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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 1

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2008

The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia begun and held in Parliament House, Canberra, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of February, in the fifty-seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and in the year of our Lord
Two thousand and eight.

- 1 On which day, being the first day of the meeting of the Parliament for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation (which follows), Ian Charles Harris, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Bernard Clive Wright, Deputy Clerk, Robyn Jessie McClelland, Clerk Assistant and David Russell Elder, Serjeant-at-Arms, attending in the House according to their duty, the said Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:

PROCLAMATION

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 5 of the Constitution:

- appoint Tuesday, 12 February 2008, at 10.30 a.m. as the day and time for all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to assemble at Parliament House to hold a session of the Parliament; and
- summon all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to attend accordingly.

Signed and sealed with
the Great Seal of Australia on
25 January 2008
P. M. JEFFERY
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command
KEVIN RUDD
Prime Minister

2 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY'S DEPUTY BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD

The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

Honourable Members,

The Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General desires your attendance in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Members of the House of Representatives went to the Senate Chamber, where the Deputy addressed the Members of both Houses as follows:

Members of the Senate and Members of the House of Representatives—

His Excellency the Governor-General has appointed me as his Deputy to declare open the Parliament of the Commonwealth. The Clerk of the Senate will now read the instrument of appointment.

The instrument was read as follows:

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 126 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and Clause IV of the Letters Patent dated 21 August 1984 relating to the office of Governor-General, appoint THE HONOURABLE ANTHONY MURRAY GLEESON AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, to be my

deputy to declare open the Parliament of the Commonwealth at the time and place appointed by the Proclamation published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 25 January 2008.

Dated 25 January 2008

P. M. JEFFERY
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

KEVIN RUDD

Prime Minister

The Deputy then said:

Members of the Senate and members of the House of Representatives—

Pursuant to the instrument which the Clerk has now read, I declare open the 42nd Parliament of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency the Governor-General has commanded me to let you know that, after certain members of the Senate and members of the House of Representatives have been sworn, the Governor-General will declare in person at this place the causes of his calling the Parliament together.

First it is necessary that a Speaker of the House of Representatives be chosen and, therefore, you, members of the House of Representatives, will now return to the House of Representatives and choose a person to be your Speaker. Later today, you will present the person you have chosen to the Governor-General at a time and place appointed by him.

I will now attend in the House of Representatives for the purpose of administering the oath or affirmation of allegiance to honourable members of that House.

And thereupon Members of the House returned to their own Chamber, and, after an interval of some minutes—

3 ANTHONY MURRAY GLEESON AC, TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS

The Honourable Anthony Murray Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, having been ushered into the Chamber and conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table an authority, which was read and is as follows:

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 42 of the Constitution, authorise THE HONOURABLE ANTHONY MURRAY GLEESON AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Members of the House of Representatives.

Dated 25 January 2008

P. M. JEFFERY
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

KEVIN RUDD

Prime Minister

4 RETURNS TO WRITS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

The Clerk laid on the Table returns to the 8 writs for the General Election of the House of Representatives held on 24 November 2007 which showed that for the several Electoral Divisions the following had been elected:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Name</i>
	New South Wales
Banks	Daryl Melham
Barton	Robert Bruce McClelland
Bennelong	Maxine Margaret McKew
Berowra	Philip Maxwell Ruddock

<i>Division</i>	<i>Name</i>
	New South Wales— <i>continued</i>
Blaxland	Jason Dean Clare
Bradfield	Brendan John Nelson
Calare	John Kenneth Cobb
Charlton	Gregory Ivan Combet
Chifley	Leo Roger Spurway Price
Cook	Scott John Morrison
Cowper	Luke Hartsuyker
Cunningham	Sharon Leah Bird
Dobell	Craig Robert Thomson
Eden-Monaro	Michael Joseph Kelly
Farrer	Sussan Penelope Ley
Fowler	Julia Claire Irwin
Gilmore	Joanna Gash
Grayndler	Anthony Norman Albanese
Greenway	Louise Elizabeth Markus
Hughes	Danna Sue Vale
Hume	Albert John Schultz
Hunter	Joel Andrew Fitzgibbon
Kingsford-Smith	Peter Robert Garrett
Lindsay	David John Bradbury
Lowe	John Paul Murphy
Lyne	Mark Anthony James Vaile
Macarthur	Patrick Francis Farmer
Mackellar	Bronwyn Kathleen Bishop
Macquarie	Robert John Debus
Mitchell	Alexander George Hawke
New England	Antony Harold Curties Windsor
Newcastle	Sharon Joy Grierson
North Sydney	Joseph B Hockey
Page	Janelle Anne Saffin
Parkes	Mark Maclean Coulton
Parramatta	Julie Ann Owens
Paterson	Robert Charles Baldwin
Prospect	Christopher Eyles Bowen
Reid	Laurie Donald Thomas Ferguson
Richmond	Maria Justine Elliot
Riverina	Kay Elizabeth Hull
Robertson	Belinda Jane Neal
Shortland	Jill Griffiths Hall
Sydney	Tanya Joan Plibersek
Throsby	Jennie George
Warringah	Anthony John Abbott
Watson	Anthony Stephen Burke
Wentworth	Malcolm Bligh Turnbull

*Division**Name*New South Wales—*continued*

Werriwa

Christopher Patrick Hayes

Victoria

Aston

Christopher John Pearce

Ballarat

Catherine King

Batman

Martin Ferguson

Bendigo

Stephen William Gibbons

Bruce

Alan Peter Griffin

Calwell

Maria Vamvakinou

Casey

Anthony David Hawthorn Smith

Chisholm

Anna Elizabeth Burke

Corangamite

Darren Leicester Cheeseman

Corio

Richard Donald Marles

Deakin

Michael Stuart Symon

Dunkley

Bruce Frederick Billson

Flinders

Gregory Andrew Hunt

Gellibrand

Nicola Louise Roxon

Gippsland

Peter John McGauran

Goldstein

Andrew John Robb

Gorton

Brendan Patrick O'Connor

Higgins

Peter Howard Costello

Holt

Anthony Michael Byrne

Hotham

Simon Findlay Crean

Indi

Sophie Mirabella

Isaacs

Mark Alfred Dreyfus

Jagajaga

Jennifer Louise Macklin

Kooyong

Petro Georgiou

La Trobe

Jason Peter Wood

Lalor

Julia Eileen Gillard

Mallee

John Alexander Forrest

Maribyrnong

William Richard Shorten

McEwen

Frances Esther Bailey

McMillan

Russell Evan Broadbent

Melbourne

Lindsay James Tanner

Melbourne Ports

Michael David Danby

Menzies

Kevin James Andrews

Murray

Sharman Nancy Stone

Scullin

Henry Alfred Jenkins

Wannon

David Peter Maxwell Hawker

Wills

Kelvin John Thomson

Queensland

Blair

Shayne Kenneth Neumann

Bonner

Kerry Marie Rea

Bowman

Andrew Charles Laming

<i>Division</i>	<i>Name</i>
	Queensland— <i>continued</i>
Brisbane	Archibald Ronald Bevis
Capricornia	Kirsten Fiona Livermore
Dawson	James Mark Bidgood
Dickson	Peter Craig Dutton
Fadden	Stuart Robert
Fairfax	Alexander Michael Somlyay
Fisher	Peter Neil Slipper
Flynn	Chris Allan Trevor
Forde	Brett Blair Raguse
Griffith	Kevin Michael Rudd
Groom	Ian Elgin Macfarlane
Herbert	Peter John Lindsay
Hinkler	Paul Christopher Neville
Kennedy	Robert Carl Katter
Leichhardt	James Pearce Turnour
Lilley	Wayne Maxwell Swan
Longman	Jonathan Harold Sullivan
Maranoa	Bruce Craig Scott
McPherson	Margaret Ann May
Moncrieff	Steven Ciobo
Moreton	Graham Douglas Perrett
Oxley	Bernard Fernand Ripoll
Petrie	Yvette Maree D'Ath
Rankin	Craig Anthony Emerson
Ryan	Michael Andrew Johnson
Wide Bay	Warren Errol Truss
	Western Australia
Brand	Gary Gray
Canning	Donald James Randall
Cowan	Luke Xavier Simpkins
Curtin	Julie Isabel Bishop
Forrest	Nola Bethwyn Marino
Fremantle	Melissa Parke
Hasluck	Sharryn Maree Jackson
Kalgoorlie	Barry Wayne Haase
Moore	Malcolm James Washer
O'Connor	Charles Wilson Tuckey
Pearce	Judith Eleanor Moylan
Perth	Stephen Francis Smith
Stirling	Michael Fayat Keenan
Swan	Stephen James Irons
Tangney	Dennis Geoffrey Jensen

