

Procedural Digest

No. 111

12–21 November 2013

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Bills

111.01 Prime Minister introduces bill

On Wednesday 13 November, the Prime Minister introduced the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill and to related bills, and made a second reading speech. Eleven related bills were then introduced by other Ministers.

Note: While allowed by the standing orders, it is relatively rare for a Prime Minister to introduce a bill (*see* entry **108.02** for a previous occurrence).

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 74-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/44-5

SOs 141, 142

111.02 Suspension of standing orders — Introduction and passage of bill — Extended sitting

On Wednesday 13 November, the Leader of the House sought leave to move a motion to suspend standing and sessional orders to facilitate the introduction and passage of the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013. Leave was not granted and the Leader of the House proceeded to move the motion without leave.

The motion provided for the withdrawal of a separate notice of motion relating to the passage of the bill, and for the bill to proceed through all stages that day, applied time limits to the stages of the bill's consideration and restrictions on questions to be put.

Following debate, the motion was agreed to by an absolute majority on division and the bill was introduced. Debate resumed on the bill immediately, and was interrupted at 7 p.m. for summing-up in accordance with the terms of the resolution. The second reading was carried on the voices, a message from the Governor-General was announced and the bill was then considered in detail. Following debate, an Opposition amendment was negatived on division, and the bill was then agreed to and read a third time on the voices.

In accordance with the resolution, proceedings were not interrupted at 7.30 p.m. for the automatic adjournment, continuing until approximately 8.10 p.m.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 192-226
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/73-5

SOs 31, 34, 47, 138, 141, 142, 148, 150, 155

111.03 *Amendment moved to second reading amendment*

On Thursday 21 November, during debate on the second readings of the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and ten related bills (*see* entry **111.15**) and on a second reading amendment to the main bill (which had been moved at an earlier sitting by an Opposition Member), the Australian Greens Member moved an amendment to the proposed second reading amendment. The amendment was seconded and debate continued on the question that the amendment moved to the proposed second reading amendment be agreed to.

The House divided on the amendment to the proposed second reading amendment and, with only two Members voting aye, the Speaker declared the question negatived. The second reading amendment was then negatived on the voices, and the second readings of the bills were agreed to on division (*see* entry **111.04** for further proceedings).

Note: Prior to June 2011, questions on second reading amendments were put in the form: "That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question". This generally enabled Members to remain on their own side of the Chamber during a division on the question, but when stated in this form further amendments could not be moved. Questions on most types of amendments are now put in the form: "That the amendment(s) be agreed to".

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1007-15
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/132-3

SOs 121, 122, 124, 127, 145

111.04 *Proposed amendment ruled out of order – Dissent motion moved and negatived*

Immediately prior to consideration in detail of the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and ten related bills (*see* entries **111.15** and **111.03**) on 21 November, the Speaker made a statement concerning proposed amendments to the main bill which had been circulated by an Opposition Member. The Speaker ruled that the amendments could be argued to constitute the initiation of a proposal to impose, increase or change the scope of a charge, contrary to standing order 179(a), and that they could increase or extend the scope of the charge proposed beyond the total already existing under any Act of Parliament, contrary to standing order 179(b).

Following several points of order from both sides of the House, the Manager of Opposition Business moved that the Speaker's ruling be dissented from. After the

mover and seconder had spoken, the Leader of the House spoke to the motion and moved that the question be now put. The question was carried on division, and the question that the Speaker's ruling be dissented from was then negatived on a subsequent division.

The bills were then considered in detail without any amendments being moved and, later, were agreed to and read a third time.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1016-29
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/133-5

SOs 81, 86, 87, 148, 179

Business

111.05 *Ministerial arrangements*

When Members returned from hearing the Governor-General's speech in the Senate Chamber on 12 November (*see* entry **111.35**), the Prime Minister informed the House of ministerial arrangements and the appointment of Government whips. The Leader of the Opposition also announced the shadow ministry and the Leader of the Nationals announced parliamentary party arrangements.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 13-7
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/8-9

SO 6

111.06 *Governor-General's speech reported and Address-in-Reply Committee appointed*

The Speaker reported the Governor-General's speech to the House. The House agreed to a motion by the Prime Minister to appoint an Address-in-Reply Committee (*and see* entry **111.11**).

