

VICTORIA

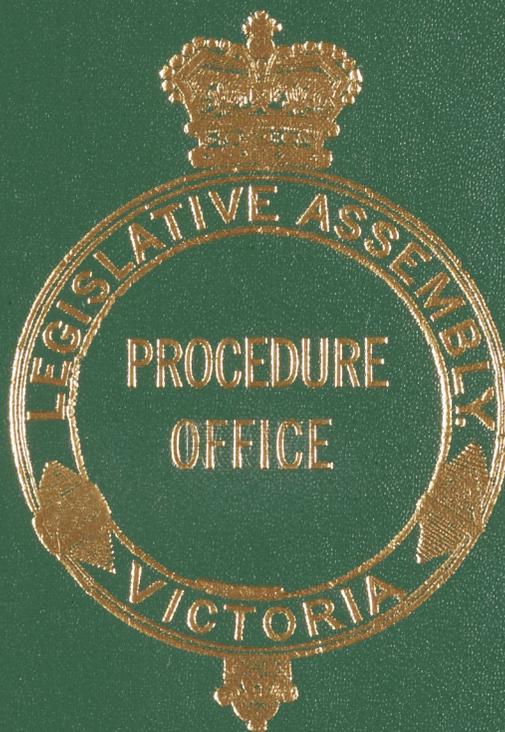


NOTICES
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MOTION
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ORDERS
OF
THE DAY

LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY

2000

PROCEDURE
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

ORDER OF THE DAY

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
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3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
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5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

2. **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
3. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
4. **JURIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*
5. **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion for — *Resumption of debate (Mr Maughan).*
6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
7. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;

- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

- (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;
provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
- and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.

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- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.

- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby

Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.

4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR FLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.

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15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
 16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
 17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
 18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
 19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
 20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
 - *21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.

Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

ORDERS OF THE DAY

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

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NOTICES OF MOTION

- *1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to encourage and assist home ownership, and to offset the effect of the GST on home ownership, by establishing a scheme for the payment of grants to first home owners, and for other purposes.
- *2. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Financial Management Act 1994** and the **Audit Act 1994** to provide for the enhanced disclosure of financial and budget information by the Victorian Government and the review of estimated financial statements by the Auditor-General and for other purposes.
- *3. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to record the State's intention to give effect to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations and to enable State entities to make GST equivalent payments, to discontinue financial institutions duty and stamp duty on certain share transfers and on bookmakers' statements, to alter government fees and charges to take GST into account, to amend various Acts as a consequence of national taxation reform and for other purposes.
- *4. **MR PANDAZOPOULOS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Casino Control Act 1991** and the **Gaming Machine Control Act 1991** and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Thompson).*
- 2. **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
- 3. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 4. **JURIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*
- 5. **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion for — *Resumption of debate (Mr Maughan).*
- 6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
- 7. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 8. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued
General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.

- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act—

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
 and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.

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20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS

Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1 **FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT BILL** — Second reading.

- *2 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL** — Second reading.
- *3 **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading.
- *4 **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading.
- 5 **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
- 6 **DOMESTIC BUILDING CONTRACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Thompson).*
- 7 **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Lenders).*
- 8 **JURIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*
- 9 **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion for — *Resumption of debate (Mr Maughan).*
- 10 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
- 11 **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 12 **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;
- provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.

Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That under the powers found in s 4F of the *Parliamentary Committees Act 1968*, the following matters are referred to the following Joint Investigatory Committees:

- 1 To the Law Reform Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by the first day of the Autumn 2001 Parliamentary sittings:
 - (a) the accessibility and adequacy of legal services in regional and rural Victoria and to examine the effect of any lack of services in these sectors of the community. In particular, to examine the accessibility and adequacy of:
 - (i) legal aid facilities and services including Victorian Legal Aid, Community Legal Centres and pro bono services;
 - (ii) court and tribunal facilities and services:
 - including the location of courts in light of population shifts;
 - appropriateness of current circuit arrangements
 - (iii) legal professional services;
 - (b) how access to the services referred to in paragraph (a) may be improved through the use of current and emerging technology.
- 2 To the Law Reform Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by the first day of the Autumn 2001 Parliamentary sittings on the relevance of the *Theatres Act 1958* to Victoria's society and in particular:
 - (a) the need to retain a licensing scheme for live entertainment which is performed for reward;
 - (b) the appropriateness of requiring that 'licensed' entertainers obtain special permission if they wish to perform on particular public holidays, namely Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day; and
 - (c) the appropriateness of retaining a permit scheme for cinemas (which are not licensed) if they wish to operate on Christmas Day or Good Friday; and
 - (d) the impact of repealing the *Theatres Act 1958*.
- 3 To the Environment and Natural Resources Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by the 31 March 2001 into fisheries management across Victoria by examining on options for the sustainable management of Victoria's fisheries resources having particular regard to:
 - (a) the effectiveness of the current structure, functions and operations of the Fisheries Co-Management Council;
 - (b) the adequacy of the current system of enforcement of fisheries regulations, both recreational and commercial; and
 - (c) any alternative arrangements for the management of all aspects of commercial and recreational fishing, including the establishment of a single statutory authority for this purpose.
- 4 To the Family and Community Development Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by the first day of the Spring 2000 Parliamentary sittings into the effects of television and multimedia on children and families in Victoria. In doing so, the Committee is to:
 - (a) examine the impact of television on relationships within the family, lifestyle and leisure patterns of families;
 - (b) examine the influence of television on the social development and learning patterns of children;

- (c) examine the relative usefulness of television in enhancing skills development within families, especially in relation to parenting and children with special needs;
 - (d) assess the likely impact on children and families of new and emerging forms of multimedia technology including videos, video games and the internet and consider ways that this technology may enhance the well-being of Victorian families;
 - (e) examine the relationship between violence on television and violent behaviour within families;
 - (f) make recommendations to provide advice to families suggesting ways to use television to enhance the positive and minimise the negative effects of television on children.
- 5 To the Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by the first day of the Autumn 2001 Parliamentary sittings into the issue of public drunkenness. In particular, the Committee is to:
- (a) consider the appropriateness of the existing law in Victoria relating to public drunkenness;
 - (b) identify any law reform the Committee considers necessary to deal with public drunkenness;
 - (c) review the adequacy of existing strategies for dealing with persons arrested for public drunkenness, such as the diversion of people from police custody into sobering-up centres.

In conducting the Inquiry the Committee is to have regard to:

- A approaches taken to this issue in other Australian jurisdictions;
 - B the Final Report (published in 1991) of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody; and
 - C such other legislation, case law, reports and materials as are relevant to the Inquiry.
- 6 To the Environment and Natural Resources Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by 30 September 2000 into ovine Johne's disease control in Victoria. In doing so, the Committee is to:
- (a) assess the economic and social impacts of strategies implemented from December 1996 for the management and control of ovine Johne's disease on individual producers, the sheep industry in Victoria and Victorian regional communities;
 - (b) in the light of scientific knowledge of ovine Johne's disease and the national control and evaluation program, consider and assess the costs and the economic and social impact of any alternative strategies for management in Victoria;
 - (c) after consideration of the outcomes from the CSIRO scientific review, recommend future management strategies for OJD in Victoria.
- 7 To the Road Safety Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by 1 June 2000 on the effectiveness of vehicle roadworthiness systems in reducing the incidence and severity of crashes, and, in particular to report on:
- (a) the extent to which vehicle roadworthiness is involved as a primary or contributing factor in crash causation;

- (b) the effectiveness of the existing Victorian roadworthiness system and if alternative systems could improve vehicle roadworthiness having regard to the cost/benefit to the community and road safety outcomes;
- (c) the need for change to legislation or statutory requirements to implement any recommendations made as a result of the Inquiry.

In conducting the Inquiry, the Committee is requested to seek information from relevant organisations, the motor vehicle repair and insurance industries, Victoria Police and other Government agencies. In particular, the Committee is requested to examine vehicle roadworthiness and vehicle inspection systems in other Australian States, Territories and New Zealand.

- 8 To the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee — for inquiry, consideration and report by 31 December 2000 on:
- (a) the *Summary of Offences Act 1966*, giving recommendations as to:
 - (i) the content of the Act;
 - (ii) its relevance;
 - (iii) whether it contains provisions that are unclear, redundant or ambiguous that require repeal, amendment or revision;
 - (b) the *Vagrancy Act 1966*, giving recommendations as to:
 - (i) the content of the Act;
 - (ii) its relevance;
 - (iii) whether it contains provisions that are unclear, redundant or ambiguous, that require repeal, amendment or revision;
 - (c) the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **JURIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan)*.
2. **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion for — *Resumption of debate (Mr Maughan)*.
3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
4. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
- *5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
6. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. MR McARTHUR — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that

Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

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- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration of its submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
 - Total number of Members
 - Less Ministers and the Speaker
 - Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
 - Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to

take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

- (a) a statutory rule; or
 (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
2. **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
3. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
4. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

- *6. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Education Act 1958 and the Teaching Service Act 1981 to revoke special functions and powers given to certain school councils, to provide for the transfer of staff employed by those councils and to make transitional provisions for other agreements and arrangements entered into by those school councils and for other purposes.
- *7. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Administration and Probate Act 1958 to provide for the survival of claims for damages in certain causes of action in relation to dust-related conditions and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Measurement Act 1995 to adopt nationally agreed reforms, to make minor amendments to that Act and the Trade Measurement (Administration) Act 1995 and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Safety Act 1986, the Road Safety (Amendment) Act 1990, the Road Safety (Drivers) Act 1991, the Road Safety (Further Amendment) Act 1998, the Marine Act 1988, the Transport Act 1983 and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
- *2. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
3. **JURIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Nardella).*
4. **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion for — *Resumption of debate (Mr Maughan).*
5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
6. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
- *8. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

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- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.

- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

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- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
 - 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
 - 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.

- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
 - (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
3. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*

4. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL** — Second reading
— *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- *2. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (DUST DISEASES) BILL** — Second reading.

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- *3. **TRADE MEASUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *4. **ROAD SAFETY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *5. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
 - *6. **HIRE-PURCHASE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
 7. **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 8. **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH** — Motion for — *Resumption of debate.*
 9. **FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 10. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
 11. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 12. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
 13. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
 14. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
 15. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in

- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Explanations (Sessional Order 10)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Formal business
Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business
General Business (Sessional Order 9)
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
Government Business
General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued
General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed

and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

- Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
- (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

- *22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
2. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **PROSTITUTION CONTROL (PLANNING) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.

- *2. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
3. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
4. **FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
5. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
6. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
7. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Pertou)*.
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky)*.
9. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor)*.
11. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays
Oral Questions
Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:

- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;
- provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.

- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.

- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;
 the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as

to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.

- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
2. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (DUST DISEASES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
3. **TRADE MEASUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
4. **ROAD SAFETY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
6. **HIRE-PURCHASE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

- *6 **MS KOSKY** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Vocational Education and Training Act 1990** to provide that members of Parliament are ineligible to hold office as members of TAFE college councils and to remove those members of Parliament who are members of TAFE college councils from the councils and for other purposes.
- *7. **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Disability Services Act 1991** and the **Intellectually Disabled Persons' Services Act 1986** to make provision for community visitors and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Witness Protection Act 1991** to enable authorities from other jurisdictions to apply for Victorian identity documents for witnesses in their witness protection programs, to provide for the extraterritorial operation of offences regarding disclosure of information about witnesses and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **HIRE-PURCHASE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
3. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
4. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
5. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
8. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other

- than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation,

trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

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- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

(2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
- *23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine).*
2. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (DUST DISEASES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine).*
3. **TRADE MEASUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
4. **ROAD SAFETY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*

TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **PROSTITUTION CONTROL (PLANNING) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maciellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** —
Second reading.