<i>Division</i>	<i>Name</i>
	South Australia
Adelaide	Katherine Margaret Ellis
Barker	Patrick Damien Secker
Boothby	Andrew John Southcott
Grey	Rowan Eric Ramsey
Hindmarsh	Steven Georganas
Kingston	Amanda Louise Rishworth
Makin	Antonio Zappia
Mayo	Alexander John G Downer
Port Adelaide	Mark Christopher Butler
Sturt	Christopher Maurice Pyne
Wakefield	Nicholas David Champion
	Tasmania
Bass	Jodie Louise Campbell
Braddon	Peter Sid Sidebottom
Denison	Duncan James Colquhoun Kerr
Franklin	Julie Maree Collins
Lyons	Dick Godfrey Harry Adams
	Australian Capital Territory
Canberra	Annette Louise Ellis
Fraser	Robert Francis McMullan
	Northern Territory
Lingiari	Warren Edward Snowdon
Solomon	Damian Francis Hale

5 OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS

The Members whose names are above set forth made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by law, except Mr S. F. Smith who was not then present.

Justice Gleeson retired.

6 ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Mr Sidebottom, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Jenkins, and moved—That he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Ms Livermore.

Mr Jenkins informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposal Mr Jenkins was declared elected as Speaker, and Mr Sidebottom and Ms Livermore conducted him to the Chair.

Mr Jenkins returned his acknowledgments to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, and thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) and Mr Hawker, congratulated the Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

7 PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) stated that he had ascertained it would be His Excellency the Governor-General's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Members' Hall following the resumption of the sitting at 2.30 p.m.

And the sitting of the House having been suspended at 11.51 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.—

The Speaker, after resuming the Chair, went with Members of the House to attend His Excellency; and, having returned, the Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General as the choice of the House of Representatives as its Speaker and that His Excellency had been kind enough to congratulate him.

8 AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS

The Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following authority:

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 42 of the Constitution, authorise HARRY ALFRED JENKINS, Speaker of the House of Representatives, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to those Members of the House of Representatives who have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

Dated 12 February 2008

P. M. JEFFERY
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

KEVIN RUDD

Prime Minister

9 MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL BY THE USHER OF THE BLACK ROD

The following message was delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor-General desires the attendance of honourable Members in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, the Speaker with Members of the House went to attend His Excellency:

And having returned—

10 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT WHIPS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) informed the House that the Ministry and ministerial arrangements are as follows:

TITLE	MINISTER	OTHER CHAMBER
Prime Minister Cabinet Secretary Minister for Climate Change and Water <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Childcare</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon Kevin Rudd, MP Senator the Hon John Faulkner Senator the Hon Penny Wong <i>The Hon Maxine McKew MP</i> <i>The Hon Anthony Byrne MP</i>	Senator the Hon Chris Evans The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP The Hon Wayne Swan, MP The Hon Peter Garrett, AM MP (Water)
Minister for Education Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for Social Inclusion (Deputy Prime Minister) Minister for Youth Minister for Employment Participation <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Prime Minister for Social Inclusion</i>	The Hon Julia Gillard, MP The Hon Julia Gillard, MP The Hon Julia Gillard, MP The Hon Kate Ellis, MP The Hon Brendan O'Connor, MP <i>Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens</i>	Senator the Hon Kim Carr Senator the Hon Penny Wong Senator the Hon Penny Wong Senator the Hon Penny Wong Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law	The Hon Wayne Swan, MP The Hon Chris Bowen, MP The Hon Chris Bowen, MP Senator the Hon Nick Sherry	Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy Senator the Hon Nick Sherry The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Leader of the Government in the Senate) <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services</i>	Senator the Hon Chris Evans <i>The Hon Laurie Ferguson, MP</i>	The Hon Robert McClelland, MP
Special Minister of State (Vice President of the Executive Council) Minister for Finance and Deregulation	Senator the Hon John Faulkner The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP	The Hon Lindsay Tanner, MP Senator the Hon Nick Sherry
Minister for Trade <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i> Minister for Foreign Affairs <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance</i>	The Hon Simon Crean, MP The Hon John Murphy, MP The Hon Stephen Smith, MP <i>The Hon Duncan Kerr, MP</i> <i>The Hon Bob McMullan, MP</i>	Senator the Hon John Faulkner Senator the Hon John Faulkner
Minister for Defence Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Science and Personnel <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement</i> <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support</i>	The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon, MP The Hon Alan Griffin, MP The Hon Warren Snowdon, MP <i>The Hon Greg Combet, AM MP</i> <i>The Hon Dr Mike Kelly, AM MP</i>	Senator the Hon John Faulkner Senator the Hon John Faulkner Senator the Hon John Faulkner
Minister for Health and Ageing Minister for Ageing Minister for Sport <i>Parliamentary Secretary</i>	The Hon Nicola Roxon, MP The Hon Justine Elliot, MP The Hon Kate Ellis, MP <i>Senator the Hon Jan McLucas</i>	Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig Senator the Hon Chris Evans
Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister for Housing Minister for the Status of Women <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services</i>	The Hon Jenny Macklin, MP The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP <i>The Hon Bill Shorten, MP</i>	Senator the Hon Chris Evans Senator the Hon Chris Evans Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Leader of the House) <i>Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Northern Australia</i>	The Hon Anthony Albanese, MP <i>The Hon Gary Gray, AO MP</i>	Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy
Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy	The Hon Anthony Albanese, MP
Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy <i>Minister Assisting the Finance Minister on Deregulation</i>	Senator the Hon Kim Carr The Hon Dr Craig Emerson, MP	The Hon Dr Craig Emerson, MP The Hon Julia Gillard, MP (Research) Senator the Hon Kim Carr
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts	The Hon Peter Garrett, AM MP	Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Attorney-General Minister for Home Affairs	The Hon Robert McClelland, MP The Hon Bob Debus, MP	Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig
Minister for Human Services (Manager of Government Business in the Senate)	Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig	The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	The Hon Tony Burke, MP	Senator the Hon Nick Sherry
Minister for Resources and Energy Minister for Tourism	The Hon Martin Ferguson, AM MP The Hon Martin Ferguson, AM MP	Senator the Hon Kim Carr Senator the Hon Nick Sherry

Each box represents a portfolio. **Cabinet Ministers are shown in bold type.** As a general rule, there is one department in each portfolio. However, there is a Department of Climate Change in the Prime Minister's portfolio and a Department of Veterans' Affairs in the Defence portfolio. Except for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, the Department of Climate Change and the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism the title of each department reflects that of the portfolio minister.

Mr Rudd informed the House that Mr Price had been appointed Chief Government Whip and Ms Hall and Mr Hayes had been appointed Government Whips.

11 LEADERSHIP AND WHIPS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA

Dr Nelson, as Leader of the Opposition, informed the House that the Parliamentary Liberal Party had elected him as its Leader and Ms J. Bishop as its Deputy Leader. Mr Somlyay had been elected Chief Opposition Whip and Mr Johnson and Ms Marino had been elected as Opposition Whips.

Dr Nelson, by leave, presented the following document:

Shadow Ministry, 6 December 2007.

12 LEADERSHIP AND WHIPS OF THE NATIONALS

Mr Truss informed the House that the Parliamentary Party of The Nationals had elected him as its Leader and Senator Scullion as its Deputy Leader. Mrs Hull had been appointed as the Chief Nationals Whip and Mr Neville as the Nationals Whip.

