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THE SENATE
SESSIONAL ORDERS

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AMENDMENT TO AUTUMN SITTING PATTERN AND HOURS OF MEETING

ON WEDNESDAYS

Tuesday 10 May 1988	2 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
	8 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.
Wednesday 18 and 25 May	10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.
and 1 June 1988	2 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
	8 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

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ROUTINE OF BUSINESS, FRIDAYS WEEK 1

As a result of Resolutions passed by the Senate on 22 October 1987 the Routine of Business and suspension of sitting on Fridays and the Sessional Order relating to proposals pursuant to Standing Order 64 are varied as follows:

Routine of Business

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (5) Government Business
- (6) At 12 noon, Questions
- (7) At 2 p.m., any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (8) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (9) Further consideration of Government Business.

Suspension of Sitting

The sitting of the Senate will be suspended at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

Proposals Pursuant to Standing Order 64

On Fridays in week 1 the discussion of any proposal submitted to the Senate pursuant to Standing Order 64 shall not exceed one and three-quarter hours.

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17. PROCEDURE FOR INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS PURSUANT TO ORDER

Where an order of the Senate specifies a time for the consideration of a matter, at the specified time:

- (a) if a question is before the Senate consideration of that question shall be interrupted, a Senator speaking shall be taken to have leave to continue the Senator's speech, and resumption of debate on that question shall be made an order of the day for a later hour of the day without any question being put;
- (b) if the Senate is in committee the Chairman shall report progress, and further consideration of the business before the committee shall be made an order of the day for a later hour of the day without any questions being put; or
- (c) if a vote is being taken the vote shall be completed and the procedures in paragraph (a) or (b) then followed as appropriate.

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Provided that the President, at the request of an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators that the Senate meet at a certain time, shall fix a time of meeting in accordance with such request, and such time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator.

For these purposes a request by the Leader or Deputy-Leader of the Opposition in the Senate shall be deemed to be a request by every Senator of the Opposition and a request by the Leader or Deputy-Leader of the Australian Democrats shall be deemed to be a request by every Australian Democrat Senator.

Provided further that a request may be made to the President by delivery to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall immediately notify the President.

1. DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING

(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the days and hours of meeting of the Senate shall be as follows:

(a) during the first sitting week -

Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

8 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

2 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6.30 p.m.

8 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

2 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.;

(b) during the second sitting week -

Monday, 2 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

8 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

8 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.

2 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6.30 p.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second week, the Senate shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday after that termination, or such other time as may be fixed by the President or, in the event of the President being unavailable, by the Deputy-President, and the time of meeting so determined shall be notified to each Senator; and the 4-weekly cycle shall then be repeated:

Provided that the President, at the request of an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators that the Senate meet at a certain time, shall fix a time of meeting in accordance with such request, and such time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator.

For these purposes a request by the Leader or Deputy-Leader of the Opposition in the Senate shall be deemed to be a request by every Senator of the Opposition and a request by the Leader or Deputy-Leader of the Australian Democrats shall be deemed to be a request by every Australian Democrat Senator:

Provided further that a request may be made to the President by delivery to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall immediately notify the President.

In the event of the President being unavailable, the Clerk shall without delay notify the Deputy-President, or, should the Deputy-President be unavailable, any one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, who shall be required by the Senate to summon the Senate on behalf of the President, in accordance with this Resolution.

- (2) The Sessional Order relating to the adjournment of the Senate shall have effect at the terminating time each day.

(First agreed to 28 February 1984)

(Amended 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

2. ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

At the terminating time each day, the President shall put the question - That the Senate do now adjourn - which question shall be open to debate; if the Senate be in Committee at that time, the Chairman shall put the question - That the Chairman leave the Chair and report to the Senate; and upon such report being made the President shall forthwith put the question - That the Senate do now adjourn - which question shall be open to debate:

Provided that if the Senate or the Committee be in division at that time the President or the Chairman shall not put that question till the result of such division has been declared; and if the business under discussion has not been disposed of at such adjournment it shall appear on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day.

