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Temporary Chairs of Committees
Senators Bernardi, Gallacher, Ketter, Leyonhjelm, Marshall, O’Sullivan, Reynolds, Sterle,
Whish-Wilson and Williams

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## Guide to the Notice Paper

### Notices of motion
A proposed resolution that a senator intends to put to the Senate for debate and/or a vote. Notice is given so others have time to consider the proposal.

### Orders of the day
Items of business the Senate has scheduled to carry out or consider on a particular day. These can include continued debate on a bill or motion, or the presentation of a report or other document.

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### Business listed for future consideration
Lists any notice of motion or order of the day to be considered at a specific time in the future. For example, a committee report ordered to be presented on a specific date. Dates on which ministers have been ordered to produce documents are included here.

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PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS

Orders of the Day

*66 Lands Acquisition Amendment (Public Purpose) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—
(Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation, Senator Hanson)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Hanson, in continuation, 13 September 2017).

39 Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Full Face Coverings in Public Places) Bill 2017—(Senate bill)—(Senator Lambie)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (Senator Leyonhjelm, in continuation, 16 February 2017).

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BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

3 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
Report to be presented on whistleblower protections.

4 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on toll roads.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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13 Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)
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14 Privacy Amendment (Re-identification Offence) Bill 2016—(Senate bill)—
(Attorney-General, Senator Brandis)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (12 October 2016).

15 National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016—
(Special Minister of State, Senator Ryan)

16 Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016—
(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (22 November 2016).

17 Agriculture and Water Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
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Second reading—Adjourned debate (14 February 2017).

18 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Media Reform) Bill 2016
Second reading—Adjourned debate (1 December 2016).

19 Migration Amendment (Visa Revalidation and Other Measures) Bill 2016—
(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

20 Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2016—(Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator Fierravanti-Wells)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 November 2016).

21 Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016—
(Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Senator McGrath)
Second reading—Adjourned debate (10 November 2016).

22 Income Tax Rates Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Reform) Bill 2016
Consideration in committee of the whole of message no. 79 from the House of Representatives (28 November 2016).

23 Governor-General’s Opening Speech
Adjudged debate on the motion of Senator Hume—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (Minister for Employment (Senator Cash), in continuation, 13 September 2016).

24 Budget statement and documents 2017-18
Adjudged debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann)—
That the Senate take note of the statement and documents (11 May 2017).
Notices of Motion

Notice given 11 September 2017

1 Minister for Defence (Senator Payne): To move—That, in accordance with section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974, the Senate approves the proposal by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, relating to the demolition of the kiosk adjoining the Lobby restaurant in Parkes.

Notice given 13 September 2017

*2 Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes. Treasury Laws Amendment (Improving Accountability and Member Outcomes in Superannuation Measures No. 1) Bill 2017.

*3 Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann): To move—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to superannuation, and for related purposes. Superannuation Laws Amendment (Strengthening Trustee Arrangements) Bill 2017.


*5 Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath): To move—That, in accordance with subsection 10B(2) of the Health Insurance Act 1973, the Senate approves the Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Determination 2017 made under subsection 10B(1) of the Act on 15 August 2017.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A complete list of all general business notices of motion and orders of the day remaining on the Notice Paper is published at: www.aph.gov.au/Senate/business

Notices of Motion

Notice given 11 September 2017

482 Senator Chisholm: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that the Senate has referred a question as to the eligibility of the Minister for Regional Development (Senator Nash) to serve as a senator to the Court of Disputed Returns for resolution; and

(b) resolves that until that question of eligibility has been resolved, Senator Nash shall not exercise the following procedural rights provided to executive senators by the standing orders:

(i) move a motion connected with the conduct of the business of the Senate at any time without notice,
(ii) move that a bill be declared urgent and, if the motion is agreed to, move further motions concerning the time allocated for consideration of the bill,

(iii) move at any time that the Senate adjourn,

(iv) move for the adjournment of debate, having spoken in the debate,

(v) move that the question be now put on more than one occasion, and after having spoken in the debate, and

(vi) present documents.