13 AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Amendments Incorporation Act 1905*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor-General in the Senate Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of the Parliament. (*Text of the speech appears in Hansard*)

15 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) moved—That a committee, consisting of Mr Hale, Mrs D'Ath and the mover, be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of the Parliament and that the committee report at a later hour.

Question—put and passed.

16 EAST TIMOR—STATEMENTS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement about recent developments in East Timor, and the condition of President Jose Ramos-Horta.

Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the same matter.

Suspension of sitting

At 4.02 p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 5 p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair.

17 ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER AND SECOND DEPUTY SPEAKER

Ms King moved—That Ms A. E. Burke be elected a Deputy Speaker of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Danby.

Mrs Hull moved—That Mr Scott be elected a Deputy Speaker of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Neville.

There being no further proposal—

The House proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Speaker reported the result, as follows:

Ms A. E. Burke..... 83 votes

Mr Scott..... 64 votes

Ms A. E. Burke was thereupon declared elected as Deputy Speaker and Mr Scott was declared elected as Second Deputy Speaker.

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Truss (Leader of The Nationals) congratulated Ms A. E. Burke and Mr Scott, who made their acknowledgments to the House.

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SPEECH TIME LIMITS, STANDING ORDER 133 (DEFERRED DIVISIONS ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS) AND STANDING ORDER 33 (LIMIT ON BUSINESS)

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (a) so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent, at the next sitting, the Prime Minister speaking for an unspecified period of time on a motion offering an apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples and for the Leader of the Opposition to speak for a period of time equivalent to that taken by the Prime Minister; and
- (b) standing order 133 (Deferred divisions on Mondays and Tuesdays) and standing order 33 (Limit on business) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

19 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE KIM EDWARD BEAZLEY (SNR))

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Kim Edward Beazley (Snr), and moved—That the House record its deep regret at the death on 12 October 2007, of the Honourable Kim Edward Beazley (Snr) AO, a former Federal Minister and Member for Fremantle, and places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, Ms Macklin (Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) and Ms J. Bishop (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Debate adjourned (Mr Albanese—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR PETER JAMES ANDREN)

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Mr Peter James Andren, and moved—That the House record its deep regret at the death on 3 November 2007, of Mr Peter James Andren, former Independent Member for Calare, and places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, Mr Windsor, Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) and Mr Katter having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Debate adjourned (Mr Albanese—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 DEATHS OF SPECIAL FORCES SERGEANT MATTHEW LOCKE, TROOPER DAVID PEARCE AND SPECIAL FORCES COMMANDO LUKE WORSLEY

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) referred to the deaths of Special Forces Sergeant Matthew Locke, Trooper David Pearce and Special Forces Commando Luke Worsley, and moved—That the House record its deep regret at the deaths in late 2007 of Sergeant Matthew Locke, Trooper David Pearce and Private Luke Worsley while on combat operations in Afghanistan and places on record its appreciation of their service to their country and tenders its profound sympathy to their families in their bereavement.

Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, Mr Fitzgibbon (Minister for Defence) and Mr Baldwin having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Debate adjourned (Mr Albanese—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR L. J. KEOGH, DR K. L. FRY AND MS H. MAYER), FORMER SENATOR AND MINISTER (THE HONOURABLE R. L. COLLINS), MR M. PRICE, MR B. D. BANTON, THE HONOURABLE SIR CHARLES WALTER MICHAEL COURT AND SIR EDMUND PERCIVAL HILLARY

The Speaker informed the House of the deaths of:

Mr Leonard Joseph Keogh, on 10 October 2007, a Member of this House for the Division of Bowman from 1969 to 1975 and 1983 to 1987;

Dr Kenneth Lionel Fry, on 10 October 2007, a Member of this House for the Division of Fraser from 1974 to 1984;

Ms Helen Mayer, on 7 February 2008, a Member of this House for the Division of Chisholm from 1983 to 1987;

The Honourable Robert Lindsay Collins AO, on 21 September 2007, a former Senator for the Northern Territory from 1987 to 1998 and Minister;

Mr Matt Price, journalist, on 25 November 2007;

Mr Bernard Douglas (Bernie) Banton AM, victim of asbestosis, mesothelioma and asbestos-related pleural disease, on 27 November 2007;

The Honourable Sir Charles Walter Michael Court AK KCMG OBE, a former Premier of Western Australia, on 22 December 2007, and

Sir Edmund Percival Hillary KG ONZ KBE, on 11 January 2008, New Zealand mountaineer and first known climber to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

23 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the resumption of the debates on the Prime Minister's motions of condolence in connection with the deaths of the Honourable Kim Beazley, Mr Peter Andren, and the 3 Australian soldiers, and the Speaker's announcement relating to other deaths, be referred to the Main Committee.

Question—put and passed.

24 AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS AND CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE

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

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

Committee and delegation reports on Fridays

in the House

Each Member

10 mins maximum,
as recommended by the whips

in the Main Committee

Each Member

10 mins

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

Matter of public importance

Whole discussion

1 hr

Proposer

15 mins

Member next speaking

15 mins

Next 2 Members speaking

10 mins each

Any other Member

5 mins

(*standing order 46*)

Private Members' business on Fridays

Whole debate as recommended
 Each member by the whips

(standing orders 41 and 41A)

2 Definitions (*new definitions, as follows*)

Chief Government Whip includes another government whip acting on behalf of the Chief Government Whip.

Chief Opposition Whip includes another opposition whip acting on behalf of the Chief Opposition Whip.

Petition is a formal request to the House to take action that is within its power to take. A petition for presentation to the House must comply with the standing orders.

Petition terms consist of the reasons for the petition and the request for action by the House.

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 and subject to *standing order 30*.

(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 House adjourns
Monday	12 noon	9 p.m.
Tuesday	2 p.m.	9 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.	8 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.	5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.	2 p.m.

30 Changes to meeting times

The Speaker or a Minister may initiate a change to the meeting times of the House in the following circumstances:

(a) At any time, a Minister may move without notice a motion to set the next meeting of the House.

(b) A Minister may move on notice a motion to set a future meeting or meetings of the House.

(c) When the House is not sitting, the Speaker may set an alternative day or hour for the next meeting, and must notify each Member of any change.

31 Automatic adjournment of the House

(a) At 8.30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 4.30 p.m. on Thursdays 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 3 (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.
- (d) Following the conclusion of the grievance debate on Fridays, the Speaker shall, subject to *standing order 55(c)*, without a question being put, immediately adjourn the House until the time set for its next meeting.

