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**Mr ABBOTT** (Warringah—Leader of the House) (8.09 pm)—If I could, on indulgence, update the House on our likely sittings and what is likely to happen this evening—at least for those members who are here and anyone who is listening! There are five legislative packages on which messages are likely to come back from the Senate: a security package, social security veterans entitlement legislation, a tax bill, and two workplace bills. It is proposed to deal with the security package now. Then it is proposed that we will go on to the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002. Then the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs will introduce a disability bill. Then we will go back on to the program beginning with the higher education bills. But at different times during the evening, messages will come back from the Senate and we will need to deal with them as they come back.

The bad news is that, according to the Senate program, they are not anticipating finishing their initial consideration of one of the workplace bills until after midnight. So I deeply regret the fact that it is likely to be a long and arduous night for us, but that is the way it is on nights at the end of a parliamentary sitting.