Notice given 12 September 2017

495 Senator Xenophon: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that:

(a) the Government has embarked on a $35 billion program to provide nine Future Frigates to the Royal Australian Navy;

(b) on 31 March 2017, a Request for Tender (RFT) was released by the Department of Defence to three foreign companies which stated that it was the Commonwealth’s intention that the successful tenderer will directly manage and supervise the workforce undertaking the shipbuilding work, and that the responsibility for build management and supervision should not be subcontracted in its entirety to a third party entity;

(c) the effect of these RFT terms is that Australian shipbuilders ASC Pty Ltd and Austal have been locked out of priming the Frigate Program project and this current plan places Australian shipbuilders in the shadows of new invitee foreign shipyards; noting ASC Shipbuilding has no work on its order books beyond 2019, the Government’s approach could have significant impact on the future prospects of the company, and Austal will survive but certainly will not thrive;

(d) the current RFT will not serve to create a sovereign shipbuilding capability, but rather have the opposite effect;

(e) the Minister for Defence Industry has been quoted in the media stating that advice from the Department of Defence is that changing the RFT to mandate a particular shipbuilder would result in a delay of at least two years; and

(f) it is implausible that permitting the fully-established, world-class, Australian shipbuilders ASC Pty Ltd and Austal and their experienced workforce and proven track records would slow down a program that would otherwise require the setting up, from scratch, of a foreign shipbuilder with no current workforce.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry, by the close of business on 14 September 2017, a detailed statement from the Minister for Defence Industry justifying his claim made to the media.

Notice of motion altered on 13 September 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.
Senator Kakoschke-Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that in Australia:
   (i) suicide is the leading cause of death for men and women between the ages of 15 to 44,
   (ii) suicide is the second-leading cause of death for men and women between the ages of 45 to 54,
   (iii) suicide accounts for one-third of all deaths of people aged 15 to 24,
   (iv) more than 3,000 Australians die by suicide every year, and
   (v) for every death by suicide, it is estimated that as many as 30 people attempt suicide;

(b) recognises that social connection and peer support is enormously important to those who are struggling with thoughts of suicide or self-harm;

(c) acknowledges that 14 September 2017 is R U OK? Day, a national day of action encouraging people to reach out to friends, family and peers and check-in on their mental health; and

(d) urges all members and senators to lead by example by starting conversations with their peers and encouraging others to take the time to ask “are you ok?”.

Senator Siewert and Rice: To move—That the Senate—

(a) recognises that today is R U OK? Day, dedicated to reminding people to ask family, friends and colleagues in a meaningful way “R U OK?”;

(b) acknowledges that:
   (i) the National Mental Health Commission has warned that the LGBTIQ community will experience worsened negative mental health impacts during the marriage equality postal survey debate, due to increased scrutiny, judgement and discrimination, and
   (ii) concurrently, there is a significant deficiency in mental health services, particularly for LGBTIQ communities, with essential services, like Living Proud, being defunded; and

(c) calls on the Government to:
   (i) encourage the public to reach out to the LGBTIQ community and ask R U OK?, and
   (ii) ensure sufficient mental health services for the LGBTIQ community following expert advice that the marriage equality postal survey will result in increased negative mental health outcomes.

Senator Gallagher: To move—That the Senate notes the importance of public broadcasting and the crucial role played by the ABC and SBS in providing a high quality independent news source to all Australians.

Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move—That the Senate notes the recent PhD thesis by Dr Greg Pazmandy, from the University of Technology Sydney, who found that:

(a) there is no association between Australian University rankings and the levels of, and changes, to Vice-Chancellor compensation;
(b) there is no association between financial performance measures of Government Business Enterprises and the levels of, and changes to, CEO compensation, even after controlling for their community service obligations; and

(c) the only explanatory variable associated with compensation for Vice-Chancellors and Chief Executive Officers is the size of the organisation.

