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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the House) (3.09 pm)—Mr Deputy Speaker, on indulgence, I would like to update members as to likely sittings. I regret to inform members that it will be necessary for the House to sit late this evening but it should not be necessary for us to sit tomorrow. I have the latest schedule of the Senate's likely procedures and it seems that the Senate will not have dealt with bills that we need to deal with until eight o'clock at the earliest. Hopefully we will not sit too late but, certainly, we will sit well past our normal rising time. I propose that the House has a dinner break between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. this evening. In order to facilitate procedures later tonight, I move:

That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) and standing order 103 (new business) be suspended for this sitting.

Question agreed to.