

Procedural Digest

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Bills

128.01 *Proceedings on the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015*

Debate resumed on the second reading of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015 and after several Members had spoken to the bill, the Minister for the Environment moved that the question be put. The closure motion was agreed on division and the question was put on the second reading. A division was called and there being fewer than five Members voting with the 'Noes' the Deputy Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative. The bill was then considered in detail and opposition amendments were negated on division. With one non-aligned Member recording his dissent, the bill was agreed to and consideration in detail concluded. The bill was then read a third time.

Hansard: 2 June 2015, 5490, 5539-47
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1348-50

SOs 81, 126, 127, 142, 148, 150

128.02 *Attempt to closure debate on bill*

During second reading debate on the Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Measures No. 1) Bill 2015, the Leader of the Opposition spoke to the bill, before moving that the question be put. The closure motion was negated on division and debate on the bill continued.

Hansard: 3 June 2015, 5638-47
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1355-6

SOs 81, 142

128.03 *Main appropriation bill read a second time; consideration in detail made an order of the day for next sitting*

In the Federation Chamber on Wednesday 3 June, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance summed up the second reading debate on Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2015-2016 (debated cognately with four related bills) and the bill was read a second time. The Parliamentary Secretary then moved that the consideration in detail of the bill be made an order of the day for the next sitting and the question was agreed to.

*Hansard: 3 June 2015, 5823
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1359*

SOs 142, 148

128.04 *Closure of debate on bill*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance began to sum up the second reading debate on the Medical Research Future Fund Bill 2015. An opposition Member raised a point of order, claiming that a Member had sought the call to speak to the bill and should be allowed to do so before the summing up. The Parliamentary Secretary then moved that the question be put and the closure motion was agreed on division. The question, that a second reading amendment be agreed to, was accordingly put and negatived and the bill was read a second time.

*Hansard: 4 June 2015, 5884-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1363-4*

SOs 81, 142

Business

128.05 *Rearrangement of business in the House and Federation Chamber to allow for statement by Prime Minister*

On Monday 25 May, the House agreed to suspend standing orders to enable the rearrangement of business in the House and Federation Chamber for the day. The resolution provided for private Members' business in the House to be interrupted at approximately 10.30 am to allow the Prime Minister to make a statement regarding an offer to repatriate the remains of Australians interred at Terendak Cemetery, Malaysia and Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore, and for the Leader of the Opposition to reply. After which, private Members' business would resume and continue until concluded, with provision for deferred divisions and quorums to apply for the duration.

The resolution also provided for the Federation Chamber to meet at approximately 11.10 am, after the conclusion of the Prime Minister's statement and Leader of the Opposition's reply (the Federation Chamber usually meets at

10.30 am on Mondays). It provided for 30 minutes of constituency statements followed by private Members' business as determined by the Selection Committee, until concluded, after which the normal order of business would be followed.

Hansard: 25 May 2015, 4248-9
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1299

SOs 34, 47, 55, 133, 192

128.06 *Remonstrance from Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island*

The Speaker informed the House that she had received a remonstrance passed by the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island requesting that the Parliament 'affirm the rights of the people of Norfolk Island to self-government'. Copies were placed on the table and the full terms were recorded in the Votes and Proceedings and Hansard.

Hansard: 27 May 2015, 4796
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1320-1

128.07 *Statements by indulgence regarding the death of Joan Elizabeth Kirner AC*

Just prior to question time the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each made statements by indulgence on the death of Joan Elizabeth Kirner AC, former Premier of Victoria. As a mark of respect, all Members stood in silence. The Leader of the House, by leave, moved that further statements on the matter be permitted in the Federation Chamber and the question was agreed.

Further statements were made in the Federation Chamber on 4 June.

Hansard: 2 June 2015, 5453-5; 4 June 2015, 5967-84
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1347; 1367

SOs 65, 183

Committees

128.08 *JCPAA endorses appointment of Auditor-General*

The Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit made a statement informing the House that the Committee had unanimously approved the appointment of Mr Grant Hehir as the new Auditor-General. The Chair, by leave, presented a copy of his statement.

Note: The Public Accounts and Audit Committee has the responsibility under the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951* to approve or reject a proposed recommendation for appointment to the office of Auditor-General. The Committee is also required to report its decision to parliament.

