



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
SESSION OF 2022 - 2023
(THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2023

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.** - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 **PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.** - The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** - In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice commenced.
- 5 **MEMBER SUSPENDED.** - In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Bass, Ms *Finlay*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 6 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** - Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 7 **PAPERS.** - The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

State Grants Commission: 2021-2022 Annual Report (including 2022-23 Financial Assistance Grant Recommendations), November 2022.
- 8 **PAPERS.** - The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Ombudsman Tasmania: Report after investigation by City of Launceston Council pursuant to section 20 of the Personal Information Protection Act 2004.
 - (2) Supreme Court of Tasmania: Annual Report 2021/2022.
- 9 **LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.** - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Hospitality and Events have leave to make Motions without Notice. (The Minister for Hospitality and Events)
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT.** - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 21 March next. (The Minister for Hospitality and Events)
- 11 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.** - *Ordered*, That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the debate on any question before the Chair at 1:00 p.m. today from automatically standing adjourned to enable debate on Notice of Motion Number 82 to take place at 2:30 p.m, followed by Notice of Motion Number 81. (The Minister for Hospitality and Events)
- 12 **LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.** - A Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That Ms *O'Connor* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Ms *O'Connor*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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Ms Haddad
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NOES 12

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SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: 'The numbers being equal, in accordance with Standing Order 167 I cast my vote with the Noes.'

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14 MEMBER'S VOTE: DISALLOWANCE. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That in accordance with Standing Order 170 the vote of the Member for Lyons, *Mr Shelton*, be disallowed on the grounds of pecuniary interest. (*Dr Woodruff*)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

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SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: 'The numbers being equal, in accordance with Standing Order 167 I cast my vote with the Noes.'

15 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At one o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

16 RUSSIAN AGRESSION IN UKRAINE. – *Resolved, nemine contradicente* –

That the House of Assembly:—

- (1) Join with Parliaments around Australia and continue to stand with the Ukrainian people against the illegal and unwarranted Russian aggression in Ukraine.
- (2) Recognise the sovereignty of Ukraine and the basic right of life and liberty for its people.
- (3) Condemn the violation of international conventions and the carrying out of acts of genocide and war crimes against the Ukrainian people that have led to many thousands of human deaths, countless casualties and the displacement of over 14 million Ukrainians.
- (4) Acknowledge the many Ukrainians we share our island with and join their community in despair of the conflict and atrocity 15,000 kilometres away from their Tasmanian homes.
- (5) Never take for granted the freedom and democracy we enjoy as Australians.
- (6) Join the global demand that Russia withdraw from Ukraine's recognised sovereign territory and allow Ukrainians to recover and rebuild their place of peace and independence. (The Premier)

Ordered, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council requesting its concurrence with the Resolution. (The Premier)

17 RUSSIAN AGRESSION IN UKRAINE RESOLUTION. - A Message to the Legislative Council:-

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly having agreed to the following Resolution, begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council, and to request its concurrence therein –

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MARK SHELTON, *Speaker.*

18 EARTHQUAKES IN TURKIYE AND SYRIA. – Resolved, nemine contradicente –

That the

House of Assembly:—

- (1) Mourn the lives lost and damage caused by the recent earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria.
- (2) Note that so far over 50,000 people have died and over an estimated 28 million people have been affected by the disaster across both countries.
- (3) Tender its deep respect for the numerous rescue workers and volunteers who are working tirelessly across both countries in the face of rising casualties.
- (4) Further note that Tasmania has a strong history of supporting national humanitarian efforts to global disasters, and will continue to work with the Australian Government in their response to the still-unfolding disaster in Turkiye and Syria. (The Premier)

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MARK SHELTON, *Speaker.*

20 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - A Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That Mr Winter have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Mr Winter)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Deputy Speaker said: 'The numbers being equal, in accordance with Standing Order 167 I cast my vote with the Noes.'

21 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. – *Ms O'Connor* in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Conflicts of Interest.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

22 PREMIER'S ADDRESS. - The Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 28 February 2023 - That the Premier's Address be noted. And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned debate.

And the Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing was addressing the Chair.

23 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at Six o'clock.

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence attended Question Time.