

Procedural Digest

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46th Parliament

29 – 31 March 2022

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Bills

28.01 Supply bills introduced and pass all stages

Before the presentation of the Budget on Tuesday, 29 March, three supply bills were introduced, each preceded by a message from the Governor-General recommending appropriation: Supply Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023, Supply Bill (No. 2) 2022-2023 and Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023. After the introduction of each bill, debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate, by leave, was made an order of the day for a later hour. Debate then resumed on the bills in cognate and one opposition member spoke. Later in the day, each of the supply bills was called on and passed all stages on the voices.

These bills provide for five-twelfths of the 2022-2023 appropriations—that is, they provide appropriation for the first five months of the financial year. They ensure continuity of normal government business in the event that the House of Representatives is dissolved before the Budget bills have passed.

Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1111-4; 1150-1
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2521-2, 2524

SOs 63, 142

28.02 Presentation of 2022-2023 Budget

On the afternoon of 29 March, the House agreed to suspend standing orders relating to the automatic adjournment of the House and the limit on new business after the normal time of adjournment to allow for the presentation of the budget (and for the budget reply).

Following a suspension of sitting from 5.59pm to 7.30pm, the Speaker reported a message from the Governor-General recommending an appropriation for the purposes of Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023. The Treasurer then presented the bill, moved the second reading and delivered the budget speech. Debate was adjourned and the Assistant Treasurer presented budget-related documents. [\[Watch\]](#)

The Assistant Treasurer then presented Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2022-2023 and Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023. Before each of the bills was introduced, the Speaker announced receipt of a message from the Governor-General recommending appropriation.

The House then adjourned at 8.16pm.

Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1157-65
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2525-6

SOs 32, 142, 178, 180, 199

28.03 Cost of living bills introduced and pass all stages; rescission of resolution

On Wednesday, 30 March, the Assistant Treasurer presented the Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living Support and Other Measures) Bill 2022. After the second reading speech, debate on the bill was adjourned to the next sitting. The Assistant Treasurer then presented the Excise Tariff Amendment (Cost of Living Support) Bill 2022 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Cost of Living Support) Bill 2022. In both cases, following the second reading speech, leave was granted for the debate to be adjourned to a later hour that day.

Later, a minister moved that standing orders be suspended to allow the resolution fixing the resumption of debate on the Treasury Laws Amendment (Cost of Living Support and Other Measures) Bill 2022 for the next sitting to be rescinded and for the debate to instead be adjourned to a later hour that day. Each of the three bills was then called on and, in turn, passed all stages on the voices.

In accordance with standing order 142, debate on a bill is normally adjourned to a future sitting following the minister's second reading speech.

*Hansard: 30 March 2022, 1173-5; 1198-209
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2539-40, 2543*

SOs 47, 63, 142

28.04 Senate road vehicle standard bill introduced and passes all stages

On Thursday 31 March, the Road Vehicle Standards (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022 was received from the Senate and read a first time. The Deputy Prime Minister moved the second reading and made the second reading speech. Leave was then granted for the second reading debate to continue immediately. After the shadow minister contributed to the debate, the Deputy Prime Minister was granted leave to move the third reading of the bill. The bill was then read a third time.

*Hansard: 30 March 2022, 1383-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2552*

SOs 63, 141, 142, 155, 166

28.05 Ministerial statements

On 31 March, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development made a ministerial statement, by leave, regarding rural and regional budget outcomes. The shadow minister then spoke in reply. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard: 31 March 2022, 1458-65
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2554*

SOs 63, 63A

28.06 Leader of the Opposition's budget reply speech

In accordance with normal practice, the Leader of the Opposition gave his budget reply speech on 31 March. Following a suspension of sitting from 5.55pm to 7.30pm, the second reading debate on Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2022-2023 was called on and the Leader of the Opposition addressed the House. The House then adjourned at 8.09pm. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard: 31 March 2022, 1510-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2559*

SO 142

Business

28.07 Statements on floods and Ukraine

Before question time on 29 March, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition both made statements, by indulgence of the Chair, on the floods in New South Wales and Queensland. They then made statements by indulgence on the conflict in Ukraine. In both cases, the House agreed to allow further statements in the Federation Chamber. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1122-6
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2522*

28.08 Statements on the deaths of prominent Australians

On 31 March, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition made statements by indulgence of the Chair in relation to the deaths of former Australian international cricketer, Mr Shane Warne, and senior public servant, Mr David Irvine AO.