- *2. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- *3. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
4. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
5. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
6. **EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine)*.
7. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (DUST DISEASES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine)*.
8. **ROAD SAFETY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
9. **TRADE MEASUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
10. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
11. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
12. **PROSTITUTION CONTROL (PLANNING) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
13. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
14. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky)*.
15. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor)*.
16. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
17. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - Formal business
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 - Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other

than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation,

trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
- and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
 - Total number of Members
 - Less Ministers and the Speaker
 - Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
 - Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
 - (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS

Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

- *6. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House acknowledges that there was a stolen generation of indigenous Australians forcibly removed from their families causing deep and ongoing hurt to the children removed, their families and indigenous communities and condemns any action which would threaten Australia's international reputation or further set back the cause of reconciliation.
- *7. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the registration of and investigations into the professional conduct and fitness to practise of registered practitioners of Chinese medicine and dispensers of Chinese herbs, to regulate Chinese medicine and herbal dispensing services, to regulate the advertising of Chinese medicine and herbal dispensing services, to establish a Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria and a Chinese Medicine Registration Board Fund and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate electronic transactions and for other purposes.
- *9. **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of breastfeeding and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **ROAD SAFETY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **TRADE MEASUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
3. **EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
4. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (DUST DISEASES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wynne).*
5. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
6. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
7. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
8. **PROSTITUTION CONTROL (PLANNING) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
9. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
12. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
13. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not

more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any

Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration of submissions.

7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:

- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
 - (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:

- (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.

6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.

17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY**TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL —**
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL —** Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
3. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL —** Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **CHINESE MEDICINE REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading.
- *2. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading.

- *3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (BREASTFEEDING) BILL** — Second reading.
4. **TRADE MEASUREMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine).*
6. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (DUST DISEASES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wynne).*
7. **ROAD SAFETY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — To be committed.
8. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
10. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
11. **PROSTITUTION CONTROL (PLANNING) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
12. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
13. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
14. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
15. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
16. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.

- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.

- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress

at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next

sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that,

where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
3. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **PROSTITUTION CONTROL (PLANNING) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

3. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Pertou)*.
4. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
5. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
8. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
9. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business
General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued
General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;

- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

- (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.

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- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
 - 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
 - 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
 - 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over

Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.

- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.

4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.

15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
3. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CHINESE MEDICINE REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (BREASTFEEDING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Environment Protection Act 1970, the Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997, the Magistrates' Court Act 1989 and the Environment Protection (Amendment) Act 1999 and for other purposes.

- *7. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Equal Opportunity Act 1995** to prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR CAMERON** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to *amend the Accident Compensation Act 1985 to restore common law actions for damages with effect from 20 October 1999, to increase compensation for non-economic loss and to make miscellaneous amendments to that Act, to amend the Dangerous Goods Act 1985, the Transport Accident Act 1986, the Accident Compensation (WorkCover Insurance) Act 1993 and the Extractive Industries Development Act 1995 and for other purposes.*
- *9. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make further amendments to State legislation as a consequence of national taxation reform and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Building Act 1993, the Prostitution Control Act 1994, the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 and the Subdivision Act 1988** and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **RENEWABLE ENERGY AUTHORITY VICTORIA (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council) — Second reading — Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **CORPORATIONS (VICTORIA) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council) — Second reading — Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
3. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council) — Second reading — Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
4. **FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council) — Second reading — Resumption of debate (Mr Thompson).*
5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (Ms Kosky).*
6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (Mr Batchelor).*
7. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — *Second reading — Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — *Second reading.*

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other

than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation,

trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

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- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
- Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

(2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
3. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CHINESE MEDICINE REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (BREASTFEEDING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Macdellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.

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- *2. ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL — Second reading.
 - *3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL — Second reading.
 - *4. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL — Second reading.
 - *5. NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (FURTHER CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL — Second reading.
 - 6. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
 - 7. FLORA AND FAUNA GUARANTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Thompson)*.
 - 8. JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — To be considered.
 - 9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky)*.
 - 10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor)*.
 - 11. CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
 - 12. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1. MR McARTHUR — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
- a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.
- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
- and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

- *24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by Tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin Students increased from 1997 to 1999.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
3. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CHINESE MEDICINE REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (BREASTFEEDING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (BREASTFEEDING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
2. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

3. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
4. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
5. **CHINESE MEDICINE REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
6. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
7. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
8. **ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
9. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
11. **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (FURTHER CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
12. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
13. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
14. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
15. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
16. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.

- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;

- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
 - (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

(d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

(2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

(3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.

(4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.

(5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.

(6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

(7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:

(a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

(b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

(8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):

(a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

(i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

(ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

(9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.

7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:

(1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public

importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
- *25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

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- *6. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Transport Act 1983** to remove references to the transport functions of the Public Transport Corporation, to make certain consequential amendments to certain other Acts and for other purposes.
- *7. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the registration of psychologists and investigations into the professional conduct and fitness to practise of registered psychologists, to regulate advertising relating to the provision of psychological services, to establish a new Psychologists Registration Board of Victoria and a Psychologists Registration Board Fund, to repeal the Psychologists Registration Act 1987 and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the **Dental Practice Act 1999** and the **Medical Practice Act 1994** and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Health Services Act 1988** to facilitate the disaggregation of certain health care networks and the re-organisation of public health care agencies in the metropolitan area and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Tobacco Act 1987** and for other purposes.
- *11. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the **Gift Duty Act 1971** and the **Probate Duty Act 1962**, to amend the employment agency provisions of the **Pay-roll Tax Act 1971** and the land-rich provisions of the **Stamp Act 1958** and for other purposes.
- *12. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Emergency Services Superannuation Act 1986**, the **Government Superannuation Act 1999**, the **Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968**, the **State Employees Retirement Benefits Act 1979**, the **State Superannuation Act 1988**, the **Superannuation (Portability) Act 1989** and the **Transport Superannuation Act 1988** and for other purposes.
- *13. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Electricity Industry Act 1993**, the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, the **Office of the Regulator-General Act 1994**, the **National Electricity (Victoria) Act 1997** and certain other Acts and for other purposes.
- *14. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the Victorian Law Reform Commission and define its functions and powers, to repeal the **Law Reform Commission (Repeal) Act 1992** and amend the **Legal Practice Act 1996** and for other purposes.
- *15. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989** to provide for the Children's Court to be presided over by a President who is a judge of the County Court, to amend the **Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987** with respect to certain appeals under that Act and for other purposes.

- *16. **MR HAMILTON** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to establish Dairy Food Safety Victoria with responsibility for dairy industry licensing and dairy food safety, to repeal the Dairy Industry Act 1992 and for other purposes.
- *17. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Victorian Arts Centre Act 1979 and the National Gallery of Victoria Act 1966 and for other purposes.
- *18. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the revocation of reservations and a Crown grant affecting various parcels of land and for other purposes.
- *19. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the National Parks Act 1975, the Alpine Resorts Act 1983, and the Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997 and for other purposes.
- *20. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Emergency Management Act 1986 to establish the position of Emergency Services Commissioner, to make consequential amendments to the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Act 1958 and the Victoria State Emergency Service Act 1987 and for other purposes.
- *21. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the Control of Weapons Act 1990, to make a consequential amendment to the Vagrancy Act 1966 and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
- *2 **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
- *3 **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
- 4 **CHINESE MEDICINE REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
- 5 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
- 6 **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (FURTHER CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
- 7 **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Viney).*
- 8 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Langdon).*
- 9 **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*

- 10 ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
- 11 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 12 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Pertou).*
- 13 WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*
- 14 JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL — To be considered.
- 15 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
- 16 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
- 17 CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 18 ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. MR McARTHUR — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business
Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business
General Business (Sessional Order 9)
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
Government Business
General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued
General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively,

has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;

- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
 - Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn"

which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
- (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.

- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.

- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.

(2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.

11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

(a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(i) a statutory rule; or

(ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or

(b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:

(i) a statutory rule; or

(ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

(2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby

Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.

4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.

15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year

after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.

25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
- *2. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- *2. **PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading.

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- *3. **HEALTH PRACTITIONER ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *4. **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *5. **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *6. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *7. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *8. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *9. **VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL** — Second reading.
 - *10. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *11. **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading.
 - *12. **ARTS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *13. **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *14. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *15. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *16. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 17. **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS (VICTORIA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*
 18. **NATIONAL TAXATION REFORM (FURTHER CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Lenders).*
 19. **DISABILITY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Viney).*
 20. **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Langdon).*
 21. **ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
 22. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*
 23. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
 24. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

25. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
26. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
27. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
28. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
29. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
30. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day

shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
 and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

- 2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
- 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
- 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

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16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
 17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
 18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
 19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
 20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
 21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
 22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
 23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
 24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.

25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
2. **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leigh, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
2. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
4. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
5. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
6. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
9. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;

- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

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- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;
- provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.

- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

 Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.

- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over

Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.

- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
 - (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.

4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.

15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year

after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.

25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke)*.
2. **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke)*.

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
2. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine)*.

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke)*.

THURSDAY 18 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
3. **HEALTH PRACTITIONER ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
5. **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
6. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
7. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
8. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
9. **VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
11. **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
12. **ARTS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
13. **LAND (REVOCAION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
14. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
16. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*

***JOINT SITTING**

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2000

At 12.30 pm in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Joint Sitting to consider the passage of a resolution to invite the two Chambers of the Commonwealth Parliament to return to the Victorian Parliament to commemorate the centenary of the first sittings of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901.

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS

Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

***HOUSE (JOINT)** — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **WITNESS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ryan).*

2. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
3. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
4. **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
5. **ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Carli).*
6. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
7. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
11. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
12. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

(d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

(2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

THURSDAY 11 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine).*

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*

THURSDAY 18 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
3. **HEALTH PRACTITIONER ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

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4. **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
 5. **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
 6. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 7. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 8. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
 9. **VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
 10. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
 11. **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
 12. **ARTS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
 13. **LAND (REVOCAION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
 14. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
 15. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
 16. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*

JOINT SITTING

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2000

At 12.30 pm in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Joint Sitting to consider the passage of a resolution to invite the two Chambers of the Commonwealth Parliament to return to the Victorian Parliament to commemorate the centenary of the first sittings of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901.

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Langdon).*

3. **FEDERAL COURTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
4. **ACCIDENT COMPENSATION (COMMON LAW AND BENEFITS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Carli).*
- *5. **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (CONTROL OF USE) (AMENDMENT)** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
6. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphine).*
7. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
8. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
12. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
13. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11

- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

(a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;

(b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.

- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed

and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is

not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day

for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.

- (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.

12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the

Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.

23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*

THURSDAY 18 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
3. **HEALTH PRACTITIONER ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

5. **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
6. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
7. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
8. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
9. **VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
11. **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
12. **ARTS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
13. **LAND (REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
14. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
16. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **HEALTH SERVICES (GOVERNANCE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

3. **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Kilgour).*
5. **PSYCHOLOGISTS REGISTRATION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
6. **HEALTH PRACTITIONER ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
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17. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
18. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
19. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
20. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
21. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*

22. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
23. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
24. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
25. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
26. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.

- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

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- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day

shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

- 2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
- 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
- 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR FLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.

25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (CONTROL OF USE) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a regime for the responsible collection and handling of personal information in the Victorian public sector, to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968**, the **Ombudsman Act 1973** and certain other Acts and for other purposes.

- *7. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the Legal Practice Act 1996, the Magistrates' Court Act 1989, the Supreme Court Act 1986 and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996, the Sentencing Act 1991, the Children and Young Persons Act 1989, the Confiscation Act 1997, the Accident Compensation Act 1985, the Accident Compensation (WorkCover Insurance) Act 1993 and the Transport Accident Act 1986 and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1 **STATE TAXATION ACTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
- 2 **VICTORIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 3 **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 4 **ARTS LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
- 5 **LAND (REVOCAION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
- 6 **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
- 7 **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate.*
- 8 **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
- 9 **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
- 10 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
- 11 **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
- 12 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 13 **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
- 14 **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

- 15 **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
- 16 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphine).*
- 17 **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
- 18 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
- 19 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
- 20 **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 21 **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business
General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued
General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;

- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

- (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

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- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansardand shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak

for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.

- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
 - 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;
 the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
 - 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions

shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.

- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic

Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that

the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

- *26. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the retail price of petrol and liquefied petroleum gas in Victoria and for other purposes.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

THURSDAY 25 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (CONTROL OF USE) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*

TUESDAY 30 MAY 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

- *1. **BUSINESS REGISTRATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TOBACCO (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Nardella).*
3. **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*

4. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
5. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
6. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
8. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
9. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
10. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphine).*
11. **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (CONTROL OF USE) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
- *12. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading.
- *13. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
- *14. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
15. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
17. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
18. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
19. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

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- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

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- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

- for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
 and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.

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20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
 21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
 22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
 23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
 24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
 25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS**TUESDAY 30 MAY 2000****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. **BUSINESS REGISTRATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000**GENERAL BUSINESS****ORDER OF THE DAY**

- *1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor)*.

R W PURDEY*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly***A ANDRIANOPOULOS***Speaker*

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **DAIRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
2. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate.*
3. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading.

4. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
5. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
6. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh)*.
7. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh)*.
8. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
9. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke)*.
10. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
11. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
12. **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (CONTROL OF USE) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
13. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphine)*.
14. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
15. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky)*.
16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor)*.
17. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
18. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

(d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

(2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

(3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.

(4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.

(5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.

(6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

(7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:

(a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

(b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

(8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):

(a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

(i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
 Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

- for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
 - (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.

20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS**TUESDAY 30 MAY 2000****GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. **BUSINESS REGISTRATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000**GENERAL BUSINESS****ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*

R W PURDEY*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly***A ANDRIANOPOULOS***Speaker*

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
2. **CONTROL OF WEAPONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*

3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
4. **ADOPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
5. **AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (CONTROL OF USE) (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
6. **BUSINESS REGISTRATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
7. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
8. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McIntosh).*
9. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
10. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
11. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
12. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
13. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
14. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
15. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:

- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Explanations (Sessional Order 10)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Formal business
Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business
General Business (Sessional Order 9)
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
Government Business
General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued
General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.

- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress

at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
- and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next

sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that,

where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2000 (10.00 am)

*Address by members of the Indigenous Communities of Victoria and representatives from the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (*pursuant to the resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 26 May 2000*).

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor)*.

FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
3. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

*Address by members of the Indigenous Communities of Victoria and representatives from the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (*pursuant to the resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 26 May 2000*).

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.

5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Constitution Act 1975** by making provision for the passage of an Annual Appropriation Bill and other powers of the Houses of the Parliament and the duration of the Houses of Parliament, to amend **The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1958**, the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982**, the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and the **Parliamentary Salaries and Superannuation Act 1968** and for other purposes.
- *7. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** to provide for the trial of injecting facilities for drugs of dependence and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to reform the **Constitution Act 1975** by making provision for the constitution of the Houses of Parliament and for the election of members of the Legislative Council using proportional representation, to amend the **Constitution Act 1975**, **The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1958** and the **Electoral Boundaries Commission Act 1982** and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Planning and Environment Act 1987** in relation to restrictive covenants and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
2. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
3. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
4. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine)*.
5. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ingram)*.
6. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).

9. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
10. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.

- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

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- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

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- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.

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- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

(2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.

20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

ORDER OF THE DAY

- *1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (Mr Cooper).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS**WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000****GENERAL BUSINESS****ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Mr Batchelor).

FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2000**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Mr Perton).
2. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Dr Dean).
3. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Dr Dean).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be read and discharged:
Constitution (Reform) Bill — Second reading — Resumption of debate
and that the Bill be withdrawn.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
2. **NATIONAL PARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this Bill be now read a second time — *and on the amendment* — That all the words after 'That' be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until a copy of the report of the Technical Advisory Group examining the Mt McKay ski field is provided to each Member of the Legislative Assembly, in order that this House can be fully informed on the issues and consultation can take place which is designed to secure an outcome in the best interests of the protection of the environment and rare and threatened species, as well as regional social and economic development' (*Mr Plowman*).
3. **APPROPRIATION (2000/2001) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Ingram).*
- *4. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading.
- *5. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading.
- *6. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading.
- *7. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
8. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
12. **CONSTITUTION (REFORM) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
13. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. MR McARTHUR — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that

Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

(d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

(2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

(3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.

(4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.

(5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.

(6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

(7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:

(a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

(b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

(8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):

(a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

(i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
 - (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to

take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS**WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000****GENERAL BUSINESS****ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*

FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2000**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
3. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*

R W PURDEY*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly***A ANDRIANOPOULOS***Speaker*

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

Every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.

Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
2. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.

3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
5. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not

more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

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- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day

shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide a satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either a satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
 and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

- 2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
- 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
- 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

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5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
 6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
 7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
 8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
 9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
 10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
 11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
 12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
 13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
 14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
 15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that

the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

- *26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor)*.

FRIDAY 9 JUNE 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
2. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
3. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*
3. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*
4. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

*On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
2. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
3. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*
4. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Pertou).*
5. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
6. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*
8. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*
9. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
12. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
13. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. MR McARTHUR — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
- Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to

take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
- *26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
2. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*
3. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
4. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
5. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
6. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
8. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*
9. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
10. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*). .
12. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
13. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued
General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

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- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
 - Total number of Members
 - Less Ministers and the Speaker
 - Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
 - Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.

- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.

20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinlander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (Mr Cooper).

- *2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (Ms McCall).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to revise the Statute Law of Victoria.

- *7. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994** to establish the Secretary to the Department of State and Regional Development as a body corporate, to provide for its powers and functions and the transfer of certain matters to it and for other purposes.
- *8. **MS KOSKY** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Tertiary Education Act 1993** to repeal the voluntary student unionism provisions, to make further provision about non-academic fees, subscriptions and charges and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984** and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act No. 797 of the Parliament of Victoria and for other purposes.
- *11. **MS CAMPBELL** — To move, That she have leave to bring in Bill to amend the **Children and Young Persons Act 1989** so as to provide for the transfer of child protection orders and proceedings between Victoria and another State or a Territory of Australia or between Victoria and New Zealand and for other purposes.
- *12. **MR HAMILTON** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the **Plant Health and Plant Products Act 1995** and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 2. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wilson).*
- 3. **VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate.*
- 4. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
- 5. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 6. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
- 7. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
- 8. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
- 9. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*

10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
12. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

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- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
 - 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
 - (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
 - Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
 - 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
 - (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pmthe Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day

shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
 - (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.

25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
- *27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (Mr Cooper).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (Ms McCall).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading.

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- *2. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *3. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *4. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *5. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *7. **PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 8. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.
 9. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
 10. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*.
 11. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
 12. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
 13. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wilson)*.
 14. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mildenhall)*.
 15. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor)*.
 16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
 17. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
 - *18. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
 19. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - Formal business
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 - Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued
General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.

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- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

(2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.

20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*30 May 2000*) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 August 2000*) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — Sessional Order 4

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — Sessional Order 5

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — Sessional Order 5

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — Sessional Order 6

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — Sessional Order 7

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — Sessional Order 8

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — Sessional Order 9

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to encourage and facilitate disclosures of improper conduct by public officers and public bodies, to protect persons making those disclosures and others from reprisals, to provide for the matters disclosed to be properly investigated and dealt with and for other purposes.

- *7. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for power to lease land for the purposes of a car park at St. Kilda and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wilson).*
2. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
3. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mildenhall).*
4. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
5. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
6. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
10. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:

- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.

- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress

at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next

sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that,

where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
- *28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- #1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*

2. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
3. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robyns Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.
2. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark)*.
3. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
4. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
5. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott)*.
7. **PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur)*.

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider a new clause and an amendment to the Information Privacy Bill to provide for an additional criterion to be considered by the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee in reviewing statutory rules pursuant to s 21(1) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading.
- *2. **LAND (ST. KILDA SEA BATHS) BILL** — Second reading.
3. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Peulich).*
5. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mildenhall).*
6. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
7. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
8. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
12. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS
NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.

- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;

- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.

7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:

- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public

importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

(3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
- *29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).*
2. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
3. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
- *4. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for pre-school education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
- *5. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of pre-school be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
- *6. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY
TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
3. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
4. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
5. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*

6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
7. **PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
6. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider a new clause and an amendment to the Information Privacy Bill to provide for an additional criterion to be considered by the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee in reviewing statutory rules pursuant to s 21(1) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **JURIES BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
2. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
3. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
4. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms McCall).*
5. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mildenhall).*
6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
9. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS
NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 - Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Mr Batchelor).
2. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (Mr Cooper).
3. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (Ms McCall).

4. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (Mr Dixon).
5. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (Mr Savage).
6. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (Mrs Peulich).
- *7. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (Ms Davies).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
3. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
4. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
5. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
7. **PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate*
(*Dr Dean*).
2. **LAND (ST. KILDA SEA BATHS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate*
(*Mr Perton*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the electricity supply industry and for other purposes.

- *7. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** as a consequence of the **Electricity Industry Act 2000**, to amend the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, the **Gas Industry Act 1994**, the **Office of the Regulator-General Act 1994** and the **State Electricity Commission Act 1958** and other Acts and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Tattersall Consultations Act 1958** to adjust taxation rates and for other purposes.
- *9. **MS KOSKY** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Adult, Community and Further Education Act 1991** to provide for the establishment of adult education institutions and their governing boards, to transfer the staff employed in the Department of Education, Employment and Training in the administration or provision of adult multicultural education services to an adult education institution to be known as **Adult Multicultural Education Services** and to make other amendments, to repeal the **Council of Adult Education Act 1981** and to transfer the staff, property, rights and liabilities of the Council to an adult education institution to be called the **Centre for Adult Education**, to repeal the **Employment Agents Act 1983** and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR PANDAZOPOULOS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the lawful conduct of public lotteries, including football pools and competitions, to repeal the **Tattersall Consultations Act 1958**, to entitle the promoter under that Act to a public lottery licence for consultations and soccer football pools, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes.
- *11. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the power for **Melbourne Parks and Waterways** to surrender all its land to the State, to provide for functions, powers, rights and liabilities of **Melbourne Parks and Waterways** to be transferred to the State, to repeal provisions of the **Water Industry Act 1994** establishing **Melbourne Parks and Waterways**, to make further amendments to other Acts, to repeal the **Wattle Park Land Act 1991** and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **CONSTITUTION (PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Lenders).*
2. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms McCall).*
3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
4. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).

6. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued
General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

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- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:

- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or

- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.

7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.

19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.

27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
- *30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
- *31. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That the following Order of the Day, General Business, be read and discharged —
Petroleum Products (Pricing) Bill — Second reading — Resumption of debate
 and that the Bill be withdrawn.
- *32. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to require the determination of terminal gate prices for petroleum products and for other purposes.
- *33. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
- *34. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
- *35. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor)*.

2. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
3. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
4. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
5. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
6. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
7. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mr Doyle*).
2. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mr Clark*).
3. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mr Baillieu*).
4. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Dr Dean*).
5. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Dr Dean*).
6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mrs Elliott*).

7. **PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
2. **LAND (ST. KILDA SEA BATHS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall, Mr Wells and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **DRUGS, POISONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (INJECTING FACILITIES TRIAL) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms McCall)*.
2. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY BILL** — Second reading.

3. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL**
— Second reading.
4. **TATTERSALL CONSULTATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
5. **TRAINING AND FURTHER EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
6. **PUBLIC LOTTERIES BILL** — Second reading.
7. **WATER INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
11. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

(d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

(2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

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24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
 25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
 26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
 27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
 28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
 29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
 30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
 31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
 32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the

recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.

33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (Mr Cooper).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (Ms McCall).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (Mr Dixon).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (Mr Savage).
5. **ILLCIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (Mrs Peulich).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (Ms Davies).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Mr Doyle).
2. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Mr Clark).
3. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (Mr Baillieu).

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4. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).
 5. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).
 6. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mrs Elliott).*
 7. **PLANT HEALTH AND PLANT PRODUCTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
2. **LAND (ST. KILDA SEA BATHS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

- *1. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

***DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT)** — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

***LAW REFORM (JOINT)** — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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6. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
7. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
10. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
11. **TATTERSALL CONSULTATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
12. **TRAINING AND FURTHER EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
13. **PUBLIC LOTTERIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
14. **WATER INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
- φ15. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
17. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
18. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
19. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued
General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

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- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:

- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide a satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or

- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.

7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.

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19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
 20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
 21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
 22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinlander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
 23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
 24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
 25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
 26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.

27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).

3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (Mr Dixon).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (Mr Savage).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (Mrs Peulich).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (Ms Davies).
7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Trezise and Mr Spry.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.

Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

- *6. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That pursuant to section 46D(1)(c) of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**, Amendment No 113 to Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Regional Strategy Plan be approved.
- *7. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Heritage Act 1995** and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to create and charge a number of duties, to repeal the **Stamps Act 1958**, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Crimes Act 1958**, to make consequential amendments to the **Education Act 1958** and the **Sentencing Act 1991** and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Wrongs Act 1958** with respect to the apportionment of damages in claims arising from breach of contract and for other purposes.
- *11. **MR CAMERON** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Transport Accident Act 1986** to increase certain compensation payments, to provide for improved access to benefits and to revise claims procedures, to amend the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** and the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985** and for other purposes.
- *12. **MR HAMILTON** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Agricultural Industry Development Act 1990** and for other purposes.
- *13. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Mineral Resources Development Act 1990** and the **National Parks Act 1975** and for other purposes.
- *14. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Fisheries Act 1995** and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. **INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 2. **ANGLICAN TRUSTS CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
- 3. **TATTERSALL CONSULTATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
- 4. **TRAINING AND FURTHER EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
- 5. **PUBLIC LOTTERIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*

6. **LAND (ST. KILDA SEA BATHS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Thompson).*
7. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
8. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
9. **WATER INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
10. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
11. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
12. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
13. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
14. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
15. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
17. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —
 - 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
 - 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:

- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.

- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
 - Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
 - (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress

at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next

sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that,

where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.

30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — Resumption of debate (*Mr Batchelor*).

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- *8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
- *9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- *10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
- *11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRAINING AND FURTHER EDUCATION ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **TATTERSALL CONSULTATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

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3. PUBLIC LOTTERIES BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
 4. LAND (ST. KILDA SEA BATHS) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Thompson).*
 - *5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RESTORATION OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY TO MELTON) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
 - *6. TRANSPORT ACCIDENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *7. HERITAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *8. DUTIES BILL — Second reading.
 - *9. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *10. WRONGS (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *11. AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *12. MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *13. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 14. ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 15. ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 16. WATER INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
 17. TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
 18. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
 19. WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
 20. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
 21. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*

22. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
23. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
24. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
- and shall not make any other recommendations.

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- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
 Less Ministers and the Speaker
 Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
 Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".

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- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or

- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

- 2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
- 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
- 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
- 5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.

6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.

17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

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26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
 27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
 28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
 29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
 30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
 31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
 32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
 33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
 - *34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.

- *35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
- *6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — Resumption of debate (*Mr Batchelor*).
8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).

- *12. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maciellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

3. **WATER INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
4. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
5. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
6. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RESTORATION OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY TO MELTON) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*
8. **TRANSPORT ACCIDENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
9. **HERITAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
10. **DUTIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
11. **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
12. **WRONGS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
13. **AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*
14. **MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
16. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
17. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
18. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
19. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Langdon).*
20. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that

Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
 - (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
 - Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business

5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

(1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

(2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

(3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

(4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

(5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

- for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;
 the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act—

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to

take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

(a) a statutory rule; or

(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.

29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the

- intersection of Robyns Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
 4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
 5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
 6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*31 August and 4 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
 7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — Resumption of debate (*Mr Batchelor*).
 8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
 9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
 10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
 11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
 12. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*4 October 2000*) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the Melbourne City Link Act 1995, to repeal the Melbourne City Link Authority Act 1994, to make minor amendments to other Acts and for other purposes.

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- *7. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a fresh system of employment regulation in Victoria, to establish a Fair Employment Tribunal, to repeal the Long Service Leave Act 1992 and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the Nurses Act 1993 and to amend the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Casino Control Act 1991 and the Gaming Machine Control Act 1991 to impose an annual levy on gaming machines operating in Victoria and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Racing Act 1958, the Lotteries Gaming and Betting Act 1966 and the Gaming and Betting Act 1994 and for other purposes.
- *11. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Magistrates' Court Act 1989, the Sentencing Act 1991 and the Chattel Securities Act 1987 and for other purposes.
- *12. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Magistrates' Court Act 1989, the Crimes Act 1958 and the Evidence Act 1958 and for other purposes.
- *13. **MR PANDAZOPOULOS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make miscellaneous amendments to the Gaming Machine Control Act 1991, the Gaming and Betting Act 1994, the Casino Control Act 1991, the Gaming No. 2 Act 1997, and the Interactive Gaming (Player Protection) Act 1999 and for other purposes.
- *14. **MR PANDAZOPOULOS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Gaming No. 2 Act 1997 to make further provision for activities regulated by the Act and the administration of the Act and for other purposes.
- *15. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 and for other purposes.
- *16. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the revocation of the reservations over several parcels of land, the revocation of a Crown grant and for other purposes.
- *17. **MR HAMILTON** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to improve the administration and effectiveness of the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TERTIARY EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Kotsiras).*
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RESTORATION OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY TO MELTON) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Burke).*

3. **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
4. **HERITAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Clark).*
5. **TRANSPORT ACCIDENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
6. **WRONGS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **DUTIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
8. **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*
10. **MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
11. **FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
12. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
13. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
14. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
15. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
17. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.

- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
- (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
 - Tuesdays**
 - Oral Questions
 - Explanations (Sessional Order 10)
 - Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 - Formal business
 - Government Business
 - Wednesdays**
 - Formal business
 - General Business (Sessional Order 9)
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - General Business
 - Thursdays**
 - Formal business
 - General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
 - (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - Formal business
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 - Government Business continued
- 3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:
- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered,

whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.

- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:

- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.

7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:

- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public

importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;

the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and

members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.

31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).

5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mr Batchelor*).
8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
12. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.

Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **WRONGS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
2. **TRANSPORT ACCIDENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

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- *3. MELBOURNE CITY LINK (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL — Second reading.
 - *4. TRANSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
 - *5. FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL — Second reading.
 - *6. NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *7. GAMING ACTS (GAMING MACHINE LEVY) BILL — Second reading.
 - *8. ESSENTIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION (DISPUTE RESOLUTION) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
 - *9. RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *10. MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL — Second reading.
 - *11. MAGISTRATES' COURT (COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL — Second reading.
 - *12. GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL — Second reading.
 - *13. GAMING NO. 2 (COMMUNITY BENEFIT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *14. COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - *15. ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading.
 - *16. LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL — Second reading.
 - *17. DOMESTIC (FERAL AND NUISANCE) ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading.
 - 18. DUTIES BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
 - 19. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
 - 20. AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*
 - 21. MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
 - 22. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
 - 23. WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
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24. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.
25. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
26. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
27. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
28. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
- and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day

shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;
 the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

- 2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
- 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
- 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost

pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.

17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at

all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.

35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLCIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mr Batchelor*).
8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
12. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading.

2. **DUTIES BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
3. **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
4. **AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*
5. **MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
6. **FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
7. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
12. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move; That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —
- and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.
- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the

recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.

33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (*30 May and 3 October 2000*) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 August 2000*) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*31 August and 4 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Batchelor)*.

8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
12. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRANSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh)*.
2. **ESSENTIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION (DISPUTE RESOLUTION) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
3. **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
2. **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
3. **NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **GAMING ACTS (GAMING MACHINE LEVY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
6. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (COMMittal PROCEEDINGS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
9. **GAMING NO. 2 (COMMUNITY BENEFIT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
10. **COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
11. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
12. **DOMESTIC (FERAL AND NUISANCE) ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — Sessional Order 4

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — Sessional Order 5

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — Sessional Order 5

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — Sessional Order 6

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — Sessional Order 7

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — Sessional Order 8

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — Sessional Order 9

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR THWAITES** — To move, that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Building Act 1993 and the Health Act 1958 and for other purposes.
- *7. **MR BATCHELOR** — To move, that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Marine Act 1988 to provide for the licensing of operators of recreational vessels and for other purposes.