*503 Senator Griff: To move—

(1) That the Senate notes that:

(a) the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, Price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework, was tabled in the Senate on 11 May 2017;

(b) the price of devices on the Prostheses List has a material impact on health insurance premiums, which have increased by approximately 5.6 per cent each year over the past ten years;

(c) prostheses account for 14 per cent of the cost of hospital cover reimbursements, with a flow-on effect to the cost of premiums, as provided in evidence to the inquiry;

(d) private health insurers indicated to the inquiry that savings on prostheses would be passed to members through lowered health insurance costs;

(e) in February next year, the Minister for Health will announce the average increase in private health insurance premiums, which will take effect in April, based on the applications made by insurers this year;

(f) the Government’s response to the 16 recommendations made in the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, combined with the prostheses price reductions it has already mandated this year, will help provide direction to private health insurers that may influence the level of premium increase they decide to seek for 2018; and

(g) the deadline for private health insurers to make an application to the Minister for Health for the 2018 private health insurance premium round is 10 November 2017.

(2) That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health, by no later than 16 October 2017, the Government’s response to the recommendations of the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, Price regulation associated with the Prostheses List Framework.

*504 Senator Griff: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 17 September 2017 marks Australian Citizenship Day,

(ii) citizenship is a privilege and bestows a valuable sense of belonging, as reflected on by former refugee and 2016 NSW Australian of the Year, Mr Deng Adut, in his Australia Day address,

(iii) Citizenship Day provides a timely reminder of the contribution of current and past migrants who have helped build and shape our cohesive nation, and
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(iv) all Australians, whether by birth or by choice, will hopefully be inspired to use this day to celebrate and reflect on the meaning and importance of being a citizen of our great nation; and

(b) encourages all senators to take the opportunity to actively participate in citizenship ceremonies in their communities, if they do not already do so.

*505 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) that 21 September 2017 is the International Day of Peace,
   (ii) that the United Nations General Assembly has declared that this day should be devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples, and
   (iii) all the events in Australia celebrating this day, including the Sixth Annual Brisbane Peace Lecture at St John’s Cathedral in Brisbane, the International Day of Peace Address in Sydney, and the Melbourne Interfaith Centre’s ‘Walking Together for Inner and Outer Peace’;

(b) recognises:
   (i) the need to end the suffering caused by armed conflicts around the world, many of which are continuing to escalate,
   (ii) the fundamental importance of building shared communities, combating discrimination and emphasising the human rights of all peoples in order to prevent violence in the first place, and
   (iii) the increasing challenges, including climate change and its subsequent displacements of people, that are compounding the root causes of many conflicts;

(c) acknowledges:
   (i) the ties that bind people together, irrespective of their faith or country of origin, and
   (ii) highlights the exceptional contribution that migrants and refugees fleeing conflicts have made to the shared benefits that we have built and enjoy in Australia;

(d) encourages all Australians to reflect upon:
   (i) the importance of supporting diversity, non-discrimination and the acceptance of migrants and refugees who remind us of our common humanity,
   (ii) the tireless efforts of the United Nations Association of Australia and its volunteers throughout the community working to bring people together and transform fear into hope, as part of a broader global partnership,
   (iii) the fact that discrimination diminishes us all and prevents societies from achieving their full potential, and
   (iv) the essential role of the United Nations in maintaining a rules-based international order; and

(e) commits to the promotion, implementation and provision of resources for the promotion of peace wherever possible, including through Australia’s continuing support of the United Nations.
*506 Senators Singh and Watt: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes with grave concern that, since 25 August 2017, conflict between Rohingya Muslims and armed forces in Myanmar’s Rakhine State has:

(i) caused the death and suffering of many people, almost all of them minorities in Rakhine State,

(ii) forced around 300 000 members of minorities in Rakhine State to flee to Bangladesh in the last two weeks,

(iii) led to extensive damage to Rakhine State villages, and

(iv) prevented United Nations aid agencies from delivering crucial supplies of food, water and medicine to the region;

(b) further notes:

(i) that Myanmar’s Rakhine State is home to more than 1.1 million Rohingya and other minorities, most of whom live in tented camps and rely on United Nations aid for survival,

(ii) the deeply concerning United Nations report of 3 February 2017 documenting atrocities, such as mass killings, rapes and beatings committed against Rohingya and other minorities in Rakhine State, and

(iii) that around half a million people from minorities in Rakhine State are already living in Bangladesh, which itself is home to widespread poverty and inequality;

(c) echoes:

(i) the Minister for Foreign Affairs’ (Ms Bishop) expressions of deep concern regarding the ongoing tensions between minorities in Rakhine State and Myanmar’s security forces, and

(ii) the United Nations Secretary-General’s, Mr Antonio Guterres, condemnation of violence in Rakhine State, and his calls for all communities in the region to choose a path of peace;

(d) urgently calls upon the Government of Myanmar to recommit to the pursuit of peace and national reconciliation; and

(e) urges the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs to do everything in her power to help alleviate the suffering in Rakhine State.