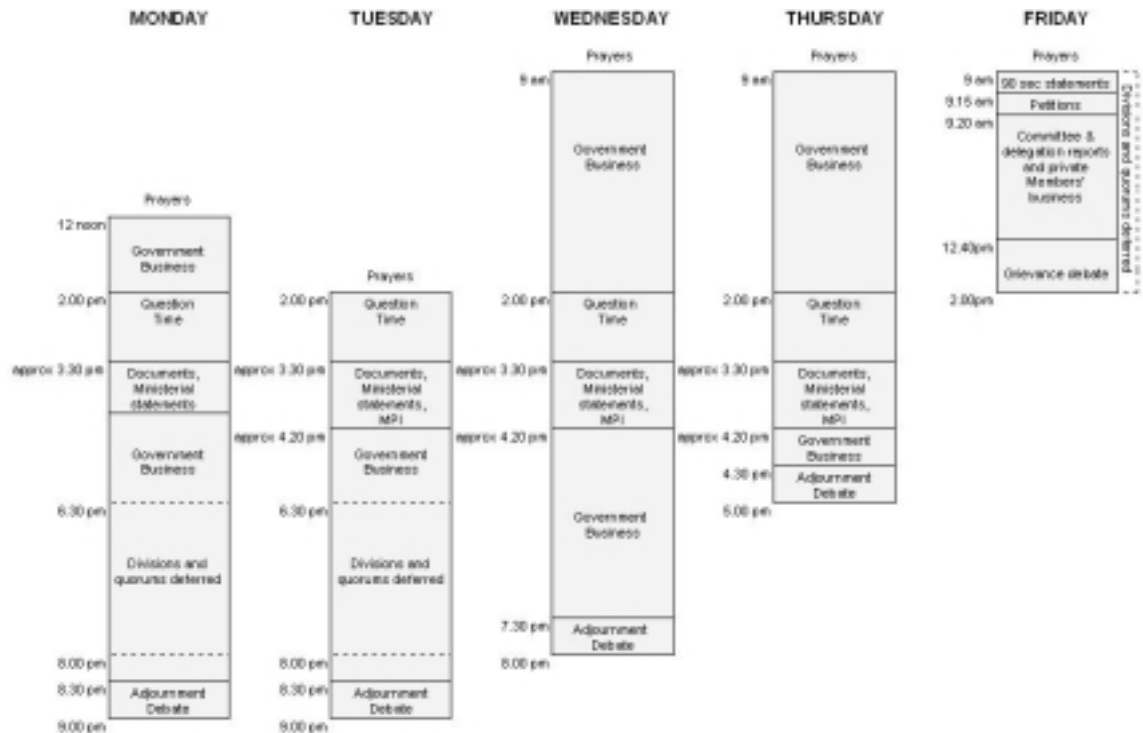
33 Limit on business after 9 p.m.

No new business may be taken after 9 p.m., unless by order of the House before 9 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 Fridays as provided by *standing order 34 (order of business)*.

39 Presentation of reports

- (a) Members can present reports of committees or delegations:

- (i) as agreed by the whips, following prayers on Fridays; or
- (ii) at any time when other business is not before the House.
- (b) Members can make statements in relation to these reports:
 - (i) during the special set period on Fridays (*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. When a report has been presented on Friday under paragraph (a)(i), debate on the question shall be adjourned to a later hour and a motion may be moved that the report be referred to the Main Committee. In other cases debate shall be adjourned to a future day.

40 Resumption of debate on reports

- (a) After presentation of reports on Fridays 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 Fridays 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.

40A Removal of committee and delegation reports orders of the day, to be omitted.

41 Private Members' business

- (a) In the period set for committee and delegation reports and private Members' business under *standing order 34*, 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 order 34 (order of business)* 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.

Second reading

- (e) 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

- (f) 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.

41A Selection of private Members' and committee business

- (a) For the period for committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Fridays, the whips shall recommend the order of consideration of the matters and the times allotted for debate on each item and for each Member speaking.
- (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 Friday 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 Fridays.

43 Members' statements on Fridays

After Prayers on Fridays the Speaker shall call on statements by Members. The 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 9.15 a.m.

* Including Assistant Ministers who are Parliamentary Secretaries

44 Grievance debate

- (a) Following the conclusion of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Fridays, the first order of the day shall be grievance debate.
- (b) After the Speaker proposes the question—
That grievances be noted—
any Member may address the House or move any amendment to the question. If consideration of the question has not been concluded after 1 hour and 20 minutes, debate shall be interrupted and any questions put.

51 Privilege matter raised when House is sitting

- (a) At any time during a sitting, a Member may raise a matter of privilege. The Member shall be prepared to move, without notice, immediately or subsequently, a motion, declaring that a contempt or breach of privilege has been committed, or referring the matter to the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests.
- (b) The Speaker may:
- (i) give the matter precedence and invite the Member to move a motion as stated in paragraph (a); or
 - (ii) reserve the matter for further consideration.
- (c) If the matter is given precedence, consideration and decision of every other question shall be suspended until the matter of privilege is disposed of, or debate on any related motion is adjourned.
- (d) The Speaker may grant precedence to a privilege motion over other business if satisfied that:
- (i) a *prima facie* case of contempt or breach of privilege has been made out; and
 - (ii) the matter has been raised at the earliest opportunity.

- (e) If a matter of privilege related to the proceedings of the Main Committee is raised in the Main Committee, the Deputy Speaker must suspend the proceedings and report to the House at the first opportunity.

52 Privilege matter raised when House not sitting

- (a) When the House is not sitting and is not expected to meet for at least two weeks, a Member may raise with the Speaker a matter of privilege which has arisen since the House last met and which the Member proposes be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests.
- (b) The Speaker must refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests immediately, if satisfied that:
 - (i) a *prima facie* case of contempt or breach of privilege has been made out; and
 - (ii) the matter requires urgent action.
- (c) The Speaker must report the referral to the House at its next sitting. Immediately after the Speaker's report, the Member must move that the referral be endorsed by the House. If the motion is not agreed to, the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests shall take no further action on the matter.

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) On Fridays, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House, the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House following the conclusion of the grievance debate, if the Member then so desires.
- (d) 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*).

106 Giving notice

- (a) In all cases, a Member giving a notice of motion must deliver it in writing to the Clerk at the Table. In addition, the Member may state its terms to the House during the period of Members' statements on Fridays under *standing order 43*.
- (b) The notice may specify the day proposed for moving the motion and must be signed by the Member and a seconder.
- (c) Unless the Member has stated the terms of the motion to the House, as provided under paragraph (a), 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.

108 Order of notices

The Clerk shall enter notices on the Notice Paper in the order in which they are received, and before orders of the day. *Standing orders 41* (*private Members' business*), *41A* (*selection of private Members' and committee business*), *42* (*removal of business*), *45* (*order of government business*), and *113* (*motion not moved*) also apply to the order of notices. A notice of motion becomes effective only when it appears on the Notice Paper.

133 Deferred divisions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays

- (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) A division called for on a Friday shall be deferred until the commencement of the next sitting, unless otherwise ordered.

- (c) The Speaker shall put all questions on which a division has been deferred, successively and without amendment or further debate.
- (d) This standing order does not apply to a division called on a motion moved by a Minister on Mondays and Tuesdays, during the periods specified in this standing order.

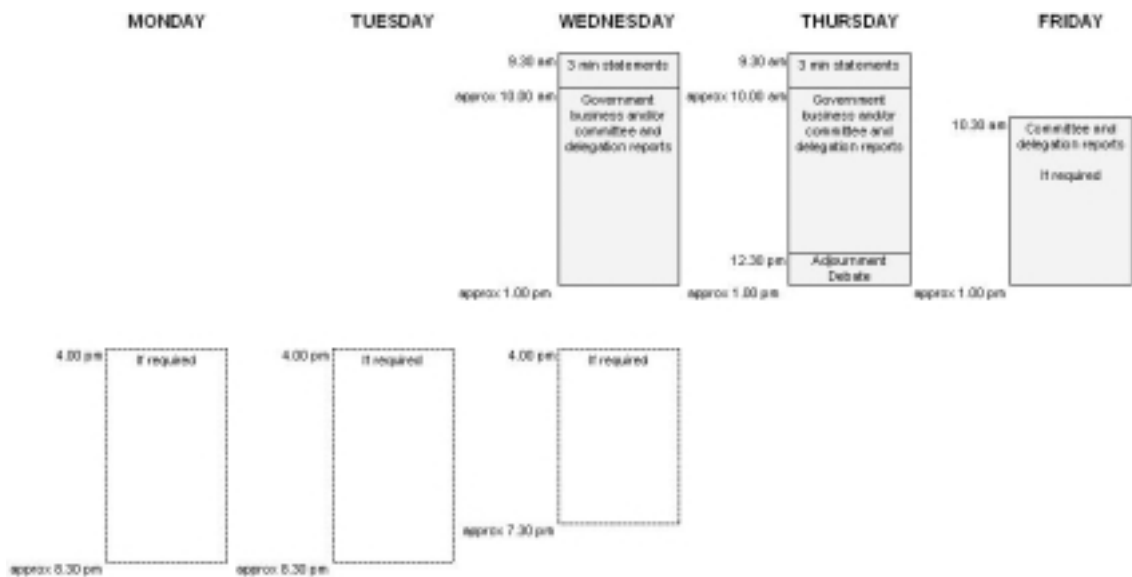
139 Notice of intention to present bill

- (a) A Member giving a notice of intention to present a bill must deliver the notice in writing to the Clerk at the Table. In addition, the Member may state the terms of the notice to the House during the period of Members' statements on Fridays, under *standing order 43*.
- (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.

