

Procedural Digest

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47th Parliament

23 – 28 September 2022

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Sittings

3.01 Special sitting following death of Her Majesty

There was a special sitting on Friday, 23 September, to allow the House to pay its respects following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The House met at 8am and standing orders were suspended to set the order of business for the day.

The Prime Minister moved that an address to His Majesty King Charles III be agreed to, expressing deep sympathy for the death of Her Majesty and congratulating His Majesty on his accession to the throne. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion. The Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Nationals spoke in support before all members present rose in silence, signifying their respect and sympathy.

A further 109 members spoke in the debate before the address was agreed to and the House adjourned at 5.24pm.

Such an address to His Majesty is given to the Governor-General by the Speaker, with a request that it be sent for presentation.

*Hansard: 23 September 2022, 1305-93
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/183-4*

SOs 30, 47, 267, 268

3.02 Revised program of sittings for 2022

Following the death of Her Majesty on 8 September, the Speaker notified members that the House would next meet on 23 September, meaning the House did not sit on 12 to 15 September as intended.

On 23 September the House agreed to a revised program of sittings for 2022 with three additional sitting days, 26 to 28 September.

*Hansard: 23 September 2022, 1305
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/183*

SO 29

Motions

3.03 Resolution on 20th anniversary of Bali bombings

On 28 September the Prime Minister moved a motion acknowledging the twentieth anniversary of the Bali bombings, in which 202 people lost their lives. The Leader of the Opposition seconded the motion and all members present rose in silence. The motion was then referred to the Federation Chamber for debate.

*Hansard: 28 September 2022, 1791-5
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/214*

SOs 49, 183

3.04 Private member seeks to give notice to present taxation bill

During government business time on 27 September, the Leader of the Australian Greens moved to suspend standing orders to allow him to give notice of intention to present a bill to repeal the 'stage three tax cuts'. The motion was negated on division.

Standing order 178 provides that only a minister may initiate a proposal to impose, increase or decrease a tax or duty.

*Hansard: 27 September 2022, 1631-3; 1662-3
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/202; 203*

SOs 47, 63, 178

Statements

3.05 Ministerial statement on Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

On Monday, 26 September, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs made a ministerial statement on the government response to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide interim report and presented a copy of the government response. The shadow minister addressed the House in reply. The minister then moved that the House take note of the document and the resumption of the debate was referred to the Federation Chamber.

*Hansard: 26 September 2022, 1487-92
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/191*

SOs 63A, 183

3.06 Statements on death of Uncle Jack Charles

During the period for statements on significant matters on Wednesday morning, the Minister for Indigenous Australians made a statement in relation to the death of Indigenous actor and activist Uncle Jack Charles. The Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts addressed the House in reply. On the motion of the Leader of the House, the House agreed to allow further statements in the Federation Chamber.

Hansard: 28 September 2022, 1727-9
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/209

SOs 50A, 183

Committees

3.07 Joint Select Committee on National Anti-Corruption Commission Legislation

On 28 September the Attorney-General moved that a Joint Select Committee on National Anti-Corruption Commission Legislation be established to inquire into the provisions of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Bill 2022 and the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2022, which were presented to the House earlier in the day. The motion provided that the committee report by 10 November this year. The motion was carried on the voices. Later in the day, a message was reported informing the House that the Senate concurred with the resolution of appointment.

Hansard: 28 September 2022, 1743-4; 1843
Votes and Proceedings: 2022/211-2; 217

SO 224

Offensive words[#]

No offensive words.

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