(First agreed to 28 February 1984)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

3. ROUTINE OF BUSINESS

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, the Senate shall proceed with its ordinary business in the following routine:

Week 1

Tuesday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Questions
- (4) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (5) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (6) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (7) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (8) Government Business

Wednesday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (5) Government Business
- (6) At 2 p.m., Questions
- (7) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (8) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (9) Consideration of Committee Reports pursuant to Sessional Order
- (10) Further consideration of Government Business

Thursday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (5) Government Business
- (6) At 12.45 p.m., Matters of Public Interest
- (7) At 2 p.m., Questions
- (8) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (9) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (10) General Business
- (11) Further consideration of Government Business

Friday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (5) Government Business
- (6) At 2 p.m., Questions
- (7) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (8) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (9) Further consideration of Government Business

Week 2

Monday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Questions
- (4) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (5) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (6) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (7) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (8) Government Business

Tuesday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Questions
- (4) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (5) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (6) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (7) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (8) Government Business

Wednesday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (5) Government Business
- (6) At 2 p.m., Questions
- (7) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (8) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order
- (9) Consideration of Committee Reports pursuant to Sessional Order
- (10) Further consideration of Government Business

Thursday:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions - Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Postponement and re-arrangement of Business
- (5) Government Business
- (6) At 12.45 p.m., Matters of Public Interest
- (7) At 2 p.m., Questions
- (8) Any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64
- (9) Consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order

(10) General Business

(11) Further consideration of Government Business

(First agreed to 28 February 1984)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

4. PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 64

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders:

(1) On Fridays in week 1 and Thursdays in week 2 the discussion of any proposal submitted to the Senate pursuant to Standing Order 64 shall not exceed one hour.

(2) The written statement of the proposed matter of public importance or urgency shall be handed to the President not later than 12.30 p.m. on each sitting day.

(First agreed to 28 February 1984)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted 15 September 1987)

5. GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL BUSINESS - PRECEDENCE

Unless otherwise ordered, on all sitting days of the Senate Government Business shall take precedence of General Business, except that General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Thursdays after Questions, any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64 and consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order, for a period not exceeding two and one-half hours; and that, unless otherwise ordered, General Business, Orders of the Day shall take precedence of General Business, Notices of Motion on alternate Thursdays.

(First agreed to 28 February 1984)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

6. PETITIONS - PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, the procedure for the presentation of petitions shall be as follows:

(1) A Senator wishing to present a petition shall lodge it with the Clerk.

- (2) The Clerk shall make an announcement of petitions so lodged, indicating in respect of each petition the Senator who presents it, the number of signatures, and the subject matter of the petition.
- (3) Every petition so presented shall be deemed to have been received by the Senate unless a motion, moved forthwith, that a petition be not received, be agreed to.
- (4) The terms of the petitions presented shall be printed in Hansard.

(First agreed to 25 November 1982)

(Amended 22 April 1983)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

7. LEGISLATIVE AND GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES - REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS

- (1) All annual reports of Government departments and authorities, including statutory corporations, laid on the Table of the Senate, shall stand referred, without any question being put, for consideration and, if necessary, for report thereon, to the Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees.
- (2) The President shall transmit a copy of each report so tabled to the Committee which the President deems appropriate.
- (3) The Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees may inquire into reports so received.

(First agreed to 1 March 1978)

(Amended 22 April 1983)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

8. LEGISLATIVE AND GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES - REFERENCE OF BILLS

After the Second Reading of a Bill (other than an Appropriation Bill, Supply Bill, or Bill imposing taxation), and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders and without limiting the operation of Standing Orders 36AA and 196A, the following procedure shall apply:

- (1) A motion (of which notice need not be given) may be moved to refer the Bill to a Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee.