192 Main Committee's order of business

- (a) If the Committee meets on a Wednesday or Thursday, the normal order of business is set out in figure 4.
- (b) If the Committee meets on a Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 5. 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

204 Rules for the form and content of petitions

- (a) A petition must:
 - (i) be addressed to the House of Representatives;
 - (ii) refer to a matter on which the House has the power to act;
 - (iii) state the reasons for petitioning the House; and
 - (iv) contain a request for action by the House.
- (b) The terms of the petition must not contain any alterations and must not exceed 250 words. The terms must be placed at the top of the first page of the petition and the request of the petition must be at the top of every other page.

- (c) The terms of the petition must not be illegal or promote illegal acts. The language used must be moderate.
- (d) The petition must be in English or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct. The person certifying the translation must place his or her name and address on the translation.
- (e) No letters, affidavits or other documents should be attached to the petition. Any such attachments will be removed before presentation to the House.
- (f) A petition from a corporation must be made under its common seal. Otherwise it will be received as the petition of the individuals who signed it.

205 Rules for signatures

- (a) Every petition must contain the signature and full name and address of a principal petitioner on the first page of the petition.
- (b) All the signatures on a petition must meet the following requirements:
 - (i) Each signature must be made by the person signing in his or her own handwriting. Only a petitioner incapable of signing may ask another person to sign on his or her behalf.
 - (ii) Signatures must not be copied, pasted or transferred on to the petition or placed on a blank page on the reverse of a sheet containing the terms of the petition.
- (c) A Member must not be a principal petitioner or signatory to a petition.

206 Lodging a petition for presentation

- (a) Petitions may be sent directly to the Standing Committee on Petitions or via a Member.
- (b) The Standing Committee on Petitions must check that each petition lodged for presentation complies with the standing orders, and if the petition complies it shall be approved for presentation to the House.

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 Friday, in accordance with *standing order 34 (order of business)*.
- (b) A Member may present a petition during:
 - (i) the periods of Members' statements in the House, in accordance with *standing order 43*, and in the Main Committee, in accordance with *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 44*.

208 Action by the House

- (a) Each petition presented shall be received by the House, unless a motion that it not be received is moved immediately and agreed to.
- (b) The terms of petitions shall be printed in Hansard.
- (c) The Standing Committee on Petitions shall respond to petitions on behalf of the House and report to the House.

209 Petition may be referred to a Minister for response

- (a) After a petition is presented to the House, the Standing Committee on Petitions may refer a copy of the petition to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter raised in the petition.
- (b) The Minister shall be expected to respond to a referred petition within 90 days of presentation by lodging a written response with the Committee.
- (c) The Clerk shall announce any ministerial responses to petitions. After the announcement, ministerial responses shall be printed in Hansard and published on the House's internet website.

- 210 Petition to comply with standing orders, to be omitted.
- 211 Announcement of petitions and responses, to be omitted.
- 212 Petition referred to Minister for response, to be omitted.
- 213 Action by the House, to be omitted.
- 215 General purpose standing committees
- (a) The following general purpose standing committees shall be appointed:
- (i) Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs;
 - (ii) Standing Committee on Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts;
 - (iii) Standing Committee on Communications;
 - (iv) Standing Committee on Economics;
 - (v) Standing Committee on Education and Training;
 - (vi) Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations;
 - (vii) Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth;
 - (viii) Standing Committee on Health and Ageing;
 - (ix) Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Innovation;
 - (x) Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government;
 - (xi) Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs; and
 - (xii) Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Resources.
- (b) A committee appointed under paragraph (a) may inquire into and report on any matter referred to it by either the House or a Minister, including any pre-legislation proposal, bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or document.
- (c) A committee may make any inquiry it wishes to make into annual reports of government departments and authorities and reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House. The following qualifications shall apply to these inquiries:
- (i) Reports shall stand referred to committees under a schedule presented by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee.
 - (ii) The Speaker shall determine any question about responsibility for a report or part of a report.
 - (iii) The period during which an inquiry into an annual report may be started by a committee shall end on the day the next annual report of the department or authority is presented to the House.
 - (iv) If a committee intends to inquire into all or part of a report of the Auditor-General, the committee must notify the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit of its intention, in writing.
- (d) Each committee appointed under paragraph (a) shall consist of 10 members: six government and four non-government Members. Each committee may supplement its membership by up to two members for a particular inquiry, with a maximum of one extra government and one extra non-government Member.
- 216 Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests
- (a) A Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests shall be appointed to:
- (i) inquire into and report on complaints of breach of privilege or contempt which may be referred to it by the House under *standing order 51* or by the Speaker under *standing order 52*, or any other related matter referred to it by or in accordance with a resolution of the House; and
 - (ii) inquire into and report on the arrangements made for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of a Register of Members' Interests;

- (iii) consider proposals by Members and others on the form and content of the Register of Members' Interests;
 - (iv) consider specific complaints about registering or declaring interests;
 - (v) consider possible changes to any code of conduct adopted by the House; and
 - (vi) consider whether specified persons (other than Members) ought to be required to register and declare their interests.
- (b) The committee shall consist of 11 members: the Leader of the House or his or her nominee, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or his or her nominee and nine other members, five government and four non-government Members. When the Opposition is composed of two parties, the non-government Members shall consist of at least one member of the smaller opposition party.
 - (c) The committee may call for witnesses and documents, but when considering a matter concerning the registration or declaration of Members' interests it must not exercise that power or undertake an investigation of a person's private interests unless the action is approved by at least 6 members of the committee other than the Chair.
 - (d) The committee may report when it sees fit, and must report to the House on its operations in connection with the registration and declaration of Members' interests during the year as soon as possible after 31 December each year.

217 Library Committee

- (a) A Library Committee shall be appointed to consider any matter about the provision of library services to Members referred to it by the House or by the Speaker.
- (b) The committee shall consist of seven Members.

220 Standing Committee on Petitions

- (a) A Standing Committee on Petitions shall be appointed to receive and process petitions, and to inquire into and report to the House on any matter relating to petitions and the petitions system.
- (b) The committee shall consist of ten members: six government and four non-government members.

222 Selection Committee, to be omitted.

250 Committee receiving allegations against Members

- (a) Only the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests may inquire into or make findings about the conduct of a Member, unless the House directs another committee to review the conduct of a Member.
- (b) If a committee (other than the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests) receives information or an allegation about a Member, the committee shall inform the Member and give the Member an opportunity to make a submission about the matter. Unless the committee considers the matter is without substance, it shall report the matter to the House and wait for its directions.

Privileges Committee—publication of records

(Resolution adopted 7 December 2000)

That:

- (1) the House authorises:
 - (a) the publication of all evidence or documents taken in camera or submitted on a confidential or restricted basis to the Committee of Privileges or to the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests and that have been in the custody of the Committee for at least 30 years; and
 - (b) the transfer of these records to the National Archives of Australia to enable public access to the records;

provided that, where the Speaker accepts advice that the release of a particular record would affect the national security interest, or represent an unreasonable intrusion upon the personal affairs of any person, alive or dead, or would otherwise be an exempt record under s. 33 of the *Archives Act 1983*, if that Act had applied to the record, the release and transfer of that record is not authorised by this resolution;

- (2) this resolution has effect notwithstanding the provisions of any other resolution or standing order of the House; and
- (3) this resolution has effect from 1 January 2001 and continues in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament.