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 17-25
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/9

SO 6

111.07 *Condolence motion for former Member*

Following the election of Deputy Speaker and Second Deputy Speaker, the Prime Minister moved a motion of condolence regarding the death of the Honourable David Scott Thomson MC, a former Minister and Member for the electoral division of Leichhardt. The Deputy Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and other Members addressed the House in support of the Prime Minister's motion. Members rose as a mark of respect and debate was adjourned. On a motion by the Leader of the House, resumption of debate on the condolence motion was referred to the Federation Chamber.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 31-6
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/10

SO 49

111.08 *Statements by indulgence regarding the Philippines and Afghanistan*

Following a condolence motion, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements by indulgence regarding a typhoon in the Philippines and Australia's military presence in Afghanistan, and presented documents relating to the latter.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 36-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/10

SO 65

111.09 *Proposed sitting program agreed to*

The Leader of the House presented the proposed program of sittings for the remainder of 2013 and moved, by leave, that it be agreed to. The question was agreed to on the voices.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 39
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/11

SOs 29, 63, 125, 199

111.10 *Attempt to suspend standing orders to require explanation by Minister*

After prayers on Wednesday 13 November, the Manager of Opposition Business sought leave to move a motion to allow the House to note commitments made by the Government and to require the Immigration Minister to attend and give an explanation to the House. Leave was not granted. He then moved to suspend standing orders to allow him to move the motion. After the motion had been outlined to the House, the Leader of the House moved that the Member be no longer heard, which was carried on division. After an Opposition Member seconded the motion, the Speaker read the terms of the motion to the House on request by the Manager of Opposition Business. The Leader of the House began speaking to the motion, and was interrupted by a point of order and subsequent motion of dissent in the Speaker's ruling. Following proceedings on the dissent motion (*see* entry **111.43**), the time for debate on the suspension motion had expired, and the motion was negatived on division.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 59-74
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/39-44

SOs 47, 63, 67

111.11 *Presentation of Address in Reply to House*

The Address prepared by the committee appointed on 12 November (*see* entry **111.06**) was presented to the House on 13 November. The member of the committee who presented the address moved 'That the Address be agreed to' and

made his first speech. Another member of the committee seconded the motion and made her first speech, and debate continued.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 125-35
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/65

SOs 6, 116

111.12 *Member announces retirement by indulgence*

Prior to the adjournment of the House on Wednesday 13 November, the Member for Griffith and former Prime Minister announced, by indulgence, his intention to retire at the end of the week. The Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and other Members also made statements by indulgence regarding the Member's announcement.

The Manager of Opposition Business then moved, by leave, that further statements by indulgence be permitted in the Federation Chamber. The motion was seconded by the Leader of the House and agreed to.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 227-39
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/76

SO 1

111.13 *Ministerial statement made during government business time*

Between the introduction of bills during government business time on Thursday 14 November, the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development made, by leave, a ministerial statement regarding the Government's aviation safety regulation review, and presented copies of his statement and the terms of reference for the review. Standing orders were then suspended to allow the Shadow Minister to speak in reply for a period not exceeding that of the ministerial statement (8½ minutes), and he addressed the House.

Note: Pursuant to standing order 34, ministerial statements are usually made between question time and the resumption of government business.

Hansard: 14 November 2013, 277-81
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/81

SOs 34, 47, 63, 199

111.14 *Motion to suspend standing orders during question time — MPI disposed of by motion to call on business of the day*

During question time on 14 November, the Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move a motion concerning the Government's actions in respect of asylum seekers. Leave was not granted. The Leader of the Opposition then moved, without notice, a suspension of standing orders to enable him to move the motion. The motion was debated and negatived on division and question time concluded.

Later, when the discussion of a matter of public importance was called on, the Leader of the House moved that the business of the day be called on. The motion was agreed to on division.

Hansard: 14 November 2013, 338-49
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/83-6

SOs 46, 47

111.15 *'Debate management motion' for consideration of bills*

On Monday 18 November the Leader of the House moved, pursuant to notice, a motion to suspend standing and sessional orders to modify the usual proceedings for the consideration of the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and ten related bills.