Hansard: 25 May 2015, 4284
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1302

SOs 63, 199

128.09 *Reference to joint committee*

The Assistant Treasurer moved that the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services inquire into a number of matters relating to the impairment of customer loans, for report by 31 March 2016. The question was agreed on the voices. The Speaker noted that it was good to see the House referring a matter to the joint committee.

Hansard: 4 June 2015, 5848
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1362-3

SO 224

Documents

128.10 *Updated ministry list presented*

Just prior to question time, the Prime Minister presented a revised ministry list.

Hansard: 28 May 2015, P52
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/P1331

SO 199

Members

128.11 *Member granted leave of absence for parental leave*

A non-aligned Member moved that leave of absence be given to another non-aligned Member for the current period of sittings for parental leave. The question was carried on the voices.

Hansard: 28 May 2015, 5045
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1331

SO 26

Motions

128.12 Condolence motion for former Member, the Hon. Leslie Royston Johnson AM

Prior to question time, the Prime Minister moved a motion of condolence regarding the death of the Honourable Leslie Royston Johnson, a former Member for Hughes, Minister and Deputy Speaker. The motion was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and all Members present rose in silence as a mark of respect. Debate was adjourned and the resumption of debate was referred to the Federation Chamber.

The motion was debated in the Federation Chamber on 4 June.

*Hansard: 27 May 2015, 4778-80; 4 June 2015, 5964-7
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1320; 1367*

SOs 49, 183

Private Members' Business

128.13 Introduction of private Member's bill postponed in sponsor's absence

During private Members' business, a notice for the presentation of the Foreign Death Penalty Offences (Preventing Information Disclosure) Bill 2015 was called on. A non-aligned Member, in the absence of the bill's sponsor, and at his request, fixed the next sitting Monday for the presentation of the bill.

*Hansard: 25 May 2015, 4256
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1300*

SOs 41, 113, 139

128.14 Member speaks twice on private Member's motion

During debate on an opposition Member's motion regarding the death penalty, a government Member, having earlier seconded and spoken to the motion, was granted leave to speak a second time.

*Hansard: 25 May 2015, 4276, 4283
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1301*

SOs 41, 63

Questions

128.15 Question ruled out of order

During question time an opposition Member asked the Prime Minister a question regarding the budget and the Liberal Party's views on a particular modelling consultant. Following a point of order by the Manager of Opposition Business, the Speaker ruled the question out of order and called on the next questioner.

Hansard: 26 May 2015, 4523-4

SOs 86, 98, 100

128.16 Question ruled out of order

During question time an opposition Member asked the Minister representing the Attorney-General a question regarding how the government would respond to a particular scenario involving a terrorist threat. The Speaker ruled that the question was hypothetical and therefore out of order.

Hansard: 28 May 2015, 5063

SOs 98, 100

128.17 Question ruled out of order — Dissent from ruling moved

During question time an opposition Member asked the Prime Minister a question concerning the alleged interference by a Minister in a court case. The Speaker ruled the question out of order. The Leader of the House noted that the question was about a period of time in which the Member concerned was not a Minister and the Speaker advised that the question was outside the Prime Minister's area of responsibility. The opposition Member and the Manager of Opposition Business sought to make several points of order but the Speaker did not allow them as she believed they were seeking to disrupt proceedings. The Manager of Opposition Business then moved that the Speaker's ruling be dissented from because she had ruled the question out of order before the question was completed.

Following debate, the Leader of the House moved that the question be put and the closure motion was agreed on the voices. The dissent motion was then negatived on division.

Hansard: 1 June 2015, 5219-29

Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1338-9

SOs 81, 86, 87, 98, 100

128.18 *Minister corrects answer to question without notice*

Following question time on 4 June the Minister for Foreign Affairs corrected an answer she had given during question time on 28 May regarding whether certain correspondence had been provided to the inquiry into the Martin Place siege. She presented a related document.

Hansard: 4 June 2015, 5927
Votes and Proceedings: 2015/1365

SOs 65, 199

Speaker**128.19** *Question to the Speaker regarding photography in the Chamber*

After question time, the Manager of Opposition Business asked the Speaker to review the official broadcast of proceedings as it appeared that a Member had taken a photograph in the Chamber during question time. The Member concerned then made a personal explanation, claiming that he had not taken a photograph. The following day, the Speaker said that there was no evidence of a photograph having been taken but reminded Members that photography in the Chamber was not permitted.

Hansard: 2 June 2015, 5473; 3 June 2015, 5717

SOs 68, 103

Withdrawals**128.20** *Offensive words*

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