Registration of Members' interests—Requirements of the House of Representatives

(Resolution adopted 9 October 1984 a.m., amended 13 February 1986, 22 October 1986, 30 November 1988, 9 November 1994 and 6 November 2003)

(1) Registration of Members' interests

That:

- (a) within 28 days of making and subscribing an oath or affirmation as a Member of the House of Representatives each Member shall provide to the Registrar of Members' Interests, a statement of—
 - (i) the Member's registrable interests, and
 - (ii) the registrable interests of which the Member is aware (a) of the Member's spouse and (b) of any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the House and in a form determined by the Committee of Members' Interests or by the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests from time to time, and shall also notify any alteration of those interests to the Registrar within 28 days of that alteration occurring, and
- (b) the statement to be provided by a Member shall include:
 - (i) in the case of a Member who was not a Member of the House of Representatives in the immediately preceding Parliament, interests held at the date of his or her election and any alteration of interests which has occurred between that date and the date of completion of the statement, and
 - (ii) in the case of a Member who was a Member of the House of Representatives in the immediately preceding Parliament, interests held at the date of dissolution of the House of Representatives in the previous Parliament and any alteration of interests which has occurred between that date and the date of completion of the statement.

(2) Registrable interests

That the statement of a Member's registrable interests to be provided by a Member shall include the registrable interests of which the Member is aware (1) of the Member's spouse and (2) of any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support, and shall cover the following matters:

- (a) shareholdings in public and private companies (including holding companies) indicating the name of the company or companies;
- (b) family and business trusts and nominee companies—
 - (i) in which a beneficial interest is held, indicating the name of the trust, the nature of its operation and beneficial interest, and
 - (ii) in which the Member, the Member's spouse, or a child who is wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support, is a trustee (but not including a trustee of an estate where no beneficial interest is held by the Member, the Member's spouse or dependent children), indicating the name of the trust, the nature of its operation and the beneficiary of the trust;
- (c) real estate, including the location (suburb or area only) and the purpose for which it is owned;
- (d) registered directorships of companies;
- (e) partnerships indicating the nature of the interests and the activities of the partnership;

- (f) liabilities indicating the nature of the liability and the creditor concerned;
- (g) the nature of any bonds, debentures and like investments;
- (h) saving or investment accounts, indicating their nature and the name of the bank or other institutions concerned;
- (i) the nature of any other assets (excluding household and personal effects) each valued at over \$7,500;
- (j) the nature of any other substantial sources of income;
- (k) gifts valued at more than \$750 received from official sources, or at more than \$300 where received from other than official sources provided that a gift received by a Member, the Member's spouse or dependent children from family members or personal friends in a purely personal capacity need not be registered unless the Member judges that an appearance of conflict of interest may be seen to exist;
- (l) any sponsored travel or hospitality received where the value of the sponsored travel or hospitality exceeds \$300;
- (m) membership of any organisation where a conflict of interest with a Member's public duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise, and
- (n) any other interests where a conflict of interest with a Member's public duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise.

(3) Register and Registrar of Members' Interests

That:

- (a) at the commencement of each Parliament, and at other times as necessary, Mr Speaker shall appoint an officer of the Department of the House of Representatives as the Registrar of Members' Interests and that officer shall also assist the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests in relation to matters concerning Members' interests;
- (b) the Registrar of Members' Interests shall, in accordance with procedures determined by the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests, maintain a Register of Members' Interests in a form to be determined by that committee from time to time;
- (c) as soon as possible after the commencement of each Parliament the chairman of the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests shall table in the House a copy of the completed Register of Members' Interests and shall also table from time to time as required any notification by a Member of alteration of those interests, and
- (d) the Register of Members' Interests shall be available for inspection by any person under conditions to be laid down by the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests from time to time.

Right of reply of persons referred to in the House

(Resolution adopted 27 August 1997)

That:

- (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified, in the House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
 - (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record;
 and if the Speaker is satisfied:
 - (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests to consider the submission under this resolution,

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this resolution if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this resolution, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this resolution, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this resolution or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this resolution and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this resolution, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in *Hansard*,
and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this resolution, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- (10) This resolution shall continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament.

Document

Mr Albanese presented the following document:

House of Representatives—Proposed changes to the House standing orders for the 42nd Parliament—Explanatory table.

Mr Hockey, by leave, moved amendments (1) to (8) together, to the proposed amendments to the standing orders—

- (1) Proposed standing order 29, “Set meeting and adjournment times”, line beginning “Friday”,
Omit the line, substitute:
“Friday 8.30am 4.20 pm”.
- (2) Proposed standing order 31, “Automatic adjournment of the House”, omit paragraph (d).
- (3) That the Order of Business figure following proposed standing order 34 “Order of Business” be omitted and the “Order of Business” figure attached to these amendments substituted.

House of Representatives—Chamber—Order of Business

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		9 am Prayers	9 am Prayers	8:30 am Prayers
12 noon Government Business		Government Business	Government Business	8:45 am 90 sec statements
2:00 pm Questions without notice	2:00 pm Prayers	2:00 pm Questions without notice	2:00 pm Questions without notice	8:50 am Petitions
approx 3:30 pm Documents, Ministerial statements, MPI	approx 3:30 pm Documents, Ministerial statements, MPI	approx 3:30 pm Documents, Ministerial statements, MPI	approx 3:30 pm Documents, Ministerial statements, MPI	Committee & delegation reports and private Members' business
approx 4:20 pm Government Business	approx 4:20 pm Government Business	approx 4:20 pm Government Business	approx 4:20 pm Government Business	12:40pm Grievance debate
5:30 pm no divisions or quorums	5:30 pm no divisions or quorums	7:30 pm Adjournment Debate	4:30 pm Adjournment Debate	2:00pm Questions without notice
8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	5:00 pm	approx 3:30 pm Documents, Ministerial statements, MPI
8:30 pm Adjournment Debate	8:30 pm Adjournment Debate			approx 4:20 pm
9:00 pm	9:00 pm			

- (4) Proposed standing order 43 “Members’ statements on Fridays”, omit “The period allowed for these statements shall extend until 9.15 am”, substitute:
 “The period allowed for these statements shall extend until 8.45 am.”
- (5) After proposed standing order 44 “Grievance debate” insert:
46 Discussion of definite matter of public importance
 (a) On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, a Member may propose a definite matter of public importance be put to the House for consideration.
- (6) Proposed standing order 133 “Deferred divisions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays”, omit the heading, substitute:
“133 Deferred divisions on Mondays and Tuesdays”.
- (7) Proposed standing order 133 “Deferred divisions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays”, omit paragraph (b).
- (8) After proposed standing order 55 “Lack of quorum”, insert:
“97 Daily Question Time
 (a) Question Time shall begin at 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at which time the Speaker shall interrupt any business before the House and call on questions without notice”.

Debate continued.

Mr Price addressing the House—

Adjournment negated

It being 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Dr Emerson (Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy) requiring the question to be put immediately without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 59

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

NOES, 76

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Mr Raguse
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Ms Rea
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bidgood	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms King	Ms Rishworth
Ms Bird	Dr Emerson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Bowen	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Ms Saffin
Mr Bradbury	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Mr Shorten
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Marles	Mr Snowdon
Mr Butler	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Sullivan
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Ms Campbell	Ms Gillard	Ms Neal	Mr Symon
Mr Champion	Mr Gray	Mr Neumann	Mr Tanner
Mr Cheeseman	Ms Grierson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Clare	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Combet	Mr Hale	Ms Parke	Mr Trevor
Mr Crean	Ms Hall*	Mr Perrett	Mr Turnour
Mr Danby	Mr Hayes*	Ms Plibersek	Ms Vamvakinou
Mrs D'Ath	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	Mr Zappia

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Mr Raguse
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Ms Rea
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
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NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

25 AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER

Mr S. F. Smith made and subscribed the affirmation of allegiance required by law.

26 PROPOSED PROGRAM OF SITTINGS FOR 2008*Document*

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) presented the following document:

Proposed program of sittings for 2008.

Mr Albanese, by leave, moved—That the program of sittings for 2008 be agreed to.