Hansard: 31 March 2022, 1479-80; 1492-3

28.09 Suspension of standing orders to allow five-minute statements and suspension of sitting before address by President of Ukraine

On 31 March, by leave, a minister moved to suspend standing orders to allow for five-minute statements by members and a suspension of the House at 5pm that day. The question was carried on the voices. Several members proceeded to make statements on matters of their choosing. A number of members used the opportunity to present (by leave) and speak to committee reports. The House then suspended, at 5pm, to allow preparations to be made for an address by the President of Ukraine.

*Hansard: 31 March 2022, 1505-7
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2558*

SOs 39, 47

28.10 Address by President of Ukraine

In accordance with a resolution of the House agreed the previous day, the President of Ukraine made an address to members and senators in the House of Representatives, by video facility, on 31 March.

Following a suspension of sitting from 5pm to 5.30pm, the Speaker, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition made welcoming remarks. President Zelenskyy then addressed the meeting, speaking about the Russian invasion of Ukraine. At the conclusion of President Zelenskyy's speech, the Speaker thanked him on behalf of the House. The sitting was then suspended from 5.55pm until the budget reply speech at 7.30pm. [\[Watch\]](#)

Hansard: 30 March 2022, 1188

31 March 2022, 1508-10

Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2541-2, 2559

SOs 47, 257

Committees

28.11 Statement by Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on draft budget estimates for the ANAO and PBO

On 29 March, before the presentation of the Budget, the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit made a statement concerning the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office and the Parliamentary Budget Office for 2022-2023. She then, by leave, presented a copy of the statement.

As the committee responsible for parliamentary oversight of the ANAO and PBO, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit is required by legislation to consider the draft budget estimates for each office. On Budget day each year the committee makes a statement on whether, in its opinion, these offices have been given sufficient funding to carry out their respective mandates.

Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1148-9

Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2524

SOs 63, 199

28.12 Large number of committee reports presented

A total of 36 House and joint committee reports were presented to the House during the final sitting week of the parliament. Twenty-nine of these were presented on the last sitting day, 31 March.

SOs 39, 247

Members

28.13 Resignation of Member for Spence

On 29 March, the Speaker announced that, on 23 February, he had received a letter from Mr Nick Champion resigning his seat as the Member for Spence. The Speaker advised that, due to the pending general election, he had decided not to issue a writ for a by-election.

Mr Champion was elected a member of the South Australian House of Assembly at the 19 March state election.

*Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1101
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2519*

28.14 Valedictory speeches by retiring members

Several members not contesting the next election, including the former Speaker, made valedictory speeches, reflecting on their parliamentary careers:

- Mr Christian Porter (29 March) [\[Watch\]](#)
- Mr George Christensen, Hon Steve Irons and Hon Kevin Andrews (31 March) [\[Watch\]](#)
- Hon Tony Smith (31 March) [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1144-8
31 March 2022, 1367-79; 1501-5*

Motions

28.15 Condolence motion on the death of Senator Kimberley Kitching

On 29 March the Prime Minister moved a motion of condolence in relation to the death of Senator Kimberley Jane Elizabeth Kitching. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and the Deputy Prime Minister, the Member for Maribyrnong, the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition each spoke in support. All members present rose in silence as a mark of respect and the motion was referred to the Federation Chamber. The next day the motion was debated in the Federation Chamber and carried in the House. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1102-10
30 March 2022, 1217; 1319-41
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2520-1, 2544, 2549
SOs 49, 183*

28.16 Condolence motion on the death of the Honourable Dr Moses Henry (Moss) Cass

Also on 29 March, the Prime Minister moved a condolence motion on the death of former minister and Member for Maribyrnong from 1969 to 1983, Dr Moss Cass. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and all members present rose in silence as a mark of respect. The motion was then referred to the Federation Chamber. The next day, the motion was debated in the Federation Chamber and carried in the House. [\[Watch\]](#)

*Hansard: 29 March 2022, 1120-2
30 March 2022, 1217; m1336-41
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/2522, 2544, 2549
SOs 49, 183*

Offensive words[#]

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'—I am giving a lesson in budgets for dummies over there—'	30 March 2022	1219

[#] List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.