The motion provided for a concurrent second reading debate on the eleven bills, and set a deadline of 12 noon on Thursday 21 November for the conclusion of the debate. The motion also prescribed the number of questions to be put on the second readings of the bills including second reading amendments, on consideration in detail amendments, and those put on the remaining stages of the bills. The motion set a 60 minute limit on the consideration in detail debate, with the bills taken together.

Following debate, the motion was carried on division and the second reading debate on the bills commenced.

Hansard: 18 November 2013, 402-8
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/91-3

SOs 47, 142, 145, 148, 150, 155, 180

111.16 *Statements by indulgence regarding Indonesia and White Ribbon Day*

Prior to question time on Tuesday 19 November, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements by indulgence regarding Australia's intelligence operations in respect of Indonesia and the 10th anniversary of White Ribbon Day.

Hansard: 19 November 2013, 640-3

SO 65

111.17 *'Debate management motion' for consideration of bill*

On Tuesday 19 November the Leader of the House moved, pursuant to notice, a motion to suspend standing and sessional orders in order to modify the usual proceedings for the consideration of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013.

The motion set a deadline of 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20 November for the Minister to be called to sum-up the second reading debate, followed by the

putting of any questions required to complete the second reading stage. The motion also set a 60 minute limit on the consideration in detail debate and prescribed the number of questions to be put on consideration in detail amendments, and on the remaining stages of the bill.

The Manager of Opposition Business spoke to the motion, after which the Leader of the House moved that the question be put. The motion was carried on division and the debate management motion was then carried on a subsequent division. Debate on the bill commenced later in the sitting.

Hansard: 19 November 2013, 673-9
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/100-2

SOs 47, 142, 145, 148, 150, 155

111.18 *Prime Ministerial statement made during government business time*

Between items of business during government business time on Wednesday 20 November, the Prime Minister made, by leave, a ministerial statement regarding Australia's intelligence operations in respect of Indonesia. The Leader of the Opposition also made a statement on the matter, by leave.

Note: Pursuant to standing order 34, ministerial statements are usually made between question time and the resumption of government business. Following a statement, standing orders are usually suspended to provide for equal time for a response by the Opposition spokesperson.

Hansard: 20 November 2013, 892-3
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/110

SOs 34, 63

111.19 *Statements by leave regarding Indonesia*

Prior to question time on 21 November, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements, by leave, regarding Australia's relationship with Indonesia.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1040-1

SOs 63, 65

111.20 *MPI disposed of by motion to call on business of the day*

Following question time on 21 November, when the discussion of a matter of public importance was called on, the Leader of the House moved that the business of the day be called on. The motion was agreed to on division, and the House resumed debate on the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) package of legislation, which was subject to a resolution governing its passage (*see* entry **111.15**).

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1061-2
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/136-8

SO 46

Chamber

111.21 Question to the Speaker regarding area of Members' seats

During a division on Wednesday 13 November, the Manager of Opposition Business asked the Speaker whether the Serjeant-at-Arms' chair was considered part of the area of Members' seats for the purposes of voting in a division. The Speaker, referring to standing orders 2, 128 and 129, responded that the definition of the area of Members' seats specifically includes the seat where the Serjeant-at-Arms usually sits.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 72

SOs 2, 128, 129

Committees

111.22 Resolutions to appoint seven joint standing committees

During the second sitting week of the 44th Parliament, the House resolved to appoint joint standing committees on:

- Electoral Matters,
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade,
- Migration,
- the National Capital and External Territories,
- the National Disability Insurance Scheme,
- the Parliamentary Library and
- Treaties—

with each resolution also requesting the concurrence of the Senate.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 953-64
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/113-23

SO 224

111.23 Resolutions on powers and proceedings of four joint statutory committees

During the second sitting week of the 44th Parliament, the House agreed to resolutions in relation to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights and the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement. Each resolution provided for a message to be sent to the Senate to request its concurrence.