Mr Hockey moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion: “and the House is of the opinion that Question Time should also be held on each Friday the House is scheduled to sit during the year and that Matters of Public Importance should also be discussed each sitting Monday and Friday”.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Abbott	Mrs Gash	Ms Ley	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Georgiou	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr Haase	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Secker
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Mr Broadbent	Mrs Hull*	Mr Morrison	Dr Stone
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Mr Dutton	Mr Katter	Mr Robb	Mrs D. S. Vale
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Mr Forrest	Mr Laming	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood

NOES, 77

Mr Adams	Mr Dreyfus	Mr Kerr	Ms Rishworth
Mr Albanese	Mrs Elliot	Ms King	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Mr Bidgood	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Ms Bird	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bowen	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bradbury	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Marles	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Ms Neal	Mr Symon
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Mr Crean	Mr Hayes*	Mr Price	Mr Zappia
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Raguse	
Mrs D'Ath	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea	
Mr Debus	Dr Kelly	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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

27 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR NURSING MOTHERS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the House, recognising that Members who are required to nurse infants may not always be able to attend in the Chamber to vote in divisions:
 - (a) agrees that, despite the provisions of the standing orders, a Member may give her vote by proxy for any division except that on the third reading of a bill which proposes an alteration of the Constitution if the Member is nursing an infant at the time of the division;
 - (b) determines that for the purposes of this resolution, a government Member may give her proxy to the Chief Government Whip, and that a non-government Member may give her proxy to the Chief Opposition Whip;

- (c) determines that for the purposes of standing orders 129, 130 and 131 any proxy vote given in accordance with this resolution is to be treated as if it was a vote given by the Member present in the Chamber; and
 - (d) is of the opinion that the special provisions of this resolution should not be extended or adapted to apply to Members who are not able to be present in the Chamber for other reasons; and
- (2) That this resolution has effect and continues in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

28 AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with sections 213 and 214 of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity shall be as follows:
- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (d) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (e) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (i) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
 - (l) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
 - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

- (n) That the committee may report from time to time.
 - (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the Australian Law Enforcement Integrity Commission appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (p) That, in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
 - (q) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

29 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 54 of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission shall be as follows:
- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (d) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (e) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (i) That 2 members of a subcommittee include a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
 - (l) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings in any place it sees fit.

- (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (n) That the committee may report from time to time.
 - (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the National Crime Authority and the Australian Crime Commission appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (p) That, in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
 - (q) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

30 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 242 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services shall be as follows:
- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (d) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (e) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (i) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.

- (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
 - (l) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
 - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (n) That the committee may report from time to time.
 - (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Corporations and Financial Services and Corporations and Securities appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (p) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

31 ELECTORAL MATTERS—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister.
- (2) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (3) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (7) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (9) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.

- (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (12) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute a quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of:
 - (a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System, and
 - (b) the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Electoral Reform and Electoral Matters appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

32 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to foreign affairs, defence and trade as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament;
 - (ii) the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
 - (iii) the Minister for Defence; or
 - (iv) the Minister for Trade.
- (b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 32 members, 12 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 8 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (7) That in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (8) That 6 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (12) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence and Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

33 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament Act 1974*; or
 - (iii) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- (b) such other matters relating to the parliamentary zone as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (c) such amendments to the National Capital Plan as are referred to it by a Minister responsible for administering the Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988;
 - (d) such other matters relating to the National Capital as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988; and
 - (e) such matters relating to Australia's territories as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; the Territory of Christmas Island; the Coral Sea Islands Territory; the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands; the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island.
- (2) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
 - (3) That the committee consist of 12 members, the Deputy Speaker, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (7) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (8) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (9) That 3 members of the committee (of whom one is the Deputy President or the Deputy Speaker when matters affecting the parliamentary zone are under consideration) constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.

- (12) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on the National Capital and External Territories, the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House, the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone and the Joint Committee on the National Capital appointed during previous Parliaments and of the House of Representatives and Senate Standing Committees on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure when sitting as a joint committee on matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory.
- (19) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

34 MIGRATION—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Migration be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (i) regulations made or proposed to be made under the *Migration Act 1958*;
 - (ii) proposed changes to the *Migration Act 1958* and any related acts; and
 - (iii) such other matters relating to migration as may be referred to it by the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Migration Act 1958*.
- (b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (11) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (12) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (15) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (16) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (17) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Migration Regulations and the Joint Standing Committees on Migration appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (18) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

35 PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library be appointed to:
 - (a) consider and report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on any matters relating to the Parliamentary Library referred to it by the President or the Speaker;
 - (b) provide advice to the President and the Speaker on matters relating to the Parliamentary Library;
 - (c) provide advice to the President and the Speaker on an annual resource agreement between the Parliamentary Librarian and the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services; and
 - (d) receive advice and reports, including an annual report, directly from the Parliamentary Librarian on matters relating to the Parliamentary Library.
- (2) That the Committee consist of 13 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Government whip or whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Opposition whip or whips or by any independent Member, 3 Senators nominated

- by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator nominated by minority groups or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President and the Speaker.
 - (4) That the nomination by the minority groups and independent Senators shall be determined by agreement between them, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, any question of the representation on the committee shall be determined by the Senate.
 - (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (6) That the committee shall elect 2 of its members to be joint chairs, 1 being a Senator or Member, on an alternating basis each Parliament, who is a member of the government parties and 1 being a Senator or Member, on an alternating basis each Parliament, who is a member of the non-government parties, provided that the joint chairs may not be members of the same House. The joint chair nominated by the government parties shall chair meetings of the committee, and the joint chair nominated by the non-government parties shall take the chair whenever the other joint chair is not present.
 - (7) That each of the joint chairs shall have a deliberative vote only, regardless of who is chairing the meeting.
 - (8) That when votes on a question before the committee are equally divided, the question shall be resolved in the negative.
 - (9) That three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee, but in a deliberative meeting a quorum shall include 1 member of each House of the government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-government parties.
 - (10) That the committee may appoint subcommittees, consisting of 3 or more of its members, and refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
 - (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee shall be 2 members.
 - (12) That the committee shall appoint the chair of each subcommittee, who shall have a deliberative vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee, but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (14) That the committee and any subcommittee shall have power to meet in private or public session and to report from time to time.
 - (15) That the President and the Speaker may attend any meeting of the committee or a subcommittee as they see fit, but shall not be members of the committee or subcommittee and may not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (16) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Library appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (17) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
 - (18) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

36 TREATIES—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions and related Explanatory Statements presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;

- (b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) a Minister; and
 - (c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.
- (2) That the committee consist of 16 members, 6 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair to act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (7) That in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (9) That the committee have power to appoint not more than 3 subcommittees each consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
 - (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (12) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
 - (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
 - (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
 - (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
 - (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on Treaties appointed during previous Parliaments.
 - (19) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

(20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

37 ELECTION PETITION

The Clerk presented a copy of an election petition, dated 25 January 2008, which he had received from the Chief Executive and Principal Registrar of the High Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns, under section 369 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, viz.—Petition of Rob Mitchell in the matter of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and in the matter of the election of a member of the House of Representatives for the Division of McEwen (No. M10 of 2008).

38 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 1.59 a.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. today.

DOCUMENTS

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

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act—Determinations—2007—

Child care benefit (Absence from care—Permitted circumstances)—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04266].

Child care benefit (Eligible hours of care)—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04269].

Child care benefit (Rates and hardship)—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04268].

Child care benefit (Session of care)—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04267].

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act—

Determination—2007 Child care benefit—Amount of enrolment in advance [F2007L04261].

Specification—2007 Child care benefit—When enrolment ceases (Number of weeks) [F2007L04262].

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act—Determination—2008 Exempt taxes, fees and charges (No. 1) [F2008L00100].

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2007—Nos 309, 362 [F2007L03873], [F2007L04737].

Acts Interpretation Act—Orders—2007—

Substituted references—Section 19B—Amendment (No. 2) [F2007L04749].

Substituted references—Section 19BA—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04773].

Aged Care Act—Determination under section 52-1—2007 No. ACA 23 [F2007L04202].

