

# Procedural Digest

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## Bills

### **84.01** *House declines to consider Senate bill requiring an appropriation*

On 21 February, the Speaker reported a message from the Senate transmitting a bill for concurrence of the House. The Speaker stated that the bill transmitted by the Senate had given rise to some important issues in terms of the role and responsibilities of the House of Representatives. Specifically, the bill provided for an increase in expenditure under a standing appropriation. Section 53 of the Constitution provides that proposed laws appropriating revenue or moneys can not originate in the Senate. Section 56 of the Constitution requires a Governor-General's message recommending the purpose of an appropriation before passage of a law etc. for the appropriation of revenue or moneys. The Speaker then presented two documents, one a note from the Clerk's Office on the standing orders and practice of the House, and the second a letter from the Attorney-General in relation to the matter.

The Leader of the House then moved 'That the House affirm the constitutional position as stated by the Speaker and decline to consider the Social Security (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010'. Debate on the motion ensued. Mr Bandt moved an amendment to the motion which was seconded by Mr Oakeshott. The amendment was negatived and the motion was agreed to. The bill therefore was not considered by the House.

*Hansard:* 21 February 2011, 598-619, 645-63  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/310-1, 312-13

**SOs 166, 179, 180**

### **84.02** *Requested amendments by Senate made*

By message, the Senate requested amendments to the Telecommunications Interception and Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010, *inter alia* to expand the membership of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security from nine to eleven members, five of whom must be Senators and six of whom must be members of the House of Representatives.

The amendments requested by the Senate were considered immediately and made.

*Hansard*: 2 March 2011, 2142-3  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/384

**SOs 165, 181, 261**

**84.03** *Second reading amendment relating to youth allowance moved on Appropriation bill*

During debate on the second reading of Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2010-11 in the Main Committee, the Manager of Opposition Business moved an amendment proposing to omit certain words and calling on ‘the Government to bring forward its timetable for resolving the inequity it has created in independent youth allowance payments for inner regional students...’. The amendment was seconded, and the time for the debate having expired, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting. On Wednesday 2 March, after further debate, the bill was returned to the House from the Main Committee with an unresolved question (on the second reading amendment), and the following day, was reported to the House and considered. The House divided on the question that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question, and the ‘ayes’ being in the majority, the second reading amendment was negatived. The bill was then agreed to on the voices.

*Note*: Pursuant to standing order 145(b), an amendment to the motion that an appropriation or supply bill be read a second time may relate to public affairs beyond the scope of the bill.

*Hansard*: 28 February 2011, 1740  
2 March 2011, 2172  
3 March 2011, 2198-9  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/363, 386, 393-4

**SOs 122, 145**

## Business

**84.04** *Condolence motion automatically returned to the Main Committee*

On the motion, by leave, of the Leader of the House, the condolence motion on the summer’s natural disasters (*see* entries **83.09** and **83.14**) was automatically referred to the Main Committee – for a second time – when the time for its debate in the House was interrupted shortly before question time.

*Hansard*: 21 February 2011, 596-8  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/310

**SOs 49, 63, 183**

**84.05** *Updated Ministry presented*

Before question time, the Prime Minister presented a copy of the Third Gillard Ministry list as at 22 February 2011. The document was incorporated into *Hansard*.

*Hansard*: 22 February 2011, 895-8  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/327

**84.06** *Suspension of standing orders not carried by an absolute majority*

Following question time, the shadow Treasurer moved a suspension of standing and sessional orders to enable him to move a motion requiring the House to note the release of 'secret Treasury documents'. During debate on the suspension motion, the Manager of Opposition Business moved that the Leader of the House be 'no further heard'. The motion was negatived on division. The time allotted for the debate on the original suspension motion having expired, the question was put. The result of the division was 71 'ayes' and 71 'noes', and in the absence of an absolute majority, the motion was not carried.

*Note*: Standing order 47(c)(ii) provides that a motion for suspension of standing orders moved without notice can only be carried by an absolute majority of Members (at least 76 out of 150).

*Hansard*: 22 February 2011, 918-25  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/328-30

**SOs 1, 47, 80**

**84.07** *Condolence motions put and passed*

Following further consideration in the Main Committee, certified copies of two condolence motions – one on the summer's natural disasters and the other on the death of Sapper Jamie Ronald Larcombe – were presented in the House. On the question that each motion be agreed to, Members rose in their places in agreement.

