion*

On 1 November, the Speaker informed the House that both a Government Member and an Opposition Member had proposed matters of public importance for discussion that day. The Speaker chose the matter proposed by the Opposition Member which, in his opinion, was the most urgent and important. The proposed matter of public importance received the necessary support and discussion ensued.

Hansard: 1 November 2011, 12313
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1026

SO 46

Members

93.11 *Leave of absence for two Members granted a second time*

The Chief Government Whip moved that leave of absence for the remainder of the current period of sittings be given to a Government Member on the ground of parliamentary business overseas and the question was agreed to. The following day, the Chief Opposition Whip moved the same motion in relation to an Opposition Member and the question was agreed to. Leave had previously been granted to both Members (*see* entry **91.17**) however, in accordance with standing order 26(b), the leave had been forfeited because both Members had attended the Chamber before the end of the period of leave.

Hansard: 1 November 2011, 12329; 2 November 2011, 12439-60
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1026; 1035

SO 26

Private Members' business

93.12 *Private Member's bill amended and read a third time*

On 31 October, in the Main Committee, consideration in detail commenced on the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 (a private Member's bill co-sponsored by a non-aligned Member, a Government Member and an Opposition Member). It was ordered that the question on any proposed amendments be deferred until after the Main Committee had completed its consideration of all the amendments. The sponsoring Government Member, by leave, moved 10 amendments together and the sponsoring non-aligned Member also moved an amendment. Debate ensued.

On 3 November, on the motion of the Leader of the House, the bill and two other items of private Members' business were returned from the Main Committee and standing orders were suspended to allow the items to be called on and considered in government business time. Consideration in detail resumed on the bill and the amendments moved by the Government Member and the amendment moved by the non-aligned Member were agreed to. The bill was then read a third time.

Hansard: 31 October 2011, 12186-94, 12214-21; 3 November 2011, 12697-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2010-11/1013-5; 1047

SOs 41, 47, 148, 150, 155, 183, 197

Withdrawals

93.13 *Offensive words*

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SOs 89, 90, 92