Note: The enabling Act of each committee requires a joint resolution of both Houses relating to the powers and proceedings of the committee.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 964-9
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/123-7

111.24 *Resolutions to appoint two joint select committees*

On separate motions by the Leader of the House, the House resolved to appoint a Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and a Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia. As well as providing terms of reference and operating parameters, the resolutions specified the membership of each committee, the dates for presentation of their final reports and for messages to be sent to the Senate requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Note: A Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was appointed in the 43rd Parliament, but it had not presented its final report when the Parliament was prorogued and the House of Representatives dissolved for the general election.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 969-73
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/127-30

SOs 223, 224

Debate

111.25 *Minister speaks on indulgence during adjournment debate*

On Monday 18 November, a Minister spoke on indulgence regarding the death of his mother, as the final speaker in the adjournment debate.

Hansard: 18 November 2013, 543-4

SO 31

111.26 *Members speak to private Member's motion twice, by leave*

During debate on a private Member's motion in the Federation Chamber on 18 November, the mover of the motion and another Member who had already spoken to the motion both spoke to the motion a second time, by leave.

Hansard: 18 November 2013, 569
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/97

SOs 41, 63, 69

111.27 *Member granted extension of time for speech*

On 18 November, during further statements by indulgence in the Federation Chamber on the retirement of a Member, an Opposition Member was granted an extension of time, by leave, after the 10 minutes he had been allotted expired.

Note: The usual process for the granting of an extension is that another Member moves that the Member whose speech is interrupted (because the allotted time has expired) be granted an extension of time. If the motion is carried then the speech can continue for up to 10 minutes or half the original period allotted, whichever is shorter.

Further note: A recent amendment to the standing orders had placed a 10 minute time limit on further statements by indulgence referred to the Federation Chamber (following referral from the House). These were previously at the discretion of the Chair.

Hansard: 18 November 2013, 598

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/98

SOs 1, 63

Federation Chamber

111.28 *Federation Chamber meets for extended constituency statements*

When the Federation Chamber met on Wednesday 20 November, the Deputy Speaker advised that if there was no objection, constituency statements would be extended by approximately 30 minutes. Accordingly, 20 constituency statements were made before the Federation Chamber adjourned at 10.32 a.m.

Note: The standing orders provide for a 30 minute period of Members' constituency statements each day that the Federation Chamber meets. No other business was listed on the program for the Federation Chamber.

Hansard: 20 November 2013, 929-45

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/112

SOs 192, 193

111.29 *Federation Chamber meets for constituency statements and extended adjournment debate*

Following constituency statements on 21 November, a Member moved that the Federation Chamber immediately adjourn, and the adjournment debate continued for approximately one hour and 30 minutes.

Note: Meeting times of the Federation Chamber are approximate and unlike the House there is no automatic adjournment provision. There was no other business listed on the program for the Federation Chamber.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1096-1118

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/140

SOs 190, 191, 192, 193

Members

111.30 *Minister answers question prior to making first speech and presenting bills*

On 13 November, a newly-elected Member and Minister responded to a question during question time.

The following day, the Minister made his first speech on the Address-in-Reply debate and, shortly afterwards, introduced three bills.

Note: Contributions by newly elected Members in their capacity as Ministers or shadow Ministers are not considered to be 'first speeches'.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 155-6; 14 November 2013, 245-51, 257-62
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/79-80

SOs 76, 141, 142

Opening of Parliament

111.31 *Opening of 44th Parliament*

The 43rd Parliament was prorogued and the House of Representatives dissolved on 5 August 2013 and a general election held on 7 September 2013. In accordance with the Governor-General's proclamation, Senators and Members assembled in Parliament House at 10.30 a.m. on 12 November 2013.

As Deputy of the Governor-General, the Chief Justice of the High Court (The Hon. Robert Shenton French AC) declared open the Parliament in the Senate Chamber, Members having proceeded there on request delivered by the Usher of the Black Rod. Members returned to the House of Representatives Chamber after being instructed to elect a Speaker (in accordance with the Constitution).