*Hansard*: 23 February 2011, 1160-1  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/337

**SOs 49, 197**

**84.08** *Suspension motion moved during question time – questions continue and MPI not lost*

During question time on 24 February, the Leader of the Opposition moved a motion to suspend so much of standing and sessional orders as would prevent the moving of a motion for the House to censure the Prime Minister for her announcement of a carbon tax. The motion was debated and negatived on division.

*Note:* The total time allowed on motions to suspend standing and sessional orders may not exceed 25 minutes. The motion having been moved at 2.30 pm and its debate concluding by 3.04 pm, question time continued following the division, and the matter of public importance discussion took place without a motion to call on the business of the day. When similar motions were moved the following week at 2.50 pm, questions without notice did not resume although matters of public importance were discussed (*see entry 84.09*).

*Hansard:* 24 February 2011, 1425-30  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/347-8

**SOs 1, 47, 111**

**84.09** *Four motions to suspend standing orders to allow explanations by the Prime Minister*

Each day in the week beginning 28 February, the Leader of the Opposition moved, during question time, a suspension of so much of standing and sessional orders as would prevent him from moving motions requiring an action by the Prime Minister (and on some occasions, the Treasurer).

Following debate on each of these motions, the House divided and the motions were negatived. Also on each occasion, the Prime Minister asked that further questions be placed on the *Notice Paper*. (When a similar motion to suspend standing orders had been moved the previous Thursday, questions had continued at the conclusion of debate – *see entry 84.08*).

In the course of the debate on Wednesday 2 March, the Leader of the House indicated the Government's willingness to suspend standing orders to facilitate the debate. Debate on the motion ensued and the question on the motion was then negatived on division. On a point of order, the Chief Government Whip noted that the debate had not been relevant to the suspension motion.

On the Thursday, the Speaker invited the Leader of the Opposition (and other speakers) to debate the question of why the suspension of standing orders should occur.

*Note:* Speakers have consistently ruled that Members may not use debate on a motion to suspend standing orders as a means of putting before the House, or canvassing, matters outside the question as to whether or not standing orders should be suspended (pursuant to standing order 76). The rule, however, is not strictly enforced.

*Hansard:* 28 February 2011, 1581-7; 1 March 2011, 1841-8; 2 March 2011, 2107-13;  
3 March 2011, 2270-7

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/356-7; 367-9; 382-4; 398-400

**SOs 34, 47, 48, 76**

### **84.10** *Opposition amendments negatived – non-aligned Member’s amendments agreed to*

During consideration in detail of the National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010, an Opposition Member moved, by leave, amendments in the following order and groupings: (1)-(4) and (8)-(15), (5), (6), (7), (17), (16) (18) and (19). Each group of amendments was debated and negatived on the voices except amendment (17) which was negatived on division after debate.

In considering the cognate Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures— Access Arrangements) Bill 2010, a non-aligned Member moved two amendments which were put and passed. The Opposition Member moved further amendments, which were also negatived on the voices.

*Hansard*: 1 March 2011, 1899-1924  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/373-4

**SOs 149, 150**

## **Committees**

### **84.11** *Committee reports presented during government business*

In government business time, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economics presented two reports. The first was the *Advisory report on the Tax Laws Amendment (Temporary Flood Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2010 and the Income Tax Rates Amendment(Temporary Flood Reconstruction Levy) Bill 2011*, and the second was the *Interim report: Review of Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010*. The Chair and the Deputy Chair made statements, by leave, in connection with the first report. The Chair then moved that the House take note of the first report and the matter was referred to the Main Committee.

Note: Committee reports are usually allocated time during private Members’ business time on Mondays.

*Hansard*: 21 February 2011, 663-9  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/314

**SOs 63, 143, 183, 222, 247**

### **84.12** *Petitions committee Chair makes a statement on the work of the committee*

Following the presentation of petitions, the Chair of the Petitions Committee made a statement in connection with the work of the committee. In particular, the Chair noted changes to the petitioning process since the beginning of the

42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament, and thanked Ministers for their increased responsiveness to petitions.

*Hansard*: 28 February 2011, 1507-15  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/353

**SOs 34, 204, 205, 209, 220**

**84.13** *Privileges committee granted extension of time to report*

The Leader of the House moved, by leave, that the Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests have an extension of time to report on its inquiry into a draft code of conduct for Members of Parliament, until 7 July 2011.

