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**Speaker** Shorten, Bill, MP

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**Mr SHORTEN** (Maribyrnong—Leader of the Opposition) (15:00): I seek leave to move the following motion:

That the House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the House of Representatives is in the extraordinary position of a Government having called a new session of Parliament only to run out of legislation to debate within 12 hours of the Governor-General opening a new session;

(b) this is just more evidence that the Government has absolutely no plan for the future of this country beyond the extreme cuts of the Abbott Government's 2014 Budget, including its plans for \$100,000 university degrees, cuts to family payments, cuts to pensions, cuts to Medicare and cuts to schools and hospitals;

(c) large parts of the Government's Budget have been leaked to media outlets because of the chaos and division at the heart of this Government, with members of the Prime Minister's backbench actively trying to undermine the Prime Minister; and

(d) the Government is colluding with the banks to protect them from a Royal Commission; and

(2) censures the Prime Minister for being out of touch and leading a chaotic and divided Government with no positive plan for Australia's future.

Leave not granted.

**Mr SHORTEN:** I move:

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Maribyrnong from moving the following motion forthwith—That the House:

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Who would have thought that Malcolm Turnbull would ever have nothing to say? And that is what is happening—