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act—

Instruments—2008—

Amendment (Nos 1, 2, 3) [F2008L00021], [F2008L00026], [F2008L00028].

No. 3 [F2008L00029].

Order—2007 Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03961].

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 278 [F2007L03839].

Standards—2007 Listable chemical products—

Home swimming pool and spa products [F2007L03960].

Joint health products for dogs and horses [F2007L03958].

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act—

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 2 [F2008L00137].

Rules—2007 Amendment (Nos 3, 4, 5) [F2007L04255], [F2007L04878], [F2007L04925].

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2004-2005 and *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2005-2006*—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2007-08 No. 1 [F2007L03729].

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2007-2008—Advance to the Finance Minister—Determinations—2007-08 Nos 3, 4 [F2007L04155], [F2008L00203].

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—

Declaration of National Land—23 August 2007 [F2007L04025].

National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 67—Provisions for Mobile Home Park—Blocks 6 and 8 Section 97 and Block 17 Section 102, Symonston [F2007L04060].

Australian Citizenship Act 2007—

Instrument of authorisation—2007 No. IMMI 07/080 [F2007L04275].

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 313 [F2007L03871].

*Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Act 2007—*Proclamation under subsection 2 (1) fixing 1 October 2007 as the day on which Schedule 1 to the Act commences [F2007L03867].

Australian Communications and Media Authority Act—Determination—2008 Telecommunications (Protection zone and submarine cable permit—Application charges) [F2008L00256].

Australian Crime Commission Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 289 [F2007L03788].

Australian Film Television and Radio School Act—Determination—Degrees, diplomas and certificates—2007 No. 1 [F2007L04436].

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Orders—2007—

Beef export to the USA—Quota year 2008 [F2007L04385].

Sheepmeat and goatmeat export to the European Union—Quota year 2008 [F2007L04384].

Australian National University Act—

Rules—2007—

Academic board and university policy committees [F2007L04717].

ANU college governance (No. 2) [F2007L04719].

Discipline [F2007L04714].

Examinations [F2007L03940].

Fees (Nos 2, 3) [F2007L03938], [F2007L04715].

Medical leave [F2007L04712].

Statutes—2007—

Academic board and university policy committees [F2007L04716].

ANU college governance [F2007L04718].

Medical leave [F2007L04711].

Parking and traffic (No. 2) [F2007L03939].

Staff superannuation [F2007L04713].

Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Act—Instrument—2007 Treatment principles ((Australian participants in British nuclear tests) 2006—Removal of prior approval under the Rehabilitation Appliances Program) No. R19 [F2007L03676].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determinations under section 57—

2007—Confidentiality Nos 14, 15, 16 [F2007L04147], [F2007L04423], [F2007L04754].

2008—Confidentiality Nos 1, 2 [F2008L00136], [F2008L00306].

Australian Research Council Act—

Determinations—2007 Nos 49, 50, 51, 52, 53.

Funding rules for funding commencing in—

2008—Federation fellowships [F2007L03521].

2009—Discovery projects [F2008L00010].

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2007 Nos 321, 322 [F2007L03800], [F2007L03845].

Aviation Transport Security Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 317 [F2007L03847].

Banking Act—

Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations—

2007 Directions relating to foreign currency transactions and to—

Burma [F2007L04115].

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia—Amendment to the annex [F2007L04036].

Variations—2007—

Revocation of variation of exemption and variation of exemption, 4 October [F2007L04037].

Variations of exemptions, 18 October [2] [F2007L04117], [F2007L04120]

Determinations—2007 Prudential standards—

Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 [F2007L04451], [F2007L04591], [F2007L04592], [F2007L04593], [F2007L04594], [F2007L04595], [F2007L04596], [F2007L04597], [F2007L04598], [F2007L04599], [F2007L04600], [F2007L04601], [F2007L04602], [F2007L04603], [F2007L04604], [F2007L04605], [F2007L04606], [F2007L04826].

Broadcasting Services Act—

Commercial Television Conversion Scheme 1999—Variation—2007 No. 1 [F2007L04259].
 Declaration—2007 Restricted access systems [F2008L00048].
 Determination—2007 Deemed digital radio licence areas [F2007L04381].
 Instruments under section 61CC—2007 Meaning of local [F2007L04527].
 Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2007 Nos 297, 361 [F2007L03792], [F2007L04651].
 Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 303 [F2007L03841].
 Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 304 [F2007L03837].
Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (OHS) Act 2007—Proclamation under subsection 2 (1) fixing 1 October 2007 as the day on which item 2 of Schedule 1 to the Act commences [F2007L03846].
 Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 363 [F2007L04738].
 Civil Aviation Act—
 Airspace Regulations—Instruments—2007—
 CASA OAR 60/07, CASA OAR 62/07 [F2007L04401], [F2007L04402].
 Civil Aviation Regulations—
 Exemptions—
 2007—Nos CASA EX40, CASA EX46, CASA EX49, CASA EX51, CASA EX53, CASA EX55, CASA EX58, CASA EX60, CASA EX65, CASA EX69, CASA EX71 [F2007L02580], [F2007L03633], [F2007L03916], [F2007L04125], [F2007L04310], [F2007L04382], [F2007L04400], [F2007L04490], [F2007L04652], [F2007L04906], [F2007L04934].
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 Orders—2007—
 Civil Aviation Order 20.11—Amendment (No. 2) [F2007L03592].
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 Civil Aviation Order 40.2.1—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04887].
 Civil Aviation Order 82.6—Amendment (No. 2) [F2007L04026].
 Civil Aviation Order 95.7—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03765].
 Civil Aviation Order 100.7—Amendment (No. 2) [F2007L04937].
 Civil Aviation Order 100.17—Repeal [F2007L04658].
 Civil Aviation Orders 100.23, 100.24, 100.26, 100.27, 100.28, 100.37, 100.96 [F2007L04655], [F2007L04659], [F2007L04657], [F2007L04660], [F2007L04661], [F2007L04639], [F2007L04936].
 Civil Aviation Order 101.4—Repeal [F2007L04649].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.3 [F2007L04721].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.4—Repeal [F2007L03767].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.5 [F2007L04722].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.8—Repeal [F2007L03768].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.10—Repeal [F2007L02696].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.11—Repeal [F2007L03589].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.13—Repeal [F2007L03590].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.15—Repeal [F2007L03591].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.16—Repeal [F2007L03595].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.18—Repeal [F2007L03596].
 Civil Aviation Orders 103.19, 103.20, 103.21, 103.22, 103.24, 103.25, 103.26, 103.27, 103.28 [F2007L04696], [F2007L04706], [F2007L04699], [F2007L04695], [F2007L04710], [F2007L04734], [F2007L04723], [F2007L04831], [F2007L04818].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.31—Repeal [F2007L03600].
 Civil Aviation Order 103.40—Repeal [F2007L03769].
 Civil Aviation Order 104.0 [F2007L04877].
 Civil Aviation Order 108.6—Repeal [F2007L04869].
 Civil Aviation Orders 108.8, 108.10 [F2007L04653], [F2007L04654].

Civil Aviation Order 108.22—Repeal [F2007L03770].
 Civil Aviation Order 108.23—Repeal [F2007L03782].
 Civil Aviation Order 108.26—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03783].
 Civil Aviation Orders 108.28 108.29 108.32 108.34 108.36 108.41 [F2007L04873], [F2007L04903],
 [F2007L04002], [F2007L04701], [F2007L04901], [F2007L04010].
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 [F2007L04939].
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 Airworthiness Directives under—
 Part 39-105—
 AD/750XL—No. 3—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L00181].
 AD/A109—
 Nos 60, 61 [F2007L04586], [F2007L04889].
 No. 60—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L04644].
 AD/A119—
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 AD/AC-SNOW—
 No. 10—Cancellation [F2007L04862].
 No. 26 [F2008L00160].
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 No. 2—Amendment (No. 1) [F2007L03991].
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 No. 242—Amendment (No. 2) [F2007L04217].
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ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting).

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