*Note*: On the following sitting day, and in a statement to the House on the inquiry (see entry **84.14**), the Chair of the Committee noted that the extension of time would allow the Committee to present a more considered report.

*Hansard*: 24 February 2011, 1435  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/349

**SOs 63, 216**

**84.14** *Statements made in connection with four committee inquiries*

Pursuant to the revised standing order 39(a), four committee chairs (and three deputy chairs) made short statements in connection with their respective committee's current inquiries.

*Note*: Previously, committee chairs were only able to make statements in connection with a committee's report after its presentation to the House.

*Hansard*: 28 February 2011, 1521-9  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/354

**SO 39**

**84.15** *Resolution to appoint a joint committee on the National Broadband Network*

On the motion of the Leader of the House, the House resolved to appoint a Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network. As well as terms of reference and operating parameters, the resolution specified the membership of the committee and that it was to be chaired by a non-aligned Member.

A message was sent to the Senate requesting concurrence and action to be taken accordingly. In considering the resolution, the Government in the Senate made various amendments to the resolution (although these had not yet been communicated to the House at the conclusion of these sittings).

*Hansard:* 1 March 2011, 1881-4  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/371-2

**SOs 223, 224**

#### **84.16**     *Resolution to appoint a joint select committee on the Christmas Island tragedy*

On the motion of the Leader of the House, the House resolved to appoint a Joint Select Committee on the Christmas Island Tragedy of 15 December 2010. As well as terms of reference and operating parameters, the resolution specified the membership of the committee and a date for presentation of its final report (30 June 2011). The Senate later advised the House of its concurrence.

*Hansard:* 2 March 2011, 2031-5  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/380-1

**SOs 223, 224, 261**

## **Divisions**

#### **84.17**     *Few Members vote 'no' in divisions*

During consideration in detail of the National Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2011 on 21 February, a non-aligned Member moved an amendment. While a division was required, it was deferred until 8 pm in accordance with standing order 133, at which time the question was put on the amendments. When the division was called, five Members voted 'no'.

The following day, on a division for the bill's second reading, six Members (five non-aligned and one Opposition) voted 'no'. In this division, the Chair assigned two non-aligned Members tellers for the 'noes'.

*Note:* Where four or fewer Members are on one side of the House after the doors are locked for a division, the Chair may declare the decision of the House immediately, without completing the count. The names of those in disagreement are recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings*.

*Hansard:* 21-22 February 2011, 675, 702-3, 943-4  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/314, 315, 331

**SOs 122, 127, 129, 133**

## Documents

### **84.18** *'Petition' presented and forwarded to Petitions Committee*

During Members' constituency statements in the Main Committee, a Minister presented a 'non-conforming petition'. The Deputy Speaker announced that the 'petition' could be tabled as a document, but could not be received as a petition until it was considered by the Standing Committee on Petitions.

*Note:* When the Standing Committee on Petitions eventually considered the petition, it was found to be out of order.

*Hansard:* 23 February 2011, 1257  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/338

**SOs 193, 206, 207, 208**

## Matters of Public Importance

### **84.19** *Two matters of public importance proposed for discussion*

Having received two proposals for a discussion of a matter of public importance by midday on 22 February, the Speaker chose the matter proposed by a government Member in preference to that proposed by a shadow minister. Standing order 46 requires the Speaker to exercise his or her opinion on urgency and importance when more than one matter is proposed. During the debate, leave was granted for an Opposition Member to table a document.

*Note:* While a matter of public importance debate is generally considered an opportunity for the Opposition to raise an issue, government sponsored discussions do take place from time to time.

*Hansard:* 22 February 2011, 926  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/330

**SOs 46, 63**

## Members

### **84.20** *Member not recognised to raise a point of order and subsequently 'sin-binned' for defying the Chair*

During a Minister's response to a question without notice, an Opposition Member attempted to raise a point of order. The Speaker asked the Minister and the Member to resume their seats. The Manager of Opposition Business, on a point of order, queried the Speaker's refusal to give the Opposition Member the call. The Speaker decided to give the Member the call, but with a warning that only a valid



point of order would be allowed. When the Member sought leave to table a document, the Speaker directed the Member to leave the Chamber for one hour.

*Note:* Pursuant to standing order 104(b), a point of order regarding relevance may only be taken once in respect of an answer.