*507 Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator O’Neill): To move—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services on its inquiry into the life insurance industry be extended to 7 December 2017.

*508 Senator Moore: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Australian-led Eliminate Dengue Program, from Monash University, has just become the World Mosquito Program – this global health initiative has been working towards protecting the global community from mosquito-borne diseases, including Dengue and the Zika virus, which threaten the lives and livelihoods of over 40 per cent of the world’s population, many of whom are living in poor, vulnerable communities, with struggling health systems,
(ii) Dengue infects over a million people around the world each day, yet there is no effective treatment or cure, and conventional control methods, such as the spraying of insecticides, are proving less effective.

(iii) A world-leading Australian innovation in the World Mosquito Program’s use of a naturally occurring bacteria (Wolbachia) is a safe, natural and effective way to combat the threat of disease – this self-sustaining method protects communities without posing a risk to natural ecosystems, and

(iv) the program to reduce the threat of mosquito-borne diseases was pioneered by Australian researchers, starting as a small research project in Cairns in January 2011, with the support received from the Queensland community – it has now become a major global health collaboration operating in 10 countries, including Australia, Kiribati, Fiji, Vanuatu, Sri Lanka, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil and Colombia;

(b) acknowledges:

(i) the significant contribution made by the people of Far North Queensland who embraced this research, including thousands of householders, school students and teachers, small business owners and community groups, who volunteered to actively participate in the field trials – this enthusiastic local support has resulted in tens of thousands of people around the world now being protected and the program rapidly expanding across the Asia-Pacific and the Americas, and the method used has also been recommended by the World Health Organization for further pilot deployments, and

(ii) the funding support from the Australian and Queensland Governments and generous philanthropists; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to consider ongoing support to enable a Queensland-born, community-driven, Australian innovation to develop, expand and ultimately protect millions of at risk people around the world.

*509 Senator Whish-Wilson: To move—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that accurate climate and meteorological forecasting prior to, and during, the recent Atlantic hurricanes allowed for evacuations and emergency management that saved lives,

(ii) a recent article in *The Economist* which stated that while the number of extreme climate and weather-related emergencies have increased due to climate change, the fall in the number of fatalities is partly attributable to improved climate and weather forecasting,

(iii) that the Trump Administration has proposed cuts to agencies responsible for climate and meteorological forecasting, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and

(iv) that Australia has a world-class climate science and meteorological community;
(b) nevertheless, notes that the Australian Academy of Science’s 2017 Climate Science Capability Review found that climate science and meteorological efforts are under-resourced, poorly coordinated and subject to short-term funding cycles;

(c) further notes that various climate agencies in Australia, including the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, have faced ongoing funding pressure;

(d) commends the work of Australia’s climate agencies and researchers; and

(e) calls upon the Government to implement the recommendations of Australian Academy of Science’s 2017 Climate Science Capability Review, particularly funding an additional 77 climate science researchers, and ensuring continued capability in the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre.


DOCUMENTS

Order of the Day relating to Documents

1 China—Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation, 26 June to 1 July 2017
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Watt—That the Senate take note of the document (7 September 2017).

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Orders of the Day relating to Committee Reports and Government Responses

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities—Second interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Gallacher, in continuation, 11 September 2017).

2 National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—The strategic importance of Australia’s Indian Ocean Territories—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator McCarthy—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McCarthy, in continuation, 12 September 2017).

3 Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—466th report—Annual report 2016-17
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Smith)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 12 September 2017).
4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Effect of market consolidation on the red meat processing sector—Report
Adjourner debate on the motion of Senator O’Sullivan—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator McKenzie, in continuation, 12 September 2017).