- (2) Upon a motion to refer a Bill to a Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee, debate shall not exceed one hour, and a Senator shall not speak for more than ten minutes. If the debate be not sooner concluded, at the expiration of that time the President shall put any question on the motion and any amendment before the Chair.
- (3) On reference of a Bill to a Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee, a day shall be fixed for report by the Committee, by which day the final report of the Committee shall be brought up.
- (4) Upon a Bill being committed to a Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee pursuant to this Order, it shall be set down on the Notice Paper as an Order of the Day for further consideration following report from the Committee.
- (5) The procedure adopted by a Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee when considering a Bill under this order shall, as far as possible, be the same as that in Committee of the Whole:
Provided that a Committee may ask for explanations from the Minister in charge of a Bill, or officers, relating to the clauses of the Bill.
- (6) A Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee shall have no power to make amendments to a Bill, but may recommend amendments or requests for amendments. No amendment or request for amendment may be proposed which would not be in order if proposed in a Committee of the Whole.
- (7) A report from a Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee relating to a Bill shall be received by the Senate without debate and its consideration deferred until the reading of the Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Bill, when the procedure, unless otherwise ordered, shall be as follows:
 - (a) motion may be proposed that the report be adopted, and such motion shall be open to debate;
 - (b) on the motion for the adoption of the report, amendments may be proposed;
 - (c) in these proceedings, the same right of speech and time limits shall apply as in debate in Committee of the Whole;

- (d) if amendments or requests for amendments be made, additional to any recommended by the report of a Standing Committee, the Chair shall propose a question - That the Bill as reported (with or without amendments or requests for amendments), and as further amended, be agreed to;
- (e) a motion may be moved by any Senator - That the Bill as reported from a Standing Committee be recommitted, in whole or in part, to the Standing Committee, or That the Bill as reported be committed, in whole or in part, to a Committee of the Whole; and
- (f) when the report from the Committee, or from a Committee of the Whole, is finally adopted, the Bill may be proceeded with in accordance with the procedures of the Senate.

(First agreed to 23 August 1979)

(Amended 22 April 1983)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

9. CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT PAPERS

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders:

- (1) On all sitting days of the Senate, after Notices, papers may be presented by a Minister; such papers shall be considered pursuant to this Sessional Order after Questions and any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64.
- (2) When papers are called on by the President, pursuant to this Sessional Order, a motion may be moved, without notice, that the Senate take note of one, or several, of the papers.
- (3) The debate on any motion moved pursuant to this Sessional Order shall be conducted as follows:
 - (a) no Senator shall speak for more than 5 minutes;
 - (b) if debate pursuant to this Sessional Order is not concluded it shall be interrupted after 30 minutes, and the Senate shall proceed to the consideration of the business of the Day;
 - (c) if the debate is adjourned or interrupted by Sessional Order, a motion may be moved for the resumption of the debate either for the Thursday of that week at the time for the consideration of General Business, or for the next day of sitting; and

- (d) on Thursdays, at the commencement of General Business, when an Order of the Day is called on under this Sessional Order Senators who have previously spoken to that Order of the Day may speak again for not more than 5 minutes, and debate under this Sessional Order at that time shall not exceed 1 hour.
- (4) Where a paper is presented but is not called on under paragraph (1) because of the limitation of time provided by paragraph (3), the consideration of that paper shall be made an Order of the Day for the next day on which General Business is considered at the commencement of General Business, without any question being put, and where that Order of the Day is called on at that time, a motion may be moved without notice to take note of that paper.
- (5) Where consideration of a paper is an Order of the Day in accordance with paragraph (4), it shall remain an Order of the Day for each succeeding day on which General Business is considered at the commencement of General Business till:
- (a) the Order of the Day is called on and no motion to take note of the Paper is moved;
 - (b) a motion to take note of the Paper is determined; or
 - (c) the Order of the Day is discharged from the Notice Paper,
- whichever first occurs.
- (6) Where debates on motions moved under the provisions of this Sessional Order are adjourned till the next day of sitting and are called on in the normal course of business, Senators who have spoken to the motions under the provisions of this Sessional Order may speak again for the time allowed under Standing Order 407A.