*Hansard:* 22 February 2011, 941  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/327  
**SOs 63, 66, 86, 91, 94, 104**

## Ministerial Statements

### **84.21** *Statements by indulgence on an earthquake in New Zealand*

Immediately prior to question time, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition made statements by indulgence on an earthquake in New Zealand. As a mark of respect and to indicate the House's support for these comments, all Members rose in their places. The Leader of the House then moved that further statements on the matter be referred to the Main Committee and the motion was agreed to.

*Hansard:* 23 February, 1161-3  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/337  
**SOs 65, 183**

### **84.22** *Statement by indulgence on civil unrest in North Africa and the Middle East*

During question time, the Minister for Foreign Affairs answered a question without notice on events unfolding in North Africa and the Middle East. At the conclusion of the answer, the shadow minister rose, on indulgence, to support the Government's response to these events.

*Hansard:* 23 February 2011, 1181-2  
**SO 65**

### **84.23** *Ministerial statement and document presented on Universal Periodic Review*

Following the matter of public importance, the Attorney-General was granted leave to make a ministerial statement regarding Australia's first appearance before the United Nations Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review. During his statement the Minister presented a document titled 'Draft report of the working group on the Universal Periodic Review'.

Standing orders were then suspended to allow the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to speak.

*Hansard*: 2 March 2011, 2138-42  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/384

**SOs 47, 63, 199**

#### **84.24** *Ministerial statement on Libya made during Members' statements*

During Members' Statements, the Minister for Foreign Affairs was granted leave to update the House on events unfolding in Libya. The shadow minister also rose, by leave, to support the Government's efforts to keep the House updated.

Note: Pursuant to standing order 43, the Speaker would not usually call a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary during Members' Statements.

*Hansard*: 24 February 2011, 1416-7  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/347

**SOs 43, 63**

#### **84.25** *Statements on indulgence concerning International Women's Day*

Following question time, but before the Matter of Public Importance, the Minister for the Status of Women, on indulgence, made a brief statement in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition also rose, on indulgence, to join with the Government in celebrating this event.

*Hansard*: 3 March 2011, 2278

**SO 65**

## **Order of business**

#### **84.26** *House meets early — government business given priority — adjournment debate in House cancelled — adjournment of Main Committee extended*

On Monday 21 February, the Leader of the House moved, by leave, that the time and order of business for the following sitting day be changed. The motion required that the House meet at 12 noon, that priority be given to government business between 12 noon and 2 pm, and between 9.30 pm and 10.30 pm and that any divisions called for in the House – other than those on a motion moved by a Minister – be deferred until after the conclusion of the matter of public importance.

As part of this motion, the Leader of the House also stated that the question on the adjournment would be put without debate in the House on the Tuesday. The

adjournment debate in the Main Committee would be extended from half an hour to an hour. The question was agreed to on the voices.

*Note:* The House usually meets at 2 pm, and the Main Committee meets only 'if required' on Tuesdays.

*Hansard:* 21 February 2011, 696-7  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/314  
**SOs 29, 30, 31, 34, 63, 186, 192**

#### **84.27** *Meeting of the Main Committee postponed due to a division*

On Tuesday 22 February, the Main Committee was not able to meet until 4.14 pm, a division having been called in the House.

*Note:* The day before, the Deputy Speaker had fixed 4.00 pm as the time of the next sitting of the Main Committee, which only meets on Tuesdays 'if required'.

*Hansard:* 9 February 2011, 1011  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/333  
**SOs 186, 190, 192**

#### **84.28** *Suspension of standing orders 31 and 33 – extended sitting*

During consideration of two cognate bills relating to a flood levy intended for flood reconstruction, the Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved that standing order 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and standing order 33 (limit on business after 10 pm) be suspended for that sitting day (Wednesday). The motion was moved in anticipation of the House sitting later than usual to consider the bills, and was agreed to on the voices.

Debate on the bills then continued. At 8 pm, a Minister moved that the House now adjourn, and the question was put and passed without debate.

*Hansard:* 23 February 2011, 1234-48  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/1905, 338  
**SOs 31, 33, 47, 63**

#### **84.29** *House meets early in memory of New Zealand earthquake*

At 10.48 am, following an acknowledgement of country and reading of prayers, the Speaker made a statement in memory of the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand that had occurred exactly one week earlier. At the Speaker's request, Members observed two minutes' silence as a mark of respect, following which the Speaker noted that a book of condolence was being arranged for Members to

record their sympathy. The sitting was then suspended until 2 pm.

