

# Procedural Digest

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47<sup>th</sup> Parliament

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## Bills

### 27.01 Debate management motion for communications bill

During government business on Wednesday morning, the Deputy Leader of the House moved, on behalf of the Leader of the House and pursuant to notice, a suspension of standing and sessional orders relating to proceedings on the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024 to enable it to be debated after the usual time for adjournment. The motion provided that if the second reading debate on the bill had not concluded before the adjournment debate, it would be called on for further consideration at 8 pm, with debate continuing until a division was called, or 10 pm, or a later time specified by a Minister prior to 10 pm, at which time debate would be adjourned and made an order of the day for the next day, and the House immediately adjourned. The motion was agreed to on the voices.

The second reading debate then resumed and continued until it was interrupted at 1.30 pm for members' statements. Later, after the matter of public importance discussion, debate again resumed, continuing until 7.30 pm when it was interrupted for the adjournment debate. At the conclusion of the adjournment debate, in accordance with the resolution, the second reading debate on the bill was again resumed at 8 pm and continued until 10 pm. Debate was adjourned, and the House stood adjourned until the next day.

*Hansard: 6 November 2024, 7489-508; 7539-64; 7569-88*  
*Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23-24/1982-3; 1985*

**SO 31**

### 27.02 Consecutive speeches during consideration in detail

In the Federation Chamber on Wednesday, consideration in detail commenced on the Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024. At a previous meeting of the Federation Chamber on 9 October, when no further members had risen to speak on the second reading of the bill, the second reading had been agreed to and the bill reported to the House without amendment; however, later that day, the bill was re-referred to the Federation Chamber, where the Leader of the House moved, in accordance with standing order 154, that the bill be reconsidered in detail. Further consideration of the bill was then adjourned and not called on again in that sitting week.

On Wednesday, several members who had not been able to speak during the second reading debate in October were allowed to continue speaking for an additional five minutes after their initial five-minute contribution to debate on the question that the bill be agreed to and were afforded some latitude on relevancy during debate. Following these contributions, other members moved detail amendments, thus constraining further debate to the content of each of those amendments.

*During consideration in detail, each member may speak for an unlimited number of periods up to five minutes each and may speak again immediately if no other member seeks the call.*

*Hansard: 6 November 2024, 7601-12  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23-24/1987*

**SOs 1, 148, 149, 154**

### 27.03 Suspension of standing order 43 to assist passage of bill

On Thursday, the Leader of the House moved, by leave, to suspend standing order 43 to allow all remaining questions on the Aged Care Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 to be moved before the commencement of statements by members. The motion, which was moved following a division on a second reading amendment held shortly after 1.30 pm, was agreed to on the voices. The remaining stages of the bill were then completed and the period for members' statements commenced at 1.38 pm.

*Standing order 43(a) provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business and call on statements by members at 1.30pm and that the period for statements may extend until 2 pm – that is, until Question Time.*

*Hansard: 7 November 2024, 7710-11  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23-24/1999*

**SO 43**

## Business

### 27.04 Statements on indulgence regarding election of US president

On Thursday, before the commencement of Question Time, the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition each made short statements on indulgence congratulating former President Donald J Trump on his victory in the US presidential election and emphasising the significance of the relationship between Australia and the United States of America.

*Hansard: 7 November 2024, 7715*

**SO 65**

## Parliamentary administration

### 27.05 Appointment of Parliamentary Budget Officer

On Monday morning, following the presentation of petitions, the Speaker informed the House that Ms Sam Reinhardt had been appointed as the new Parliamentary Budget Officer from 18 November 2024 and thanked the current Parliamentary Budget Officer, Dr Stein Helgeby, for his service. The Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit also made a statement in connection with the appointment.

*The Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit has a role to provide oversight of the Parliamentary Budget Office, including on the nominations of the of appointment of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.*

*Hansard: 4 November 2024, 7188  
Votes and Proceedings: 2022-23-24/1949*

## 27.06 Statement on the retirement of Mr Russell Chafer

On Monday, following Question Time, the Speaker made a statement to inform the House about the retirement of Mr Russell Chafer, Clerk Assistant (Committees), following 31 years of service to the Department of the House of Representatives. Following this statement, members gave a round of applause in recognition of Mr Chafer's service.

*Hansard:* 4 November 2024, 7239  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23-24/1953

## Parliamentary privilege

### 27.07 Memorandum of understanding with expenses authority

On Thursday, following Question Time, the Speaker presented a memorandum of understanding between the Presiding Officers and Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA), and made a statement in relation to the exercise of IPEA's information-gathering powers where parliamentary privilege may apply.

This memorandum will ensure IPEA's powers are exercised in a way that affords parliamentarians an opportunity to raise claims of parliamentary privilege and will safeguard the relevant information and documents whilst claims of parliamentary privilege are being considered.

*Hansard:* 7 November 2024, 7728  
*Votes and Proceedings:* 2022-23-24/2000

**SO 199**

## Offensive words<sup>#</sup>

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"If the Shadow Treasurer were honest ..."	5 November 2024	7378

**SOs 89, 90, 92**

<sup>#</sup> List of unparliamentary expressions recorded in *Hansard*.