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 1
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/1-2

SO 4

111.32 *Returns to writs for general election*

Following the opening of Parliament on 12 November (*see* entry **111.31**), the Clerk presented the returns to writs for the general election on 7 November 2013.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 2
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/2-6

SO 4

111.33 *Members sworn*

After the returns to writs had been presented on 12 November (*see* entry **111.32**), the Deputy of the Governor-General, the Chief Justice of the High Court (The

Hon. Robert Shenton French AC), administered the making and subscription of the oath or affirmation of allegiance by the 150 Members elected.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 2-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/2-6

SO 4

111.34 *Presentation of Speaker*

After her election as Speaker on 12 November (*see* entry **111.41**), the Speaker, accompanied by Members, presented herself to the Governor-General in the Members' Hall at 2.30 p.m. The Governor-General handed the Speaker an authority to administer to Members the oath or affirmation of allegiance. The Speaker laid the authority on the Table when she resumed the Chair.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 12
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/7

SO 4

111.35 *Governor-General's speech*

On 12 November, after the Usher of the Black Rod had delivered a message that the Governor-General desired the attendance of Members in the Senate Chamber, Members proceeded to the Senate Chamber to hear the Governor-General's opening speech. Members returned to the House of Representatives Chamber after the speech.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 13
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/7

SOs 5, 6

Parliamentary administration

111.36 *Appointment of Registrar of Members' Interests*

The Speaker informed the House that in accordance with resolution (3) of the House of Representatives she had appointed Mr David Elder, Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives, as Registrar of Members' Interests in the 44th Parliament.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 18
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/9

111.37 *Question to Speaker regarding copies of Hansard*

Following question time, the Treasurer asked the Speaker whether, in light of advice that the proof *Hansard* would no longer be provided in hardcopy, a small number of copies could be printed and made available in the Chamber for Members' use. The Speaker responded that she would consider the request.

After prayers the following day, the Speaker advised that she had arranged for six copies of the proof *Hansard* to be placed in the Chamber each day for the use of Members.

Hansard: 20 November 2013, 838; 21 November 2013, 947

SOs 65, 103

Private Members' business

111.38 *Suspension of standing orders – Selection Committee determinations*

On Thursday 14 November, the Leader of the House moved a suspension of standing and sessional orders to allow the Selection Committee to meet on or after that day to make determinations in respect of private Members' and committee and delegation business for the following sitting Monday, and its determinations to be shown in the *Notice Paper* for that Monday. The motion also provided for the determinations to be made by the Speaker, Chief Government Whip and Chief Opposition Whip in the absence of a fully constituted Committee. The motion was agreed to on the voices.

The same motion was moved and agreed to on Wednesday the following week, to make determinations for Monday 2 December.

Note: The suspension motions were necessary because standing orders require the Selection Committee to report its determinations to the House in time to be published on the *Notice Paper* of the sitting Thursday before the Monday to which the determinations relate.

Hansard: 14 November 2013, 292; 20 November 2013, 763

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/82, 106-7

SOs 1, 39, 40, 41, 47, 222

Questions

111.39 *Question without notice disallowed*

During question time on Wednesday 20 November, the Speaker ruled that a question asked by an Opposition Member to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection was out of order and invited the Member to rephrase the question. The Member did not seek to rephrase his question and the Speaker gave the call to the next questioner.

Hansard: 20 November 2013, 823-4

SOs 98, 100, 101

111.40 *Minister corrects answer given during question time*

Prior to the adjournment debate on Thursday 21 November, the Minister for Health, by indulgence, corrected an answer he had given during question time that day.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1078

SOs 65, 104

Speaker

111.41 *Election of Speaker*

After Members had been sworn in following the opening of the 44th Parliament on 12 November, the Clerk called for nominations for the office of Speaker. The Prime Minister and the Leader of the House proposed and seconded a motion for the Member for Mackellar, the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop to take the Chair, and Mrs Bishop accepted the nomination. Two Opposition Members proposed and seconded a motion for Member for McEwen, Mr Robert Mitchell to take the Chair, and Mr Mitchell accepted the nomination.

A ballot was held which resulted in 93 votes for Mrs Bishop and 56 votes for Mr Mitchell. Mrs Bishop was declared elected as Speaker and the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and other Members made statements to congratulate her.