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- *8. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, that he have leave to bring in a Bill to make further miscellaneous amendments to the **First Home Owner Grant Act 2000**, the **Land Tax Act 1958**, the **Pay-roll Tax Act 1971**, the **Stamps Act 1958** and the **Taxation Administration Act 1997** and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend specified Acts so as to permit non-bank financial institutions to provide banking services to bodies regulated by statute and for other purposes.
- *10. **MR BRUMBY** — To move, that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Gas Industry Act 1994** to further regulate the gas industry, to amend the **Gas Safety Act 1997** and other Acts and for other purposes.
- *11. **MS KOSKY** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the commutation of certain pension entitlements and deferred benefit entitlements under the **State Superannuation Act 1988**, the **Police Regulation Act 1958**, the **State Employees Retirement Benefits Act 1979**, the **Superannuation (Portability) Act 1989** and the **Transport Superannuation Act 1988**, to make miscellaneous amendments to certain Superannuation Acts and for other purposes.
- *12. **MS KOSKY** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the Victorian Qualifications Authority and to reconstitute the State Training Board of Victoria as the Victorian Learning and Employment Skills Commission and to make consequential amendments to other Acts and for other purposes.
- *13. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, to abolish the Board of Studies and to repeal the **Board of Studies Act 1993** and for other purposes.
- *14. **MR PANDAZOPOULOS** — To move, that he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Professional Boxing and Martial Arts Act 1985** and for other purposes.
- *15. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Environment Protection Act 1970** to include principles of environment protection, to provide for neighbourhood environment improvement plans and for other purposes.
- *16. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the revocation of a reservation and a Crown grant relating to land at Parkville, to provide for the re-reservation of that land and the granting of a restricted Crown grant of that land to the University of Melbourne, to repeal the **Melbourne (Veterinary School) Lands Act 1970** and for other purposes.
- *17. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the Victorian Environment Assessment Council, to repeal the **Environment Conservation Council Act 1997** and for other purposes.
- *18. **MS GARBUTT** — To move, that she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Forestry Rights Act 1996** to provide for rights to exploit carbon sequestered by trees, to require consent to certain agreements under that Act and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
3. **TRANSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — (from Council) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
4. **ESSENTIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION (DISPUTE RESOLUTION) BILL** — (from Council) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — (from Council) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
6. **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
7. **AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall).*
8. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
9. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (Ms Kosky).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (Mr Batchelor).
12. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (Mr Langdon).
13. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - Formal business
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 - Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that

Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:

- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:

(a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and

(b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record

and if the Speaker is satisfied:

(c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and

(d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order

the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

(2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

(3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.

(4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.

(5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.

(6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

(7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:

(a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

(b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.

(8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):

(a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

(i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or

- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost

for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.

- (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to

take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

- (a) a statutory rule; or
 (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.

9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though

dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.

21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.

29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the

- intersection of Robyns Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
 4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
 5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
 6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*31 August and 4 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
 7. **PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (TERMINAL GATE PRICING) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate* (*Mr Batchelor*).
 8. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
 9. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
 10. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
 11. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
 12. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*4 October 2000*) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Naphthine).*
2. **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
3. **NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **GAMING ACTS (GAMING MACHINE LEVY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
6. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
8. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
9. **GAMING NO. 2 (COMMUNITY BENEFIT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
10. **COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
11. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
12. **DOMESTIC (FERAL AND NUISANCE) ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

- 1. COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS)**
BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

- Formal business
- Statements by Members (15 minutes)
- Grievances (2½ hours)
- Government Business
- Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
- Government Business *continued*
- General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **TRANSPORT (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh)*.
2. **ESSENTIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION (DISPUTE RESOLUTION) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.

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3. **ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
 4. **FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
 5. **AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Steggall)*.
 - *6. **MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *7. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
 - *8. **BUILDING (LEGIONELLA) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *9. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *10. **GAS INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *11. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (BENEFICIARY CHOICE) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *12. **VICTORIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading.
 - *13. **VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading.
 - *14. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *15. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *16. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading.
 - *17. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading.
 - *18. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
 - *19. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
 20. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
 21. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
 22. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**

TECHNOLOGIES — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).

23. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
24. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
25. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question

"That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or

- (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:
- Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
- (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day

shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.

- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;
 the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:

- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

- 2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
- 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
- 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.

5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.

16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that

the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.

35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
- *36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.
- *37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (*30 May and 3 October 2000*) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 August 2000*) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*31 August and 4 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine)*.
2. **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh)*.
3. **NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.
4. **GAMING ACTS (GAMING MACHINE LEVY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
5. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder)*.
6. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
7. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.

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8. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
 9. **GAMING NO. 2 (COMMUNITY BENEFIT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
 10. **COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells)*.
 11. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
 12. **DOMESTIC (FERAL AND NUISANCE) ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur)*.

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our classrooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Napthine).*
2. **MELBOURNE CITY LINK (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Leigh).*
3. **NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

4. **GAMING ACTS (GAMING MACHINE LEVY) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
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7. **COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
8. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
9. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
11. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
12. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
13. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
14. **DOMESTIC (FERAL AND NUISANCE) ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*
15. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
16. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
17. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
18. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
19. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
20. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Langdon).*

21. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - Formal business
 - Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
 - (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business continued

General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.

- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

- (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:

- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or

- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

- (a) a statutory rule; or

- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley

bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.

19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the

Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.

28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies

preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.

37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with

Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAY

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
2. **BUILDING (LEGIONELLA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.
3. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
4. **GAS INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
5. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (BENEFICIARY CHOICE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
6. **VICTORIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
7. **VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood)*.
8. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu)*.
9. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
10. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.

11. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).
12. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate*
(Mr Perton).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GRIEVANCES — *Debate on the question* — That grievances be noted.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

- *6. **MR PANDAZOPOULOS** — To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider amendments to the *Gaming and Betting Act 1994* to provide for an increase in commissions and taxes for totalisators in relation to racing and sports betting competitions.
- *7. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Health Services Act 1988* to provide for elected and appointed members of boards of community health centres and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate and on the question That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment — That all the words after 'That' be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until adequate community consultation has been conducted on the economic, employment, social and business impacts of the legislation' (Mr Mulder).*
2. **DOMESTIC (FERAL AND NUISANCE) ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr McArthur).*
3. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
4. **COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*
5. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
6. **GAMING NO. 2 (COMMUNITY BENEFIT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
7. **NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
8. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
9. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
10. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
11. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
12. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*

13. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.
14. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean)*.
15. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky)*.
16. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor)*.
17. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Langdon)*.
18. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;

- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
Grievances (four hours)
Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business continued
General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
Fridays: 4.30 pm
- the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

- (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;
- provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
- (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
- (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.

- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
- (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
- and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.

7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:

- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
- (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
- (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
- (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.

- (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;
 the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over

Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.

- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
 - (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.

4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.

15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year

after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.

25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.

34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.
37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).

6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
- *12. **RATE RISES — CITY OF MARIBYRNONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Prahran (14 November 2000) — Praying that action be taken in a reasonable and appropriate manner to rectify the excessive rate rises in the City of Maribyrnong — To be considered (*Ms Burke*).
- *14. **POKER MACHINES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (14 November 2000) — Praying that legislation be enacted to give local government the power to reject the introduction of poker machines in their municipality — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton)*.
2. **BUILDING (LEGIONELLA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle)*.

3. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
4. **GAS INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (BENEFICIARY CHOICE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
6. **VICTORIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
7. **VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
8. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
9. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
10. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
11. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
12. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A ANDRIANOPOULOS
Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **GAMBLING LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
2. **GAMING NO. 2 (COMMUNITY BENEFIT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*

3. **NURSES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
4. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate and on the question That this Bill be now read a second time — and on the amendment — That all the words after 'That' be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words 'this House refuses to read this Bill a second time until adequate community consultation has been conducted on the economic, employment, social and business impacts of the legislation' (Mrs Elliott).*
- *5. **HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading.
6. **MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
7. **BUILDING (LEGIONELLA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
8. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
9. **GAS INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
10. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (BENEFICIARY CHOICE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
11. **VICTORIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
12. **VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
13. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
14. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
16. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
17. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
18. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
19. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.

20. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
21. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
22. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
23. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
24. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
25. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Ms Kosky).*
26. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Batchelor).*
27. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement *(Mr Langdon).*
28. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

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- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:
 - (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or

Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negated, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.

- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting; provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.

3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.

14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.

24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the

recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.

33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.
37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).

4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
12. **RATE RISES — CITY OF MARIBYRNONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Prahran (14 November 2000) — Praying that action be taken in a reasonable and appropriate manner to rectify the excessive rate rises in the City of Maribyrnong — To be considered (*Ms Burke*).
13. **POKER MACHINES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (14 November 2000) — Praying that legislation be enacted to give local government the power to reject the introduction of poker machines in their municipality — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. CRIMES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL — *(from Council)* — Second reading
Resumption of debate (Mr Hamilton).

R W PURDEY
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **MARINE (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
2. **COURTS AND TRIBUNALS LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
3. **BUILDING (LEGIONELLA) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

4. **GAS INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
5. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (BENEFICIARY CHOICE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
6. **VICTORIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
7. **VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
8. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
9. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
10. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
11. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
12. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
13. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
14. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
16. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
17. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
18. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
19. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
20. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (Ms Kosky).

21. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
22. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
23. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
- (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
- (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
- (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business
 Grievances (four hours)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
 - (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):

- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".

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- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or

- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.

6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.

17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vineland service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.

26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.

35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.
37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).

7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
12. **RATE RISES — CITY OF MARIBYRNONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Prahran (14 November 2000) — Praying that action be taken in a reasonable and appropriate manner to rectify the excessive rate rises in the City of Maribyrnong — To be considered (*Ms Burke*).
13. **POKER MACHINES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (14 November 2000) — Praying that legislation be enacted to give local government the power to reject the introduction of poker machines in their municipality — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **CRIMES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Hamilton).*

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm
Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Discussion on Matter*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.
- *6. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a regime for the protection of health information held by health service providers and other organisations, to create an enforceable right of access to health information, to establish privacy standards for health information, to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act

1968, the Ombudsman Act 1973, the Freedom of Information Act 1982, the Health Services (Conciliation and Review) Act 1987, the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 and certain other Acts and for other purposes.

- *7. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend various Acts to recognise the rights and responsibilities of partners in domestic relationships irrespective of the gender of each partner and for other purposes.
- *8. **MR HULLS** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Crimes Act 1958 so as to make further provision for the questioning or investigation of certain persons who are suspected of having committed an offence, to amend the Corrections Act 1986 and for other purposes.
- *9. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Police Regulation Act 1958 in respect of the disciplinary provisions, the Police Appeals Board and other miscellaneous matters and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **GAS INDUSTRY ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
2. **SUPERANNUATION ACTS (BENEFICIARY CHOICE) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
3. **VICTORIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
4. **VICTORIAN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Honeywood).*
5. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
6. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
8. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
- *9. **TRANSPORT ACCIDENT (AMENDMENT) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
10. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
11. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*

12. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
13. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
14. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
16. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
17. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
18. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
19. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
20. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).
21. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11

- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
 Explanations (Sessional Order 10)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Formal business
 Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business
 General Business (Sessional Order 9)
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 Government Business
 General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
 General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued
 General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
 Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed

and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
 - Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
 - (2) Upon such interruption of business:

- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
- (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
- (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;
- provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is

not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.

- (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
- (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
- (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
- (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
- (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
- (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
 - (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members

Less Ministers and the Speaker

Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day

for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.

- (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (a) a statutory rule; or
 - (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.

12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the **Parliamentary Committees Act 1968** and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.

31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.
37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.
- *38. **MR CLARK** — To move That this House notes with concern that the Premier has not yet laid before this House in accordance with s 9 of the *Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994* a copy of the Order in Council made under s 6 of that Act appointing the Minister for Major Projects as the Minister responsible for the Federation Square Project, even though the 14 sitting days within which the Act requires this House to be notified elapsed on 25 October 2000.