5 Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Out of home care—Government response
Adjourner debate on the motion of Senator Siewert—That the Senate take note of the document (Senator Siewert, in continuation, 12 September 2017).

6 National Integrity Commission—Select Committee—Report
Adjourner debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Collins)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Smith, in continuation, 13 September 2017).

7 Economics References Committee—Report—Future of Australia’s automotive industry: Driving jobs and investment—Government response
Adjourner debate on the motion of Senator Carr—That the Senate take note of the document (7 September 2017).

8 Economics References Committee—Non-conforming building products: Aluminium composite cladding—Interim report
Adjourner debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter)—That the Senate take note of the report (7 September 2017).

9 Education and Employment References Committee—Corporate avoidance of the Fair Work Act 2009—Report
Adjourner debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Marshall)—That the Senate take note of the report (7 September 2017).

10 Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine (ice)—First report
Adjourner debate on the motion of the deputy chair of the committee (Senator Singh)—That the Senate take note of the report (Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), in continuation, 7 September 2017).

11 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Progress report
Adjourner debate on the motion of Senator Urquhart—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator O’Neill, in continuation, 7 September 2017).

12 Economics References Committee—Australia’s dairy industry: rebuilding trust and a fair market for farmers—Report
Adjourner debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter)—That the Senate take note of the report (7 September 2017).

13 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—The constant battle: Suicide by veterans—Report
Adjourner debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (7 September 2017).
14 National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition—Report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the deputy chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher)—That the Senate take note of the report (Senator Brown, in continuation, 7 September 2017).

15 Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on tobacco retail—Second interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm)—That the Senate take note of the report (7 September 2017).

16 Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on the sale, supply and taxation of alcohol—Interim report
Adjourned debate on the motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm)—That the Senate take note of the report (7 September 2017).

17 Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—Report—Refreshing the Plan—Government response
Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Leyonhjelm—That the Senate take note of the document (7 September 2017).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

On 15 September 2017

Order for Production of Documents

450 Murray-Darling Basin—Order for production of documents
By the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, by the start of business on 15 September 2017, correspondence and documents relating to the store and release of environmental water within the Murray-Darling Basin. (Motion of Senator Xenophon agreed to 5 September 2017.)

On 9 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)
On 13 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017—(Minister for Communications, Senator Fifield)

Second reading—Adjourned debate (23 June 2017 am).

On the next day of sitting (16 October 2017)

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Education and Employment References Committee

Report to be presented on penalty rates and the provisions of the Fair Work (Pay Protection) Bill 2017.

2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Report to be presented on the protection of personal Medicare information.

3 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

4 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

5 Economics Legislation Committee

Report to be presented on the provisions of the Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017, the Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting
Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 and the Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

6 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Report to be presented on the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

Government Business—Order of the Day

1 Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017—(Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Senator Ruston)
(Bill exempted on 6 September 2017 from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111)

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 6 September 2017

466 Senator Singh: To move—That the Senate—
(a) notes that, on 30 August 2017, an agreement regarding the legal status of maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea was concluded between Australia and Timor-Leste;
(b) acknowledges that this agreement was reached as a result of Timor-Leste’s invocation of the compulsory conciliation procedures in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
(c) further acknowledges:
(i) the significance of Australia’s ongoing relationship with Timor-Leste,
(ii) the capacity for that relationship to contribute positively to regional prosperity and stability, and
(iii) the potential for this agreement to resolve more than 40 years of tension and uncertainty between Australia and Timor-Leste, serving as a catalyst for a new era of collaboration and cooperation;
(d) recognises and affirms:
(i) the importance of a rules-based international order to the maintenance of international peace and security,
(ii) the capacity for instruments, such as UNCLOS, to contribute to the preservation of that order, by facilitating peaceful resolutions to disputes between states, and
(iii) the necessity of cooperative state engagement with the procedures of international law to that law’s successful operation; and
(e) calls upon the Government to adhere to and implement in good faith the terms of this agreement.
On 17 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 15 August 2017

1 Senator Leyonhjelm: To move—that the Competition and Consumer (Industry Code—Sugar) Regulations 2017, made under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, be disallowed [F2017L00387].

