

Procedural Digest

No. 137*15 – 17 March 2016*

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Bills

137.01 *Leave not granted for Minister to move certain amendments together; opposition moved identical amendments*

At the conclusion of debate on the second reading of the Treasury Legislation Amendment (Repeal Day 2015) Bill 2015 the question was put on a second reading amendment moved at a previous sitting by an opposition Member (Dr Chalmers) and negatived on division. The question that the bill be read a second time was then put and carried on division. The House proceeded to consider the bill in detail and the bill, by leave, was taken as a whole. The Minister for Human Services (Mr Tudge) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill and sought leave of the House to move certain government amendments, as circulated, together. Leave was not granted. The Member for Rankin (Dr Chalmers) then sought, and was granted, leave to move certain opposition amendments together, as circulated, and debate ensued. The question on the amendments was put and carried on the voices. The bill, as amended, was agreed to and consideration in detail concluded. An assistant minister then, by leave, moved the motion for the third reading which was carried on the voices and the bill was read a third time.

*Hansard: 16 March 2016, 3301-4
Votes and Proceedings: 2016/1996-8*

SOs 63, 142, 145, 148, 150

137.02 *House awaits return of bill from Senate; standing orders suspended to extend sitting*

After question time on Thursday 17 March, the Leader of the House, by leave, moved that standing orders 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and 33 (limit on business after normal time of adjournment) be suspended for the sitting. The question was agreed to on the voices. He then advised that, due to proceedings in the Senate, he expected that the House would suspend that evening and resume the following day. The House continued to sit until 7.14 p.m., when the Speaker left the Chair.

At 3.06 p.m. on Friday 18 March, the Speaker resumed the Chair. A message from the Senate was reported returning the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 with amendments. The amendments were considered immediately. The Prime Minister moved that the amendments be agreed to and the question was carried on division. On the motion of the Leader of the House, the House adjourned at 3.32 p.m.

Hansard: 17 and 18 March 2016, 3534-5, 3590-9

Votes and Proceedings: 2016/2010, 2012-3

SOs 31, 33, 47, 158

Business

137.03 Early adjournment moved by assistant minister; extended adjournment debate

On Tuesday 15 March, at approximately 8.52 p.m., the House having just concluded proceedings on a bill and there being only eight minutes before the Chair was scheduled to interrupt proceedings and propose the adjournment in accordance with standing order 31, an assistant minister moved that the House do now adjourn. An extended adjournment debate then ensued until the House adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

The Speaker interrupts proceedings to propose the question 'That the House do now adjourn' at 9.00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Standing order 32 provides that a minister may move adjournment otherwise without notice, and no amendment may be moved to the motion.

Hansard: 15 March 2016, 3220

Votes and Proceedings: 2016/1987

SOs 29, 31, 32

Committees

137.04 Statement by Chair of Public Accounts Committee regarding appointment of Parliamentary Budget Officer

On 17 March, the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (Mr Macfarlane) informed the House that the committee had approved the proposal by the Presiding Officers that Mr Phil Bowen be reappointed as Parliamentary Budget Officer for a further term of 12 months, commencing on 23 July 2016.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer is appointed by the Presiding Officers, for a term of 4 years and is eligible for reappointment, but must not hold office for a total of more than 8 years. The Parliamentary Service Act 1999 provides that the Presiding Officers must not make an appointment unless the proposed appointment has been referred to, and approved by, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.

Hansard: 17 March 2016, 3492-3

Votes and Proceedings: 2016/2008

Members

137.05 *Sitting suspended for official photograph of Members of the 44th Parliament*

On Tuesday 15 March, the sitting was suspended from 1.51 p.m. to 1.56 p.m. to enable an official photograph of Members of the 44th Parliament to be taken in the House of Representatives Chamber.

Hansard: 15 March 2016, 3124
Votes and Proceedings: 2016/1985

137.06 *Valedictory remarks by Members not recontesting the next election*

Throughout the sitting on 17 March, certain Members who had announced they would not be recontesting the next election made valedictory remarks. The Members for Groom (Mr Macfarlane) and Boothby (Dr Southcott) made valedictory remarks during the second reading debate on the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2016. Later that afternoon, during the second reading debate on the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Interest Charge) Bill 2016, the Members for Dunkley (Mr Billson), Brisbane (Ms Gambaro), Brand (Mr Gray), Calare (Mr Cobb) and Fisher (Mr Brough) made valedictory remarks.

Hansard: 17 March 2016, 3470-2, 3485-91, 3555-75, 3577-88

Offensive words¹

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'I heard, thank you, moron.'	15 March 2016	3134-5
'It would be unparliamentary for me to refer to her as the 'bleater from Bendigo,' so I shan't.'	16 March 2016	3392

SOs 89, 90, 92

¹ List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.