- *39. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for reducing the Adjournment Debate to a farce by failing to have a single minister attend the Chamber on the evening of Thursday 16 November 2000 to respond to the particular matters raised by members of all political persuasions on behalf of their respective constituents.
- *40. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House expresses its sincere regret to those many Victorians to whom the Government demonstrated its utter contempt through the failure of any one of the responsible ministers to attend the Adjournment Debate on the evening of Thursday 16 November 2000 to respond to the particular matters raised for their consideration by members.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with

Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).

10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
12. **RATE RISES — CITY OF MARIBYRNONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Prahran (14 November 2000) — Praying that action be taken in a reasonable and appropriate manner to rectify the excessive rate rises in the City of Maribyrnong — To be considered (*Ms Burke*).
13. **POKER MACHINES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (14 November 2000) — Praying that legislation be enacted to give local government the power to reject the introduction of poker machines in their municipality — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **CRIMES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — (*from Council*) — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Hamilton)*.

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate*
(*Mr Doyle*).

R W PURDEY

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
Statements by Members (15 minutes)
Grievances (2½ hours)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business *continued*
General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMAYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1. **HEALTH RECORDS BILL** — Second reading.
- *2. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (RELATIONSHIPS) BILL** — Second reading.

- *3. **CRIMES (QUESTIONING OF SUSPECTS) BILL** — Second reading.
- *4. **POLICE REGULATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading.
5. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAND BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
6. **MAGISTRATES' COURT (INFRINGEMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
7. **INFORMATION PRIVACY BILL — AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
8. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS) BILL — AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — To be considered.
9. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*
10. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
11. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
12. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
13. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
14. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
15. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
16. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
17. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.
18. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
19. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).

20. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11
 - (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions
Explanations (Sessional Order 10)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Formal business
Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business
General Business (Sessional Order 9)
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
Government Business
General Business

Thursdays

Formal business
General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)
Government Business continued
General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business
Government Business
Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
 - (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
 - (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
 - (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.

- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.

- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Formal business

Grievances (four hours)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
Government Business continued
General Business

- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:

- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:

Tuesdays: 10.00 pm

Wednesdays: 10.00 pm

Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm

Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm

Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (2) Upon such interruption of business:

(a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or

(b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:

(i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;

(ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.

- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.
- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard

and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:

- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
- (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
 - (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals
Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.
 - (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
 - (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.

- (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours; the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
 - (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
 - (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
 - (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
 - (i) a statutory rule; or
 - (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act—

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:

- (a) a statutory rule; or
(b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.

2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.

8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.
11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.

20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.
22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.

28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.
30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a

breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.

37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.
38. **MR CLARK** — To move That this House notes with concern that the Premier has not yet laid before this House in accordance with s 9 of the *Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994* a copy of the Order in Council made under s 6 of that Act appointing the Minister for Major Projects as the Minister responsible for the Federation Square Project, even though the 14 sitting days within which the Act requires this House to be notified elapsed on 25 October 2000.
39. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for reducing the Adjournment Debate to a farce by failing to have a single minister attend the Chamber on the evening of Thursday 16 November 2000 to respond to the particular matters raised by members of all political persuasions on behalf of their respective constituents.
40. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House expresses its sincere regret to those many Victorians to whom the Government demonstrated its utter contempt through the failure of any one of the responsible ministers to attend the Adjournment Debate on the evening of Thursday 16 November 2000 to respond to the particular matters raised for their consideration by members.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (30 May and 3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (15 August 2000) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (30 August 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (30 August 2000) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (30 August 2000) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).

6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (31 August and 4 October 2000) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (3 October 2000) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).
8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
12. **RATE RISES — CITY OF MARIBYRNONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Prahran (14 November 2000) — Praying that action be taken in a reasonable and appropriate manner to rectify the excessive rate rises in the City of Maribyrnong — To be considered (*Ms Burke*).
13. **POKER MACHINES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (14 November 2000) — Praying that legislation be enacted to give local government the power to reject the introduction of poker machines in their municipality — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
- *14. **MONASH PASS** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (22 November 2000) — Praying that a Monash Pass on the Southern part of the City Link be introduced — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** —
Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher).*

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **CRIMES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading —
Resumption of debate (Mr Hamilton).

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Speaker

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES AND TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — *Sessional Order 4*

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — *Sessional Order 5*

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — *Sessional Order 5*

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — *Sessional Order 6*

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — *Sessional Order 7*

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 8*

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — *Sessional Order 9*

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

BUSINESS TO TAKE PRECEDENCE

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — *Pursuant to Sessional Order 8*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR BRACKS** — To move, That this House notes with concern the decline in services and infrastructure in rural and regional Victoria and congratulates country Victorians for standing up for their local communities by seeking to stop the decline and supporting policies that will revitalise their communities.
2. **MR HULLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his lack of action when as a Minister in the former Government he did nothing to stop the secret deals and lack of transparency and accountability that became a hallmark of the Kennett Government and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to open up Freedom of Information and lift the veil of secrecy over how business is transacted in Victoria.
3. **MR THWAITES** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement of the public hospital system and its disastrous privatisation of health services and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to put an end to privatisation of our health system and to improve services to ordinary Victorians.
4. **MS DELAHUNTY** — To move, That this House condemns the former Government for its cruel ideological experiment with our State School system and for its impact on our class rooms and standard of education and congratulates the new Government for its commitment to lower class sizes and quality education for all our students.
5. **MR HAERMEYER** — To move, That this House congratulates the Bracks Labor Government for its commitment to improving community safety by increasing police resources, putting 800 more police on the front line and introducing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.

2. **PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Baillieu).*
3. **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
4. **VICTORIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
5. **FORESTRY RIGHTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
6. **LAND (FURTHER REVOCATION OF RESERVATIONS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Perton).*
7. **RACING AND BETTING ACTS (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Mulder).*
8. **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
9. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (STATUTE LAW REVISION) BILL** — Second reading.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — CONNECTING VICTORIA — THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Ms Kosky*).
11. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — PREMIER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Batchelor*).
12. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — A BALANCED APPROACH TO JUVENILE JUSTICE IN VICTORIA** — *Resumption of debate on the question* — That this House takes note of the Ministerial Statement (*Mr Langdon*).

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That —

- 1 The House shall meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Speaker to take the Chair at 2.00 pm on Tuesday and 9.30 am on Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2 So much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session that:
 - (1) Government Business shall take precedence over all other business save for motions of want of confidence in the Government and as provided for in Sessional Orders 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 11

- (2) Other than on Grievance Days pursuant to Sessional Order 4, the House is to proceed with its business each day in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Explanations (Sessional Order 10)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Formal business

Government Business

Wednesdays

Formal business

General Business (Sessional Order 9)

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)

Government Business

General Business

Thursdays

Formal business

General Business disallowance of statutory rules (Sessional Order 11)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

General Business

- (3) Where the House resolves to sit on a Friday, the order of business shall be as follows:

Formal business

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Matters of Public Importance (Sessional Order 7)

Government Business continued

3 Notwithstanding Sessional Order 2:

- (1) So much of Standing Order No 124 as allows Members to ask oral questions without notice at the time of giving notices of motion be suspended and that Members ask oral questions without notice at 2.00 pm each sitting day (other than on a Tuesday where a motion expressing sorrow at the death of a Member or any other person may take precedence) and that:
- (a) on all Tuesdays questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 45 minutes or 15 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer;
- (b) on all other days questions may be asked from the time the Speaker calls on questions until the lapse of 30 minutes or 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer; provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one question time each sitting day.
- (2) At 2.00 pm on each sitting day (other than a Tuesday) the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, including a Grievance Debate pursuant to Sessional Order 4, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business; provided that in the event that a division is in progress at 2.00 pm such division shall be completed

and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at 2.00 pm shall:
- (a) on Wednesdays:
 - (i) where the time permitted for a Grievance Debate or consideration of General Business, pursuant to Sessional Orders 4 and 9 respectively, has not expired, such Grievance Debate or General Business shall resume immediately at the conclusion of oral questions;
 - (ii) where the time for consideration of General Business has expired pursuant to Sessional Order 9, the business under discussion shall stand adjourned until later that day;
 - (b) on Thursdays and Fridays be resumed immediately at the conclusion of Matters of Public Importance; and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) All answers to questions shall be direct, factual and succinct.
- 4 (1) Standing Order No 59 be suspended and, the first Order of the Day on every third sitting Wednesday after the opening of the Session shall be the question "That grievances be noted". Any Member may speak to such question for not more than 20 minutes and the whole discussion on the question shall not exceed four hours.
- (2) On Grievance Days so much of Standing Orders be suspended to allow during the present Session business to be called on in the following order unless a matter concerning the privileges of the House arises:
- Formal business
 - Grievances (four hours)
 - Motions under Sessional Order 10 (Questions on Notice)
 - Government Business
 - Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 - Government Business continued
 - General Business
- 5 Notwithstanding the right of a Minister to move a motion for the adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order No 25:
- (1) On each sitting day, at the following times:
- Tuesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10.00 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has not resolved to sit on a Friday): 4.30 pm
 - Thursdays (where the House has resolved to sit on a Friday): 10.00 pm
 - Fridays: 4.30 pm

the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House, or if the House be in Committee, the Chairman shall report progress and the Speaker shall then interrupt such business provided that: in the event that a division is in progress at the time of such interruption such division shall be completed and the result announced and if such division be upon a closure motion any question required to be brought to conclusion as a result of such division shall be so brought to conclusion.

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- (2) Upon such interruption of business:
- (a) Before a motion for the adjournment is proposed by the Speaker, a Minister may move that the sitting be continued; which motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate and if such motion is agreed to, the House or Committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted; or
 - (b) If a Minister does not so move, or if such motion is defeated, the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question "That the House do now adjourn" which question shall be open to debate in accordance with the rules and practices of the House and paragraph (4); at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question and:
 - (i) if it is carried in the affirmative, shall adjourn the House until the time of the next meeting;
 - (ii) if it is negatived, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption of business shall be resumed immediately and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech;

provided that these Sessional Orders shall not permit more than one adjournment debate each sitting day.
- (3) Any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.
- (4) On the motion "That the House do now adjourn" the time available for the raising of matters on the motion be one hour and the time limit per Member be three minutes.
- (5) The time for raising matters, and the time limit per Member, shall not include the time taken for points of orders and other interruptions whilst a Member is speaking.
- 6 (1) Where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identified in the House or in the Committee of the Whole House, makes a submission in writing to the Speaker:
- (a) claiming that the person has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person's privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person; and
 - (b) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record
- and if the Speaker is satisfied:
- (c) that the subject of the submission is not so obviously trivial, or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that it be considered by the Privileges Committee; and
 - (d) that it is practicable for the Committee to consider the submission under this Sessional Order
- the Speaker shall refer the submission to that Committee.