Six sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On 18 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on aspects of road safety in Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
   Report to be presented on the state of Australia’s rail industry.

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula.

4 Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

5 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on online poker.

On 31 October 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on asbestos.

2 Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee
   Report to be presented on the life insurance industry.
On 13 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Community Affairs Legislation Committee
   Report to be presented on the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the future of rugby union in Australia.

Six sitting days after today (14 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 16 August 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams): To move—That the Legal Services Directions 2017, made under the Judiciary Act 1903, be disallowed [F2017L00369].
   Seven sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 14 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the 1800 RESPECT Domestic and Sexual Violence National Counselling Service.

General Business—Notice of Motion

Notice given 20 June 2017

371 Senator Rice: To move—That the Senate—
   (a) notes that the Select Committee on the Exposure Draft of the Marriage Amendment (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill tabled its report on 15 February 2017; and
   (b) orders that there be laid on the table by the Attorney-General, by no later than 9.30 am on 16 November 2017, a statement outlining the Government’s intentions in relation to the findings of the report.
   Notice of motion altered on 20 June, 21 June, 6 September and 11 September 2017 pursuant to standing order 77.

On 15 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal for a Parliamentary Code for Respecting Cultural Diversity.
2 Procedure—Standing Committee
   Report to be presented on a proposal to amend standing order 193.

3 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
   Report to be presented on the Community Development Program.

Eight sitting days after today (16 November 2017)

Business of the Senate—Notice of Motion

Notice given 4 September 2017

1 Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams); To move—That the Inspector of Transport Security Regulations 2017, made under the Inspector of Transport Security Act 2006, be disallowed [F2017L00510].
   Nine sitting days remain, including today, to resolve the motion or the instrument will be deemed to have been disallowed.

On 23 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure.

On 27 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs.

On 28 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Funding for Research into Cancers with Low Survival Rates—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

2 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the law of contempt.

3 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on corporate tax avoidance.
On 29 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on shark mitigation and deterrent measures.

2 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impacts of climate change on marine fisheries and biodiversity.

3 Environment and Communications References Committee
   Report to be presented on the waste and recycling industry in Australia.

4 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020.

5 Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on cyberbullying.

6 Lending to Primary Production Customers—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 30 November 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities.

2 Community Affairs References Committee
   Report to be presented on transvaginal mesh implants.

On 1 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s steel industry.

2 Economics References Committee
   Report to be presented on Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry.

3 Red Tape—Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

On 4 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day

1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
   Report to be presented on implications of climate change for Australia’s national security.
2 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the digital delivery of government services.

On 5 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on availability and accessibility of diagnostic imaging equipment around Australia.

2 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin.

On 6 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on the regulation of remotely piloted and unmanned aircraft systems.

On 7 December 2017

Business of the Senate—Orders of the Day
1 Future of Public Interest Journalism—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

2 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility.

3 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on foreign bribery.

4 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
Report to be presented on biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products into Australia.

5 Political Influence of Donations—Select Committee
Report to be presented.

On 14 February 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day
1 Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Report to be presented on Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa.
On 18 February 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Community Affairs References Committee
Report to be presented on aged care assessment and accreditation.

On the second sitting Tuesday in 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Privileges—Standing Committee
Report to be presented on the implications for the use of intrusive powers by law enforcement and intelligence agencies on the privileges and immunities of members of Parliament.

On the second sitting Tuesday in February 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Finance and Public Administration References Committee
Report to be presented on the postal survey concerning same-sex marriage.

On the first sitting day in March 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Final report to be presented on the provisions of the Airports Amendment Bill 2016. (Referred pursuant to Selection of Bills Committee report.)

On the second last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Environment and Communications References Committee
Report to be presented on the rehabilitation of mining and resources projects.

On the last sitting day of the autumn sittings of 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Report to be presented on the banking, insurance and financial services sector.

On 30 April 2018
Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Economics References Committee
Final report to be presented on non-conforming building products.
On the final sitting day of November 2018

Business of the Senate—Order of the Day

1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee
   Report to be presented.