*Hansard*: 1 March 2011, 1829  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/367

**SOs 29, 30, 34**

### **84.30**     *House adjourns early without debate*

At 4.29 pm, the Leader of the House moved 'That the House do now adjourn'. The question was put and passed on division, and the House adjourned.

The motion followed two quorum calls by Opposition Members during the Matter of Public Importance.

*Note*: The question on the adjournment is usually debated until 5 pm on Thursdays.

*Hansard*: 3 March 2011, 2290-1  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/400-1

**SOs 29, 31, 32, 34**

### **84.31**     *Notice to suspend standing and sessional orders during question time*

The Leader of the House gave notice of a motion that would suspend standing and sessional orders for the remainder of the period of sittings to prevent any motions being moved during question time by any Member other than a Minister.

*Note*: Having been put on notice, this motion – if moved – would not require an absolute majority of the House to be carried. Similar motions have been put on notice in other parliaments, although usually not limited to the period of question time.

*Hansard*: 3 March 2011, 2291

**SOs 47, 97, 106, 111**

## **Questions**

### **84.32**     *Question ruled out of order*

During question time, the Manager of Opposition Business asked the Treasurer a question relating to the leadership of the Australian Workers Union.

The Speaker ruled that the question was out of order. Following a point of order, the Speaker clarified that the question did not relate to the Treasurer's ministerial responsibilities, as required by standing order 98(c).

*Hansard:* 22 February 2011, 905-6

**SOs 98, 101**

**84.33** *Member seeks leave to table a document in his question to the Speaker*

Following question time, a Member sought leave to table a document that numbered each of the questions in writing to which he had not yet received a ministerial response. The Speaker noted that this would be unusual, and the Member subsequently read out the list of questions.

*Note:* It is usual practice for Members to advise the Speaker orally of the questions in writing they have yet to receive an answer to, under standing order 105(b).

*Hansard:* 2 March 2011, 2114

**SO 105**

## Private Members' business

**84.34** *Private Member's motion debated in House and Main Committee*

On 21 February, in accordance with the determinations of the Selection Committee, a private Member's notice of motion on tourism funding was called on. The motion was moved and seconded (the seconder reserving his right to speak). Debate continued until the time allotted by the Selection Committee had expired and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for a later hour that day. At 12.01 pm, the Leader of the House moved, by leave, that the motion be referred to the Main Committee.

At a later hour, debate resumed in the Main Committee until the time allotted expired.

*Note:* In its report (No. 11), the Selection Committee had allocated time for this motion in both the House and the Main Committee.

*Hansard:* 21 February 2011, 583-8, 596, 818-25

*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/308-9, 310, 323

**SOs 1, 34, 41, 70, 183, 222**

**84.35** *Private Member's bill co-sponsored*

In his speech on presentation of the Patent Amendment (Human Gene and Biological Materials) Bill 2010, an Opposition Member noted that, in the House,

the bill was co-sponsored by the coalition and a non-aligned Member. A similar bill introduced into the Senate was co-sponsored by the coalition, an Independent Senator, and the Greens.

*Note:* Standing order 41(c) makes provision for a bill to be presented by a 'Member in whose name the notice stands'. A similar situation occurred in 2003 in relation to the Australian Flags (Desecration of the Flag) Bill 2003. Notice was given by one of the joint presenters, the bill was introduced by that Member and seconded by the other. Senate standing order 76(4) provides for joint presentation of notices.

*Hansard:* 21 February 2011, 581-3  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/308

**SOs 41, 141**

### **84.36**     *Private Member's bill returned to House*

On the motion of a government Member, the private Member's bill – Paid Parental Leave (Reduction of Compliance Burden for Employers) Amendment Bill 2010 – was returned to the House for further consideration.

*Hansard:* 23 February 2011, 1347  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/339

**SO 197**

### **84.37**     *Second reading of Private Member's bill negatived*

During government business time, on the motion (by leave) of the Leader of the House, standing orders were suspended to allow an Opposition Member's private Member's bill to be considered immediately. Following the Member's remarks, the House divided on the question that the bill be read a second time. The question being negatived, the bill was not further considered.

*Note:* Had the House agreed to the second reading of this bill, further consideration could have been accorded priority by the Selection Committee under standing order 41(e).

