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Business

18.01 Prime Minister's statement on anniversary of national apology to the Stolen Generations

On the first sitting of the fortnight, the Prime Minister made a ministerial statement on the anniversary of the national apology to the Stolen Generations made by Prime Minister Rudd on 13 February 2008 and presented a copy of his statement.

The Leader of the Opposition spoke in response and the Leader of the House moved that the House take note of the statement. The Minister for Indigenous Australians and the Shadow Minister both spoke to the motion. [Watch]

Hansard: 15 February 2021, P108-113
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1612

SOs 63A, 199, 202

18.02 Senate resolution on International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

A message was reported on 17 February informing the House that the Senate had agreed to a resolution recognising International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. A minister moved that the House concur with the resolution and a number of members spoke. The question was carried on the voices. [Watch]

Hansard: 17 February 2021, P11-3
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1644

SO 261

18.03 Senate resolution and statements on family violence

On 18 February another message was reported communicating a resolution of the Senate. The resolution recognised the anniversary of the murder of Hannah Clarke and her three children and called on the government to coordinate a national discussion on criminalising coercive control. A minister moved that the House concur with the resolution and a number of members spoke. The question was carried on the voices.

Later in the day, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements by indulgence in remembrance of Ms Clarke and her children.

Hansard: 18 February 2021, P3-5, 55
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1654
SO 261

Committees

18.04 Privileges Committee report on members' interests

On 18 February, the chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests presented the committee's report concerning the registration and declaration of members' interests during 2020.

Hansard: 18 February 2021, P15
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1656
SOs 39, 216, 247

18.05 Reporting date extended for Committee on Australia's Family Law System

A message was reported on 23 February, informing the House that the Senate had agreed to extend the date for the final report of the Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System to 30 June 2021. A minister moved that the House concur with the Senate resolution and the question was carried.

Hansard: 23 February 2021, P1
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1675
SOs 223, 261

18.06 Proposed joint select committee on road safety

On 25 February a minister, on notice, moved that a joint select committee on road safety be appointed to inquire into and report on a range of matters by 1 July 2022. The question was carried on the voices. The resolution included provision for the committee to make use of the evidence and records of the former Joint Select Committee on Road Safety, which presented its final report on 30 October last year. A message was sent to the Senate seeking its concurrence.

Hansard: 25 February 2021, P5-6
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1694-5
SOs 223, 261

Members

18.07 Member for Groom makes first speech

On the first sitting of the fortnight, standing orders were suspended to allow the Member for Groom, Mr Garth Hamilton, to make his first speech without limitation of time. The member addressed the House. [Watch]

Mr Hamilton was elected at a by-election for the division of Groom and was sworn in on 3 December last year.

Hansard: 15 February 2021, P171-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1627
SO 47

18.08 Member for Hughes announces move to crossbench

The Member for Hughes, Mr Craig Kelly, made a statement by indulgence on 23 February to inform the House that he had resigned from the Liberal Party and would sit as an independent member for the remainder of the parliament.

Hansard: 23 February 2021, P32-3

18.09 Leave of absence granted for parental leave

On 25 February, the Leader of the Opposition moved that Ms Chesters be given leave of absence until 3 August 2021 for the birth of her child. He and the Speaker wished Ms Chesters well and the question was carried.

Hansard: 25 February 2021, P60
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1696
SO 26

Motions

18.10 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission regulations approved

On 24 February the House agreed to a motion to approve the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2021, made on 18 February 2021.

Hansard: 24 February 2021, P1
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1682

Parliamentary administration

18.11 Agreement for members to contribute remotely

In response to COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria, the Leader of the House presented an *Agreement for members to contribute remotely to parliamentary proceedings* to apply for the duration of the fortnight. As with similar agreements made between the Leader of the House and Manager of Opposition Business over the last year, the agreement allowed for members unable to attend parliament for reasons related to the pandemic to participate in proceedings remotely via the official video facility.

Over the fortnight, three members participated in proceedings remotely. This included the first contribution made in the Federation Chamber via video link.

Hansard: 15 February 2021; P1
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1609-10

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18.12 Appointment of new Deputy Clerk

On 15 February, the Speaker informed the House of the retirement of the Deputy Clerk, Ms Catherine Cornish, and thanked her for her service. He announced that Mr Peter Banson had been selected as the new Deputy Clerk.

Hansard: 15 February 2021; P151-2
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1625

Speaker

18.13 Changes to Speaker's panel

On the first day of the sitting fortnight, the Speaker presented a warrant revoking the nomination of Mr Rick Wilson to the Speaker's panel and nominating Mr Steve Irons.

Hansard: 15 February 2021; P1
Votes and Proceedings: 2021/P1609

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Offensive words[#]

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'...lie...'	18 February 2021	P48
'...the fossil the member for Macarthur...'	18 February 2021	P61-2
''Go and get stuffed', giving them the one-finger salute...'	22 February 2021	P172
'You can't even get the number right...'	22 February 2020	P185

SOs 89, 90, 92

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