Note: During the nomination, the movers and seconders both spoke in support of the nominees.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 6-12

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/6-7

SOs 4, 10, 11, 12, 15

111.42 *Election of Deputy Speaker and Second Deputy Speaker*

Later, on the first sitting of the 44th Parliament on 12 November, a ballot was held for the election of Deputy Speaker and Second Deputy Speaker. The Member for Maranoa, Mr Bruce Scott, had 91 votes and the Member for McEwen, Mr Robert Mitchell, had 56. The former was elected Deputy Speaker and the latter Second Deputy Speaker. The Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Nationals and other Members congratulated them.

Hansard: 12 November 2013, 25-30

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/10

SOs 13, 14

111.43 *Dissent from Speaker's ruling moved and negatived*

During debate on a motion to suspend standing orders (*see* entry **111.10**) on Wednesday 13 November, the Manager of Opposition Business raised a point of order regarding a term used by the Leader of the House in reference to the Leader

of the Opposition. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order, and the Manager of Opposition Business moved that the Speaker's ruling be dissented from. When the seconder began to speak, the Leader of the House moved a 'closure' which was carried on division. The Leader of the House moved that the question be now put, which was also carried on division, and the question that the Speaker's ruling be dissented from then was negatived on a further division.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 64-72

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/40-3

SOs 64, 80, 81, 86, 87, 89, 90

111.44 *Appointment of Speaker's panel*

Following question time on the 3rd sitting of the 44th Parliament the Speaker presented a warrant appointing Mrs Griggs (Solomon), Mr C Kelly (Hughes), Mr Vasta (Bonner) and Mr Whiteley (Braddon) to the Speaker's panel.

On the next sitting day the Speaker presented a further warrant appointing Mr Broadbent (McMillan), Mr Goodenough (Moore) and Mr Porter (Pearce) to the Speaker's panel.

Hansard: 14 November 2013, 347; 18 November 2013, 379

Votes and Proceedings: 2013/85, 90

SO 17

111.45 *Question to the Speaker regarding use of Twitter*

Following proceedings on a dissent motion (*see* entry **111.04**) on Thursday 21 November, the Leader of the House raised a point of order to advise the Speaker that two Members had, on social media, reflected on the impartiality of the Chair. He asked the Speaker to consider whether this was disorderly conduct and whether any action should be taken.

The Speaker responded that while the use of electronic media was permitted in the Chamber, the same rules apply as for speaking in the House. On a subsequent point of order, one of the Members concerned apologised for his actions. Later in the sitting, the Speaker reported to the House that the matter had been resolved to her satisfaction.

Hansard: 21 November 2013, 1029-31, 1040

SOs 89, 91, 92, 103

Standing orders

111.46 *Amendments to standing orders and new resolution*

During government business time on 13 November, the Leader of the House sought leave to amend his notice of motion to amend the standing orders. Leave was not granted, and he moved the motion as it appeared on the *Notice Paper*. The amendments proposed included changes to meeting times, speaking times, the

orders of business for the House and Federation Chamber, procedures concerning question time and private Members' business, the structure and operation of committees, interventions, and the movement of business between the House and Federation Chamber. The motion also included a proposed resolution on procedures for dealing with committee witnesses.

Debate ensued, and the Greens Member moved four amendments to the motion. Following further debate, Leader of the House moved that the question be put, which was agreed to on division. The question on the amendments was then negatived on division. The Leader of the House then moved that the (original) question be put, which was agreed to on division, and the amendments to the standing orders and the proposed new resolution were agreed to on the subsequent division.

The following day, the Leader of the House moved, pursuant to notice, amendments to standing order 215. The amendments changed the names and membership provisions of general purpose House standing committees, and were agreed to on the voices.

Hansard: 13 November 2013, 90-125; 14 November 2013, 292-3
Votes and Proceedings: 2013/47-65, 82-3

SOs 1, 13, 29, 34, 39, 41, 45, 55, 66A, 68, 101, 133, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 146, 155, 183, 192, 197, 198, 215, 222, 227, 229, 232, 235, 257

Withdrawals

111.47 *Offensive words*

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