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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

of the

Joint Sitting of the Two Houses of Parliament

of the

State of Western Australia

**TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO HOLD THE PLACE IN THE SENATE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA RENDERED VACANT BY THE
RESIGNATION OF SENATOR CHRISTOPHER BACK**

**HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15 OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA CONSTITUTION ACT,**

on

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2017

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FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT
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Extracts from the Minutes of Proceedings**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017.

1. Message from Her Excellency the Governor - Senate Vacancy

The President read the following message -

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a despatch, which she has received from the Honorable the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Western Australia in the said Senate.

2. Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The Leader of the House moved, without notice -

That with reference to the message reported to the House by the President on Tuesday, 15 August 2017 from Her Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Madam President be requested to confer with the Honourable Mr Speaker in order to fix a day and place whereon and whereat the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, sitting and voting together, shall choose a person to hold the place of the Senator whose place has become vacant.

Question - put and passed.

3. Statement by President - Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The President made the following statement –

I advise Members that I have conferred with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in relation to holding a Joint Sitting to fill the vacancy in the Senate created by the resignation of Senator Christopher Back, and that a Joint Sitting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 16 August 2017 at 11.00 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Extracts from the Votes and Proceedings**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2017.

1. Message from Her Excellency the Governor - Senate Vacancy

The Speaker read the following message -

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch, which she has received from the Honorable the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Western Australia in the said Senate.

2. Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The Premier, pursuant to the message from her Excellency the Governor advising that a vacancy had occurred in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate, moved -

That Mr Speaker be requested to confer with the President of the Legislative Council, in order to fix a day and place whereon and whereat the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council, sitting and voting together, shall choose a person to hold the place of the Senator whose place has become vacant.

Question put and passed.

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2017.

1. Statement by Speaker - Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The Speaker made the following statement –

I advise Members that I have consulted with the President of the Legislative Council in relation to holding a Joint Sitting to fill the vacancy in the Senate created by the resignation of Senator Christopher Back, and that a Joint Sitting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 16 August 2017 at 11.00 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

JOINT SITTING OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2017

1. Opening of the Joint Sitting

Members of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly met in the Legislative Council Chamber at 11.00 a.m.

The President and the Speaker were announced by the Usher of the Black Rod.

2. Presiding Officer

Pursuant to the Joint Sitting Standing Orders for the Election of a Senator, the Honourable Kate Doust, President of the Legislative Council, took the Chair as President of the Joint Sitting.

3. Proposal of Candidate

The Premier, Hon. Mark McGowan, proposed that William Edward Slade Brockman of 2/16 Coode Street, South Perth, Western Australia, being a person who is eligible to be chosen pursuant to section 15 of the *Constitution* of the Commonwealth of Australia, as amended, be chosen to hold the vacant place in the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth created by the resignation of Senator Christopher Back.

The Premier advised he has received Mr Brockman's assurance that, if chosen, he was willing to act.

The motion was seconded by Hon. Mike Nahan.

Debate ensued.

There being no further nominations, the President declared William Edward Slade Brockman elected to fill the vacancy.

NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council

KIRSTEN ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

4. Close of Joint Sitting

The President then declared the Joint Sitting closed at 11.15 a.m.

5. Members of the Legislative Council present at the proceedings

The Honourables Ken Baston, Robin Chapple, Jim Chown, Tim Clifford, Alanna Clohesy, Peter Collier, Stephen Dawson, Colin de Grussa, Kate Doust, Sue Ellery, Diane Evers, Donna Faragher, Adele Farina, Nick Goiran, Laurie Graham, Colin Holt, Alannah MacTiernan, Kyle McGinn, Michael Mischin, Simon O'Brien, Martin Pritchard, Samantha Rowe, Hon Robin Scott, Tjorn Sibma, Matthew Swinbourn, Sally Talbot, Dr Steve Thomas, Colin Tincknell, Darren West, Alison Xamon, Pierre Yang.

6. Members of the Legislative Assembly present at the proceedings

Mr C.J. Barnett, Dr A.D. Buti, Mr J.N. Carey, Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Mr R.H. Cook, Mr M.J. Folkard, Ms J.M. Freeman, Ms E. Hamilton, Mrs L.M. Harvey, Mr T.J. Healy, Mr M. Hughes, Mr W.J. Johnston, Mr P.A. Katsambanis, Mr D.J. Kelly, Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup, Mr A. Krsticevic, Mr S. L'Estrange, Mr F.M. Logan, Mr M. McGowan, Ms S. McGurk, Ms L. Mettam, Mr D.R. Michael, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Mr S.A. Millman, Mr Y. Mubarakai, Mr M.P. Murray, Dr M.D. Nahan, Mr K.M. O'Donnell, Mr P. Papalia, Mr S.J. Price, Mr D.T. Punch, Mr J.R. Quigley, Ms M.M. Quirk, Mr D.T. Redman, Mrs M.H. Roberts, Ms C.M. Rowe, Mr P.J. Rundle, Ms R. Saffioti, Ms A. Sanderson, Ms J.J. Shaw, Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski, Mr C.J. Tallentire, Mr, Mr P.C. Tinley, Mr B. Urban, Mr P.B. Watson, Mr R.R. Whitby, Ms S.E. Winton, Mr B.S. Wyatt.

HON KATE DOUST

President of the Joint Sitting