(First agreed to 28 February 1984)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Amended 13 May 1987)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

10. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, where in any week there are Orders of the Day for the resumption of debate on motions for the consideration or adoption of reports of committees:

- (a) on Wednesdays after Questions, any proposal pursuant to Standing Order 64 and consideration of Government Papers pursuant to Sessional Order, Orders of the Day relating to reports of committees presented to the Senate during that week shall be severally called on, in the order in which the respective reports were presented;
- (b) if there were no committee reports presented during that week, or if debate on motions relating to such reports concludes before the expiration of one hour, Orders of the Day relating to committee reports presented prior to that week shall then be severally called on in an order which is the reverse of the order in which the respective reports were presented;
- (c) in any debate on such motions so called on, each Senator may speak for not more than 10 minutes; and
- (d) any debate pursuant to this Sessional Order shall be interrupted after the expiration of one hour:

Provided that, where debate on any motion debated under the provisions of this Sessional Order is adjourned or is interrupted under the provisions of this Sessional Order, Senators who have spoken to such motion under the provisions of this Sessional Order may speak again to the motion for the time allowed under Standing Order 407A when the debate on the motion is again called on in the normal course of business.

(First agreed to 29 April 1982)

(Amended 24 August 1983)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted, with amendments, 15 September 1987)

11. TIME LIMITS TO SPEECHES

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders:

- (1) No Senator shall speak for more than 30 minutes in any debate in the Senate. Any Senator may move that the time limit of 30 minutes be extended for 15 minutes; such motion shall forthwith be put without debate:

Provided that where a right of reply is allowed in any debate a Senator speaking in reply shall speak for not more than 30 minutes:

Provided further that, in debate on the First Reading of a Bill which the Senate may not amend, no Senator shall speak for more than 15 minutes.

- (2) In Committee no Senator shall speak for more than 15 minutes at any one time on any one question:

Provided that where the speech of a Senator is interrupted by this provision, and no other Senator rises to speak, the Senator so interrupted may continue to speak for a further 15 minutes but no longer continuously on any one question.

(First agreed to 29 April 1982)

(Amended 22 April 1983)

(Re-adopted 22 February 1985)

(Re-adopted 15 September 1987)

12. PUTTING OF AMENDMENTS

The Standing Orders shall have effect as if Standing Orders 141, 142, 143, 144, 145 and 149 were deleted and the following Standing Orders inserted:

140. In respect of every amendment the President shall put a question - That the amendment be agreed to.

141. An amendment to a motion may not be moved if it is the same in substance as an amendment already determined to the same motion, or would have the effect only of reversing an amendment already made.

[Note: These Standing Orders are expressed to apply to amendments to motions, but by virtue of Standing Order 201 apply also to amendments moved to Bills in Committee of the Whole.]

(First agreed to 13 May 1987)

(Re-adopted 15 September 1987)

13. PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, the following procedures shall apply in respect of Bills:

- (1) A Senator may present a Bill or two or more Bills after the Senate has agreed to a motion upon notice, setting out the long title of the Bill or Bills - That the Bill or Bills be introduced.
- (2) After the presentation of a Bill or Bills, or after the receipt of a Message or Messages from the House of Representatives forwarding a Bill or Bills for concurrence, a motion may be moved without notice containing any of the following provisions:

- (a) that the Bill or Bills may proceed without formalities (this shall have the effect of suspending any requirements for stages of the passage of the Bill or Bills to take place on different days, for notice of motions for such stages, and for the printing and certification of the Bill or Bills during passage);
 - (b) in respect of two or more Bills - That the Bills may be taken together (this shall have the effect of allowing the questions for the several stages of the passage of the Bills (or any of them) being put in one motion at each stage, the consideration of the Bills (or any of them) together in Committee of the Whole, and the reading of the short titles only on every order for the reading of the Bills, the words in parentheses being applicable where there are more than two Bills);
 - (c) That the Bill, or, where the provision referred to in subparagraph (2)(b) is agreed to, the Bills, be now read a first time.
- (3) Where a motion is moved containing two or more of the provisions set out in paragraph (2), at the request of any Senator the motion shall be divided and the provisions put as separate motions.

(First agreed to 13 May 1987)
(Re-adopted 15 September 1987)

14. ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATES

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, when debate on a motion is adjourned, by motion or by the granting of leave for a Senator to continue the Senator's speech, the resumption of the debate shall be made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting without any question being put, unless a motion is agreed to fixing another time for the resumption of the debate.