OTHER INFORMATION

BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE COMMITTEES

Airports Amendment Bill 2016 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (referred 9 February 2017; reporting date (final): first sitting day in March 2018)

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 7 September 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017
Provisions of the bill referred to the Education and Employment References Committee as part of the committee’s inquiry into penalty rates (referred 19 June 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 9 October 2017)
Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Income Tax Rates Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-over Amounts Tax) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Income Tax (TFN Withholding Tax (ESS)) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Family Trust Distribution Tax (Primary Liability) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 1) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Taxation (Trustee Beneficiary Non-disclosure Tax) (No. 2) Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Treasury Laws Amendment (Untainting Tax) (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions]
Nation-building Funds Repeal (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Economics Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 10 August 2017; reporting date: 16 October 2017)

Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Integrity) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 17 October 2017)

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Quality and Safeguards Commission and Other Measures) Bill 2017 [provisions] ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 15 June 2017; reporting date: 13 October 2017)

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017 [provisions] Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 17 August 2017; reporting date: 13 November 2017)

Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017 ‡
Referred to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (referred 22 June 2017; reporting date: 13 September 2017)

‡ Reference adopted by the Senate following a recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee.
BILLS DISCHARGED OR NEGATIVED

Government bills

Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016
Second reading negatived, 7 November 2016.

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017
Discharged, 23 March 2017.

Private senators’ bills

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 7 September 2017.

Social Security Amendment (Caring for People on Newstart) Bill 2017
Second reading negatived, 14 August 2017.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions remaining unanswered

Question nos, as shown, from 163 to 514 remain unanswered for 30 or more days (see standing order 74(5)).

The full text of Questions on Notice and their answers are available online at www.aph.gov.au/qon.

ORDERS OF THE SENATE

Allocation of departments/agencies
That departments and agencies be allocated to legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs
Health
Social Services, including Human Services
Economics
   Industry, Innovation and Science
   Treasury
Education and Employment
   Education and Training
   Employment
Environment and Communications
   Communications and the Arts
   Environment and Energy
Finance and Public Administration
   Finance
   Parliament
   Prime Minister and Cabinet
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
   Defence, including Veterans’ Affairs
   Foreign Affairs and Trade
Legal and Constitutional Affairs
   Attorney-General
   Immigration and Border Protection
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
   Agriculture and Water Resources
   Infrastructure and Regional Development.

(Agreed to 31 August 2016)

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017—Consideration of legislation

That, if by 18 October 2017, the government business order of the day relating to the consideration of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017, has not been finally considered, the order of the day shall be discharged from the Notice Paper.

(Agreed to 13 September 2017)

Estimates hearings—2016-17 additional estimates; 2017-18 Budget estimates

(1) That estimates hearings by legislation committees for 2017 be scheduled as follows:

2016-17 additional estimates:
   Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February (Group A)
   Wednesday, 1 March and Thursday, 2 March (Group B).

2017-18 Budget estimates:
   Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May, and, if required, Friday, 26 May (Group A)
Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June, and, if required, Friday, 2 June (Group B)
Monday, 23 October and Tuesday, 24 October (supplementary hearings—Group A)
Wednesday, 25 October and Thursday, 26 October (supplementary hearings—Group B).

(2) That pursuant to the orders of the Senate of 26 August 2008, cross portfolio estimates hearings on Indigenous matters be scheduled for Friday, 3 March, Friday, 26 May and Friday, 27 October 2017, but not restricted to these days.

(2A) That cross portfolio estimates hearings on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters be scheduled for Friday, 26 May 2017 and Friday, 27 October 2017.

(3) That the committees consider the proposed expenditure in accordance with the allocation of departments and agencies to committees agreed to by the Senate.

(4) That committees meet in the following groups:

**Group A:**
- Environment and Communications
- Finance and Public Administration
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

**Group B:**
- Community Affairs
- Economics
- Education and Employment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

(5) That the committees report to the Senate on the following dates:

(a) Tuesday, 28 March 2017 in respect of the 2016-17 additional estimates; and

(b) Tuesday, 20 June 2017 in respect of the 2017-18 Budget estimates.