*Hansard:* 24 February 2011, 1366-71  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/342

**SOs 34, 35, 41, 47, 63, 222**

### **84.38**     *Suspension motion to allow private Member's disallowance motion*

On 1 March, the Leader of the House moved, by leave, to suspend standing orders to call on a notice of motion that had been lodged by a private Member, to disallow the Public Works Committee Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1). The regulations allowed for the National Broadband Network to be exempted from consideration by the Joint Committee of Public Works. The disallowance motion was negatived on division.

*Note:* The onus is on the Government to dispose of disallowance motions in government business time because if they are not considered by the House 15 sitting days after presentation, the instrument is deemed to have been disallowed.

*Hansard:* 1 March 2011, 1871-81  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/370-1

**SOs 41, 46, 106**

**84.39** *One private Member's motion amended by leave, seconded and agreed to; three negatived on the voices; and one adjourned*

On the motion of the Leader of the House, standing and sessional orders were suspended to enable a number of private Members' business items to be reported from the Main Committee and considered immediately (in government business time). When the first order of the day was called on, the sponsoring Member obtained leave to amend the terms of her motion, in the terms previously circulated to Members, before she spoke to it. The Member thanked all those who had spoken on the motion and who had given bipartisan support. With the amendments seconded, the question, as amended, was agreed to.

Three other motions were negatived on the voices, while debate on a further motion was adjourned.

*Hansard:* 3 March 2011, 2195-8  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/390-3

**SOs 41, 63, 110**

## Senate

**84.40** *Senate informs House of its resolution on youth allowance*

The Deputy Speaker reported a message from the Senate informing the House of its resolution relating to the independent youth allowance.

*Note:* In accordance with standing order 261, messages shall be reported to the House, but the House is not obliged to consider a resolution of the Senate.

*Hansard:* 3 March 2011, 2201-2  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2010-11/395

**SOs 258, 261**

## Speaker

**84.41** *Presentation of Address in Reply*

On 22 February, the Speaker informed the House that the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at 5.30 pm on 2 March 2011. The

Speaker invited members of the committee appointed to bring up the Address, and other Members, to accompany him to Government House for the presentation and noted that sitting would be suspended at 5 pm on that day.

On 2 March 2011, the House adjourned at 4.57 pm and the Members for Robertson and Bass, together with other Members, accompanied the Speaker to Government House.

The following day, the Speaker reported to the House the Governor-General's response.

*Hansard*: 22 February 2011, 894; 2 March 2011, 2143; 3 March 2011, 2191  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/327, 385, 389

**SOs 7, 29, 268, 269, 270**

#### 84.42 *Acting Speaker takes the Chair*

On 22 February and 23 February, the Deputy Speaker took the Chair as Acting Speaker, made an acknowledgement of country and read prayers. The Speaker was in attendance later in the day.

*Hansard*: 22 February 2011, 867; 23 February 2011, 1089  
*Votes and Proceedings*: 2010-11/327, 335

**SOs 18, 38**

## Withdrawals

#### 84.43 *Offensive words*

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'I imagine his strategy would simply be to rename Cyclone Yasi—to change it to 'Cyclone Yusuf' and blame it on the Muslims.'	22 February 2011	882
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<i>unrecorded</i>	22 February 2011	908
'...what the grubs opposite are prepared to do when it comes to migration.'	22 February 2011	923
'... members opposite say that I should be embarrassed...'	23 February 2011	1290
'...it is because of your mentality, you cretin...'	23 February 2011	1295-6
'...which led her to tell a barefaced lie...'	28 February 2011	1582



'That is because we have a liar as a Prime Minister.'	28 February 2011	1584
'...the Leader of the Opposition is a political con man...'	1 March 2011	1838
'...who is a political con man...'	1 March 2011	1839
'— that she told a lie to win votes and she broke a promise to form a government.'	1 March 2011	1842-3
'I would like to think that deep within the heart of even this Prime Minister is the desire not to live a lie.'	1 March 2011	1843
'...a political conman...'	1 March 2011	1852
'...the fact that she lied about it...'	1 March 2011	2000
'We know that the member for Tangney is quite supportive of the One Nation policies ...'	1 March 2011	2001
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'[the Australian people] are confident people who are rejecting your race baiting...'	3 March 2011	2275

SOs 89, 90, 92