- (2) The Committee may decide not to consider a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the submission is not sufficiently serious or the submission is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the House.
 - (3) If the Committee decides to consider a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may confer with the person who made the submission and any Member who referred in the House to that person.
 - (4) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee shall meet in private session.
 - (5) The Committee shall not publish a submission referred to it under this Sessional Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, but may present minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission to the House.
 - (6) In considering a submission under this Sessional Order and reporting to the House the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth or any statements made in the House or Committee of the Whole House or of the submission.
 - (7) In its report to the House on a submission under this Sessional Order, the Committee may make either of the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no further action be taken by the House or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
 - (b) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report and agreed to by the person and the Committee, be published by the House or incorporated in Hansard
 and shall not make any other recommendations.
 - (8) A document presented to the House under paragraph (5) or (7):
 - (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions in issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and
 - (b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of:
 - (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (1); or
 - (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.
 - (9) The Committee may agree to guidelines and procedures, not inconsistent with this Sessional Order, to apply to the consideration by it of submissions.
- 7 Standing Orders Nos 26 and 27 be suspended and that:
- (1) Precedence shall, subject to Sessional Order 10, be given to matters of public importance immediately after question time each sitting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Member may propose to the Speaker that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. Proposals for discussion accepted by the Speaker shall rotate between Members by application of the following process:

Total number of Members
Less Ministers and the Speaker
Balance equals the number of Members entitled to submit proposals

Of such entitled Members, rotation shall be in the ratio of: Liberal Party Members: National Party Members: Independent Members: Labor Party Members.

- (2) The Member proposing the matter shall present to the Speaker, not later than 5.00 pm on the day prior to the day on which a matter may be discussed, a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed.
 - (3) In the event that more than one Member proposes matters for discussion on a particular day, the Speaker shall determine the subject for discussion.
 - (4) Only one matter shall be discussed on any one sitting day.
 - (5) On the day of the proposed discussion the Speaker shall read the written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the House. The Speaker shall then call upon the Member who had proposed the matter to speak.
 - (6) The discussion shall be no longer than one hour, the first speaker from the party forming Government and the first speaker not from such party may each speak for a maximum of 15 minutes and any other Member for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - (7) At any time during the discussion, a motion may be made by any Member "That the business of the day be called on" and such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate and, if agreed to, the business of the day shall be proceeded with immediately. No other question seeking to end the discussion shall be proposed.
- 8 Standing Order No 104 be amended in the first paragraph by substituting "twenty minutes" for "thirty minutes".
- 9 Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, during the present Session precedence shall be given to General Business until 2.00 pm or for four hours, whichever is the longer, each sitting Wednesday and the procedure for consideration of such General Business shall be as follows:
- (1) The right to nominate two items per sitting Wednesday shall be at the discretion of the Speaker and determined on a pro-rata basis according to the representation in the House other than from the party forming Government.
 - (2) These items can be either notices of motion or Orders of the Day and shall be notified to the Speaker by 5.00 pm on the previous day. In the absence of nominations by the stipulated time the right or rights to nominate is or are lost for that sitting Wednesday and the next item of General Business shall be called on.
 - (3) If the same item is nominated twice by different nominees that item shall be selected as the only nominated item for discussion.
 - (4) In the event that debate:
 - (a) on any one item continues for two hours; or
 - (b) on any combined item pursuant to paragraph (3) continues for four hours;the debate shall be interrupted and any item under discussion which is not disposed of at such time shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day and any Member speaking at the time of interruption may, upon the resumption of debate thereon, continue such speech.

- (5) At the conclusion of the debate on the nominated item or items priority shall be given to motions for leave to bring in non-Government bills, Orders of the Day for the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills and consideration of petitions.
- (6) On the moving of the second reading of non-Government bills debate shall be adjourned for two weeks.
- 10 (1) If a Minister does not furnish an answer to a question on notice within 30 days of the asking of that question and does not, within that period, provide to the Member who asked the question an explanation satisfactory to that Member as to why an answer has not been provided, immediately after the conclusion of the daily answering of questions without notice on any sitting Tuesday, the Member may ask the relevant Minister for an explanation, provided that the total time for any such explanation or explanations shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- (2) In the event that a Minister does not provide an satisfactory explanation, the Member may give notice forthwith of a motion regarding the Minister's failure to provide either an satisfactory answer or an explanation and precedence over Government Business shall be given to such a motion on the next day of meeting: provided always that the time taken for consideration of such motions shall not be taken as forming part of the time allocated for General Business pursuant to Sessional Order 9.
- 11 (1) Following the presentation of a Report of the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to the House which:
- (a) recommends under Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which Part 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act; or
- (b) reports that there was a failure to table under section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994:
- (i) a statutory rule; or
- (ii) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

a Member may give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of such statutory rule or instrument which shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice Paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given.

- (2) A Member shall be entitled to give notice of a motion for the disallowance in whole or in part of:
- (a) a statutory rule; or
- (b) an instrument to which section 15 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 applies as if it were a statutory rule within the meaning of that Act —

and such notice shall be set down for consideration to take precedence on the Notice paper on the next sitting Thursday after notice is given: provided that, where notice has been given pursuant to paragraph (1), such notice shall take precedence.

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- (3) No Member shall speak for more than five minutes on any motion moved under this Sessional Order and the debate shall be no longer than two hours.
2. **MS ASHER** — To move, That this House notes the extremely strong financial position inherited by the current minority Labor Government and calls on the Government to deliver on their election promises to — (a) deliver a substantial operating surplus; (b) cut taxes; (c) deliver over \$400 million in new spending programs; and (d) reduce public sector debt and unfunded superannuation liabilities.
 3. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for shelving the Scoresby Freeway without proper consultation, showing total disregard for employment growth and investment opportunities for the outer eastern metropolitan area, further demonstrating Labor's lack of understanding that north-south traffic on Stud Road and Springvale Road has reached full capacity, and notes that the Scoresby Freeway is essential for future projected traffic volumes, without which the outer eastern road network will face gridlock.
 4. **MR MAUGHAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for putting in jeopardy the \$1.8 billion dairy deregulation package offered to the industry by the Federal Government, and that by ignoring the fact that the Domestic Market Support Scheme and each State's market milk legislation has a sunset clause for 30 June 2000, the livelihood of every Victorian dairy farmer is put at risk.
 5. **MR PLOWMAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government on its decision to permit the use of condom vending machines in government secondary schools.
 6. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government and the Minister for Education for their ideological vendetta in moving to abolish the highly successful Self-Governing Schools program, noting that fifty one government schools throughout the state face the prospect of uncertain futures as a result of the ideological tactics being pursued by the government.
 7. **MR LEIGH** — To move, That this House urges the minority Labor Government to implement the Kennett Government's election commitment to construct the Dingley bypass connecting South and Boundary Roads to the Springvale bypass and to commence construction in 2000, for completion in 2003.
 8. **MS PEULICH** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for failing to initiate a full and open community debate about drug abuse and the efficacy of self injecting rooms as a way of reducing the drug problem.
 9. **MR PERTON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to provide Victorians with leadership and opportunity in new technologies, especially information and communications technologies and multimedia.
 10. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for placing the rights of Victorian citizens who are members of unions above the rights of those who are not.

11. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for axing the Knox Public Hospital Project, demonstrating their total disregard for the health needs of the outer east, noting that the hospital was to be built based on current and future projected demand for public health services and would have resulted in a dramatic reduction in the waiting lists for public patients in the outer east.
12. **MRS ELLIOTT** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its failure to commit to a new youth training centre for the rehabilitation of young offenders.
13. **MS BURKE** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for the paucity of its policy for Victorian women.
14. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its ideological fixation against statewide LAP common testing for all grade 3 and grade 5 students and calls on the government to detail its alternative proposals for providing Victorian parents with appropriate education standard benchmarks for their children.
15. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for not allocating sufficient funding for school-based welfare counsellors in government primary and secondary schools, in marked contrast to the previous government's strong commitment to students' welfare needs.
16. **MR CLARK** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for attempting to blame the management of the Victorian WorkCover Authority for cost pressures that are due in large part to the impact of common law claims of the very sort that the government is proposing to reintroduce.
17. **MR RICHARDSON** — To move, That this House censures the Minister for Education for the misguided prioritising of the placement of condom vending machines in schools ahead of the announcement of genuine educational initiatives.
18. **MR THOMPSON** — To move, That this House condemns the minority Labor Government for its lack of commitment to preserving and protecting Port Phillip Bay, in contrast to the commitment of the former Kennett Government through the Bringing the Bay to Life initiative.
19. **DR DEAN** — To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1968 and for other purposes.
20. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for her misleading statement to the House on 14 December 1999 when she said, in answer to a question, that a contract offer to a Registered Training Organisation from the Office of Training and Further Education was 'an extension of time' when, in fact, this was the only offer received and, though dated 1 December 1999, required the recipient Registered Training Organisation to sign by 3 December 1999 or be deleted from the program.
21. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for misleading the House and the Victorian public by his consistent statements to the effect that the Opposition parties have opposed the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund Bill in circumstances where the Minister knows that at all times during debate on the legislation, and in my written confirmation to him, the

actual position of the Opposition parties was that the legislation was not opposed but that amendments regarding issues of accountability and auditing were sought.

22. **DR NAPHTHINE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for State and Regional Development for deliberately misleading the House and the Victorian public by his comments in the House on 14 March 2000 when he said that the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the transport subcommittee of Cabinet when the Vinelander service was closed given that the Minister knows full well that the Leader of the Opposition was not a member of the Cabinet nor any Cabinet subcommittee at the time that the decision was made on the operation of passenger rail services to Mildura.
23. **MR SAVAGE** — To move, That this House congratulates the Leader of the Opposition on his leadership style, notably his inclusive and consensual approach.
24. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for another misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said in the adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the previous Minister had reduced the cost of training per student contact hour year after year when those rates were set by tender and in fact the hourly rate for Lavin students increased from 1997 to 1999.
25. **MR BAILLIEU** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment for a further misleading statement to the House on 6 April 2000 when she said on an adjournment debate regarding Lavin Australia that the 24 November 1999 freeze on registered training organisations did not affect Lavin at all when the independent appraisal commissioned by the Minister's department in December specifically noted the adverse impact of the freeze on Lavin.
26. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House commends the former Coalition Government for its privatisation program of Victoria's electricity assets, an initiative that permitted a reduction by some \$25 billion in the Labor legacy of State debt and which has also enabled all Victorians, particularly those in country Victoria, to share the benefits of a competitive pricing regime — a factor underpinning the very favourable report and recommendations issued yesterday by the Office of the Regulator General.
27. **MR McARTHUR** — To move, That this House condemns the Premier and the Labor Government for failing to have legislation prepared in time for the first day of the Spring Sitting and notes that this dereliction of duty has not occurred for 10 years and puts in jeopardy the whole Parliamentary legislative program.
28. **MR ROWE** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Education for dishonouring the traditions of the House on 29 August 2000 by deliberately refusing to make a whole document available after agreeing to do so, and then misled the House in her response to the Speaker when asked if she had made the whole document available.
29. **MR McINTOSH** — To move, That this House rejects the personal explanation by the Minister for Education on Tuesday 29 August 2000 because — (a) the personal explanation is itself misleading; (b) scrutiny of the video record confirms that the Minister misled the House that day; and (c) the Minister's actions abuse the spirit of democratic parliamentary practice and procedure.