*(Agreed to 8 November 2016; varied 8 February 2017; varied 29 March 2017 in respect of paragraph (2A))*

**Estimates—Unanswered questions on notice**

That:

(a) answers be provided by 14 September 2016 to all legislation committees relating to all questions taken on notice by the committees’ predecessor committees with respect to the Additional estimates 2015-16 and the Budget estimates 2016-17, and which remained unanswered at the beginning of the new Parliament; and

(b) for the purposes of standing order 74(5), the day set for answering the question for each of the unanswered questions is 14 September 2016.

*(Agreed to 30 August 2016)*
Exemption of bills—consideration of legislation
That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.
(Agreed to 6 September 2017)

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:
Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017
Defence Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017
Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017
Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017
Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017
Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017.
(Agreed to 7 September 2017)

That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Australian Grape and Wine Authority Amendment (Wine Australia) Bill 2017, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.
(Agreed to 12 September 2017)

First speech—Senator Brockman
That consideration of the business before the Senate on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, be interrupted at approximately 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable Senator Brockman to make his first speech without any question before the chair.
(Agreed to 5 September 2017)

Meeting of Senate—2017
That the days of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of 2017 be as follows:

Autumn sittings:
  Tuesday, 7 February to Thursday, 9 February
  Monday, 13 February to Thursday, 16 February

Autumn sittings (2):
  Monday, 20 March to Thursday, 23 March
  Monday, 27 March to Thursday, 30 March

Budget sittings:
  Tuesday, 9 May to Thursday, 11 May

Winter sittings:
  Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June
  Monday, 19 June to Thursday, 22 June
Spring sittings:
   Tuesday, 8 August to Thursday, 10 August
   Monday, 14 August to Thursday, 17 August
   Monday, 4 September to Thursday, 7 September
   Monday, 11 September to Thursday, 14 September
Spring sittings (2):
   Monday, 16 October to Thursday, 19 October
Spring sittings (3):
   Monday, 13 November to Thursday, 16 November
   Monday, 27 November to Thursday, 30 November
   Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December.

(Agreed to 8 November 2016)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Mr Ludlam
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Ludlam was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Ms Waters
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—

(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Waters was returned;

(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;

(c) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘no’, is there a casual vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate within the meaning of s 15 of the Constitution; and

(d) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference.

(Agreed to 8 August 2017)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Canavan
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Matthew Canavan was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
(Agreed to 8 August 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Nash
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of New South Wales in the Senate for the place for which Senator Fiona Nash was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
(Agreed to 4 September 2017)

Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Roberts
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of Queensland in the Senate for the place for which Senator Roberts was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
(Agreed to 9 August 2017)
Qualification of a senator—Court of Disputed Returns—Senator Xenophon
Pursuant to section 376 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, the Senate refers to the Court of Disputed Returns the following questions—
(a) whether, by reason of s 44(i) of the Constitution, there is a vacancy in the representation of South Australia in the Senate for the place for which Senator Nick Xenophon was returned;
(b) if the answer to Question (a) is ‘yes’, by what means and in what manner that vacancy should be filled;
(c) what directions and other orders, if any, should the Court make in order to hear and finally dispose of this reference; and
(d) what, if any, orders should be made as to the costs of these proceedings.
(Agreed to 4 September 2017)

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Conduct of business

1 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving a motion to provide for the consideration of any matter.

2 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
   Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
   Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
   Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
   Senator Bernardi
   Senator Lambie
   Senator Leyonhjelm
   Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any matter.

Formal business

3 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong): To move (contingent on any senator objecting to a motion being taken as formal)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.
4 Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Senator Lambie
To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to move an amendment to a motion discovered during formal business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator moving the amendment to the motion.

Limitation of time
Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon

5 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

6 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

7 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Senator Lambie

8 To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

9 To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

Matters of urgency

10 Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Brandis): To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a minister moving an amendment to the motion.
11 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Lambie
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon
To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a senator moving an amendment to the motion.

Order of business

12 Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong)
Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)
Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch)
Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson)
Senator Bernardi
Senator Leyonhjelm
Senator Xenophon
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