(First agreed to 13 May 1987)
(Re-adopted 15 September 1987)

15. MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, on Thursdays at 12.45 p.m. till 2 p.m. matters of public interest may be discussed by Senators:

Provided that no Senator shall speak for more than 15 minutes and provided further that, should a division be called for, such division shall be forthwith postponed till a later hour of the day, not being earlier than 2 p.m.

(Adopted 15 September 1987)

16. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Standing Orders shall have effect as if they were amended as follows:

(a) Standing Order 33:

Leave out "Standing Orders", insert "Procedure".

(b) Standing Order 36A:

Leave out paragraph (2), insert the following new paragraph:

"(2)(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall consist of six Senators, three being members of the Government to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and three being Senators who are not members of the Government, to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority group or groups or Independent Senator or Independent Senators.

(b) The nominations of the Opposition or any minority group or groups or Independent Senator or Independent Senators shall be determined by agreement between the Opposition and any minority group or groups or Independent Senator or Independent Senators, and, in the absence of agreement duly notified to the President, the question as to the representation on the Committee shall be determined by the Senate."

Paragraph (3): Leave out "four", insert "3".

After paragraph (3), insert the following new paragraphs:

"(3A) The Committee shall elect a Government member as Chairman.

"(3B) The Chairman may from time to time appoint a member of the Committee to be Deputy-Chairman and the member so appointed shall

act as Chairman of the Committee at any time there is no Chairman or the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.

"(3C) In the event of an equality of voting, the Chairman, or the Deputy-Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall have a casting vote."

(c) Standing Order 36AA:

Leave out paragraph (1), insert the following new paragraphs:

"(1) At the commencement of each Parliament, Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committees shall be appointed, and each committee shall have power to confer, and, in accordance with a resolution of the Senate, to sit as a joint committee, with a similar committee of the House of Representatives".

"(1A) Unless otherwise ordered, the Standing Committees shall be as follows:

- (a) The Standing Committee on Community Affairs;
- (b) The Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training;
- (c) The Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts;
- (d) The Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration;
- (e) The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade;
- (f) The Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology;
- (g) The Standing Committee on Infrastructure; and
- (h) The Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs."

After new paragraph (1A), insert the following paragraph:

"(1AA) Unless otherwise ordered, references concerning departments shall be allocated to the Standing Committees as follows:

(a) Community Affairs

Aboriginal Affairs
Community Services and Health
Immigration, Local Government and
Ethnic Affairs
Social Security
Veterans' Affairs

- (b) Employment, Education and Training
Employment, Education and Training
- (c) Environment, Recreation and the Arts
Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism
and Territories
- (d) Finance and Public Administration
Parliament
Finance
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Treasury
- (e) Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence
- (f) Industry, Science and Technology
Industry, Technology and Commerce
Industrial Relations
Primary Industries and Energy
- (g) Infrastructure
Transport and Communications
Administrative Services
- (h) Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Attorney-General's."

(d) Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications:

Delete Standing Order 38.

Consequential Amendments

(i) to Standing Order 96

Leave out "IV. (in the case of a Petition against a return) 'That the Petition be referred at once to the Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications;' or V.", insert "or IV."

(ii) to Standing Order 327

Leave out ", and shall forthwith refer the same to the Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications".

(e) Sittings of Committees during sittings of Senate:

After Standing Order 300, insert the following new Standing Order:

"300A. All Committees of the Senate and Joint Committees of both Houses of the Parliament may sit during the sittings of the Senate for the purpose of deliberating in private session, but shall not make resolutions or take votes unless all members of the relevant committee are present, and shall not otherwise sit during the sittings of the Senate unless by special Order of the Senate."

Consequential Amendments

- (i) paragraph 36AA(19), leave out the paragraph;
- (ii) paragraph 36AAA(13), leave out the paragraph;
- (iii) delete Standing Order 39;
- (iv) Standing Order 300, leave out "; but no Select Committee may sit during the sittings of the Senate"; and
- (v) Standing Order 301, leave out "All Committees", insert "Committees sitting contrary to Standing Order 300A".

(Adopted 22 September 1987)

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