30. **MR HONEYWOOD** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker on the complaint made by the Member for Warrandyte against the Minister for Education because all the video evidence, supported by independent witnesses and members' recollections, clearly shows the Minister misled the House, misled you, Mr Speaker and misled the people of Victoria.
31. **MR ROBINSON** — To move, That this House condemns the previous Government for its mismanagement and duplicity over the Scoresby Freeway Project, noting in particular the published criticism by three federal Liberal MPs of the Kennett Government's abrogation of its responsibilities on this project.
32. **DR DEAN** — To move, That this House dissents from the ruling of Mr Speaker in rejecting complaints made by the Member for Warrandyte that the Minister for Education had deliberately misled the House because — (a) both Hansard and video taped evidence clearly show the Minister's deliberate deception; and (b) an independent witness unequivocally described the Minister's intentional deception — all of which support the recollection of many members that the Minister clearly and intentionally misled Mr Speaker and the House.
33. **MS BURKE** — To move, That she have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Transport Accident Act 1986* and for other purposes.
34. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House place on record the gratitude of the Parliament and the people of Victoria to the dedicated members of the Victoria Police who so professionally upheld and maintained community safety during the demonstrations and public protests staged at the recent World Economic Forum and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police.
35. **MR WELLS** — To move, That this House condemns the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Labor Government for refusing the opportunity to debate a motion that would acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the Victoria police on their role of maintaining law and order at the recent World Economic Forum and further that the House regrets that the Minister for Police and Emergency Services has insulted loyal, hard working police officers in this way.
36. **MR HOLDING** — To move, That this House notes with concern — (a) the serious allegations made by the Member for Bulleen to the Administrative Committee of the Liberal Party that the Hon Peter Katsambanis in another place threatened Mr Harry Stamoulis the Templestowe Branch membership officer with revocation of his federally-issued radio licences if he did not support Kevin Andrews in the recent Menzies preselection; (b) that this complaint has now been withdrawn following pressure from senior Liberal figures; and (c) the complaint as described, potentially constitutes a breach of the *Crimes Act 1958* and should be referred to the police or if the complaint is untrue, that the Member for Bulleen has attested to a false statement.
37. **Mr McARTHUR** — To move, That this House notes the activities of the Member for Springvale during his days as a Labor student activist, including the production of fraudulent student identification documents and further notes his activities in branch stacking and the unceremonious dumping of the former Member for Springvale and the House regrets his presence in this place.

38. **MR CLARK** — To move That this House notes with concern that the Premier has not yet laid before this House in accordance with s 9 of the *Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994* a copy of the Order in Council made under s 6 of that Act appointing the Minister for Major Projects as the Minister responsible for the Federation Square Project, even though the 14 sitting days within which the Act requires this House to be notified elapsed on 25 October 2000.
39. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House condemns the Government for reducing the Adjournment Debate to a farce by failing to have a single minister attend the Chamber on the evening of Thursday 16 November 2000 to respond to the particular matters raised by members of all political persuasions on behalf of their respective constituents.
40. **MR RYAN** — To move, That this House expresses its sincere regret to those many Victorians to whom the Government demonstrated its utter contempt through the failure of any one of the responsible ministers to attend the Adjournment Debate on the evening of Thursday 16 November 2000 to respond to the particular matters raised for their consideration by members.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE IN SOMERVILLE** — Petitions presented by the Member for Mornington (*30 May and 3 October 2000*) — Praying that the Government suspend its sale of the land in Somerville acquired as a site for a secondary college and put in place all processes required for the development of a secondary college on that site — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
2. **FRANKSTON INTERSECTION** — Petition presented by the Member for Frankston (*15 August 2000*) — Praying that traffic lights or a bridge/walkover be installed at the intersection of Robinsons Road and Frankston Flinders Road, Frankston — To be considered (*Ms McCall*).
3. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petition presented by the Member for Dromana (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Mr Dixon*).
4. **PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES** — Petition presented by the Member for Mildura (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that additional support to volunteer committees of preschool be provided — To be considered (*Mr Savage*).
5. **ILLICIT DRUGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Bentleigh (*30 August 2000*) — Praying that safe injecting houses not be encouraged — To be considered (*Mrs Peulich*).
6. **PRESCHOOL EDUCATION** — Petitions presented by the Member for Gippsland West (*31 August and 4 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for preschool education be increased — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
7. **YARRA JUNCTION PRIMARY SCHOOL** — Petition presented by the Member for Evelyn (*3 October 2000*) — Praying that funding for parking and vehicular access at the Yarra Junction Primary School be provided — To be considered (*Mrs Fyffe*).

8. **RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING, HODGINS ROAD, HASTINGS** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the Government install boom gates at the railway level crossing at Hodgins Road, Hastings — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
9. **INTERSECTION OF FRANKSTON-FLINDERS, DANDENONG-HASTINGS AND DENHAM ROAD, TYABB** — Petition presented by the Member for Mornington (3 October 2000) — Praying that the intersection of Frankston-Flinders Road with Dandenong-Hastings Road and Denham Road in Tyabb be made safer — To be considered (*Mr Cooper*).
10. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR KORUMBURRA** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland South (3 October 2000) — Praying that the new facility for the Traffic Management Unit for the Victoria Police be located at Korumburra — To be considered (*Mr Ryan*).
11. **RAIL TRANSPORT FOR GIPPSLAND** — Petition presented by the Member for Gippsland West (4 October 2000) — Praying for the return of the South Gippsland freight line, a fast rail passenger link from Lang Lang to Melbourne and a rail link to Leongatha — To be considered (*Ms Davies*).
12. **RATE RISES — CITY OF MARIBYRNONG** — Petition presented by the Member for Prahran (14 November 2000) — Praying that action be taken in a reasonable and appropriate manner to rectify the excessive rate rises in the City of Maribyrnong — To be considered (*Ms Burke*).
13. **POKER MACHINES** — Petition presented by the Member for Benambra (14 November 2000) — Praying that legislation be enacted to give local government the power to reject the introduction of poker machines in their municipality — To be considered (*Mr Plowman*).
14. **MONASH PASS** — Petition presented by the Member for Burwood (22 November 2000) — Praying that a Monash Pass on the Southern part of the City Link be introduced — To be considered (*Mr Stensholt*).

BUSINESS LISTED FOR FUTURE DAYS

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **STATE TAXATION ACTS (FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Ms Asher)*.

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2000

GENERAL BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **CRIMES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL** — *(from Council)* — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Hamilton).*

THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **HEALTH SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **HEALTH RECORDS BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Doyle).*
2. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (RELATIONSHIPS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Dr Dean).*
3. **POLICE REGULATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL** — Second reading — *Resumption of debate (Mr Wells).*

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CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES — Mrs Maddigan.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN — Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Jasper, Mr Kilgour, Mr Loney, Mr Lupton, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich, Mr Phillips, Mr Plowman, Mr Richardson, Mr Savage and Mr Seitz.

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COMMITTEES

DRUGS AND CRIME PREVENTION (JOINT) — Mr Cooper, Mr Jasper, Mr Lupton, Mr Mildenhall and Mr Wynne.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (JOINT) — Mr Delahunty, Ms Duncan, Mr Ingram, Ms Lindell, Mr Mulder and Mr Seitz.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (JOINT) — Mr Hardman, Mr Lim, Mr Nardella, Mrs Peulich and Mr Wilson.

HOUSE (JOINT) — Mr Speaker (*ex-officio*), Ms Beattie, Mr Kilgour, Mr Leighton, Ms McCall, Mr Rowe and Mr Savage.

LAW REFORM (JOINT) — Mr Languiller, Ms McCall, Mr McIntosh, Mr Stensholt and Mr Thompson.

LIBRARY (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Duncan, Mr Languiller, Mrs Peulich and Mr Seitz.

PRINTING (JOINT) — Mr Speaker, Ms Gillett, Mr Nardella and Mr Richardson.

PRIVILEGES — Mr Cooper, Mr Holding, Mr Hulls, Mr Loney, Mr Maclellan, Mr Maughan, Mr Nardella, Mr Plowman and Mr Thwaites.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES (JOINT) — Ms Asher, Ms Barker, Ms Davies, Mr Holding, Mr Loney and Mrs Maddigan.

ROAD SAFETY (JOINT) — Mr Kilgour, Mr Langdon, Mr Plowman, Mr Spry and Mr Trezise.

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS (JOINT) — Ms Beattie, Mr Carli, Mr Dixon, Ms Gillett and Mr Robinson.

STANDING ORDERS — Mr Speaker, Mr Jasper, Mr Langdon, Mr Lenders, Mrs Maddigan, Mr McArthur and Mr Perton.

SESSIONAL ORDERS

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE ON 4 NOVEMBER 1999

DAY AND HOUR OF MEETING — *Sessional Order 1*

Tuesday — 2.00 pm

Wednesday, Thursday — 9.30 am

ORDER OF BUSINESS — *Sessional Order 2*

Motions of want of confidence and matters concerning the privileges of the House shall take precedence. Subject to those, the order of business is:

Tuesdays

Oral Questions

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

General Business

Wednesdays (other than Grievance Day Wednesdays)

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Matters of Public Importance (2½ hours)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

Thursdays and Fridays

Formal business

Statements by Members (15 minutes)

Government Business

Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)

Government Business *continued*

General Business

QUESTION TIME — *Sessional Order 3*

2.00 pm each day (other than on a Tuesday when a condolence motion may take precedence).

Any debate in progress at 2.00 pm shall be interrupted.

Any division, or division on a closure motion requiring a question to be brought to a conclusion, shall be concluded.

Question Time lasts for 30 minutes or until 10 questions have been answered, whichever is the longer.

GRIEVANCES — Sessional Order 4

On the first sitting Wednesday of each Autumn and Spring sitting period and every subsequent third sitting Wednesday. The time limit for each member is 15 minutes and the whole debate is not to exceed two and a half hours.

Order of business on those days shall be:

Formal business
 Statements by Members (15 minutes)
 Grievances (2½ hours)
 Government Business
 Oral Questions (at 2.00 pm)
 Government Business *continued*
 General Business

ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE — Sessional Order 5

At 10.00 pm each sitting day, provided that:

- (a) any division then in progress shall be completed; and
- (b) any Minister may move "That the Sitting be continued".

ADJOURNMENT DEBATE — Sessional Order 5

Time available for raising matters to be no more than 30 minutes.
 Time limit per member to be three minutes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE — Sessional Order 6

A Government Business Programming Committee may meet to determine the manner in which the House is to deal with Government Business of the week.

RIGHT OF REPLY — Sessional Order 7

A person who claims to have been adversely affected in reputation may make a written submission to the Speaker. The Speaker may refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS — Sessional Order 8

Statements may be made by members on any topic of concern. Each statement shall not exceed 90 seconds and the total debate shall not exceed 15 minutes.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE — Sessional Order 9

Discussion each sitting Wednesday, except for Grievance Days, is to be on a matter of definite public importance and is not to exceed two and a half hours. The lead speaker for the Government and the Opposition are limited to 15 minutes each; all other members are limited to 10 minutes each.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEMBERS — *Sessional Order 10*

The Speaker may order a member to withdraw from the House for up to one and a half hours if the Speaker considers the member's conduct to be disorderly. Such suspension does not prevent a member from returning to vote in a division.

TIME LIMIT OF SPEECHES — DEBATES IN THE HOUSE — *Sessional Order 11*

Subject to the provisos in Standing Order No 104, no member shall speak for more than 20 minutes in any debate in the House.

DIVISIONS BETWEEN 1.00 PM AND 2.00 PM — *Sessional Order 15*

Divisions shall not be permitted on any question between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm. If a division is required, debate on the item shall stand adjourned until later that day and the next item of business shall be called on.

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