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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF 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 THE HONOURABLE CHRIS EVANS**

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

on

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2013

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FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT
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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2013.

1. **Message from His Excellency the Governor - Senate Vacancy**

The President read the following message -

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a despatch which he has received today from the Honourable 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 Council by the President from His Excellency the Governor, the Honourable Mr 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 wish to inform members that I have conferred with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and we have set the time for the joint sitting of the houses tomorrow, Wednesday, 2 May, at 11.00 am. Accordingly, I ask members of the Legislative Council to gather in this chamber together with the members of the Legislative Assembly at 11.00 am tomorrow.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2013.

1. **Message from His Excellency the Governor - Senate Vacancy**

The Speaker read the following message -

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received today from the Honourable 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.

The Premier, pursuant to the Message from His Excellency the Governor, 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, 14 MAY 2013.

2. **Acting Speaker's Statement - Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy**

The Acting Speaker made the following statement -

I advise Members that the Speaker has 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 Evans, and that the Joint Sitting would be held on Wednesday 15 May 2013 at 11.00 am.

JOINT SITTING OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2013

1. Opening of the Joint Sitting

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

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 Barry House, President of the Legislative Council, took the Chair as President of the Joint Sitting.

3. Proposal of Candidate

The Premier, Hon Colin Barnett, proposed that Ms Susan Lines, of 16A Cargill Street, Victoria Park, 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 Chris Evans.

The Premier advised he has received Ms Lines assurance that, if chosen, she was willing to act.

The motion was seconded by Hon Mark McGowan.

Debate ensued.

There being no further nominations, the President declared Ms Susan Lines elected to fill the vacancy.

MALCOLM PEACOCK

Clerk of the Legislative Council

PETER McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

4. Close of Joint Sitting

The President then declared the Joint Sitting closed at 11.10am.

5. Members of the Legislative Council present at the proceedings

The Honourables M. Aldridge, K. Baston, L. Behjat, M. Benson-Lidholm, R. Chapple, J. Chown, P. Collier, E. Dermer, K. Doust, P. Edman, S. Ellery, B. Ellis, D. Faragher, A. Farina, D. Grills, N. Goiran, N. Hallett, A. Hayden, C. Holt, B. House, L. MacLaren, R. McSweeney, M. Mischin, N. Moore, H. Morton, S. O'Brien, L. Ravlich, L. Savage, S. Talbot, K. Travers, G. Watson, A. Xamon.

6. Members of the Legislative Assembly present at the proceedings

Mr P. Abetz, Mr F.A. Alban, Ms L.L. Baker, Mr C.J. Barnett, Mr I.C. Blayney, Mr I.M. Britza, Mr T.R. Buswell, Mr A.P. Buti, Mr G.M. Castrilli, Mr V.A. Catania, Mr R.H. Cook, Mr M.J. Cowper, Ms M. Davies, Mr J.H.D. Day, Ms W.M. Duncan, Ms E. Evangel, Ms J. Farrer, Mr J.M. Francis, Ms J.M. Freeman, Mr B.J. Grylls, Mrs G. Godfrey, Dr K.D. Hames, Mrs L.M. Harvey, Mr C.D. Hatton, Mr A.P. Jacob, Dr G.G. Jacobs, Mr R.F. Johnson, Mr W.J. Johnston, Mr D.J. Kelly, Mr A. Krsticevic, Mr S. L'Estrange, Mr F.M. Logan, Mr S. Love, Mr W.R. Marmion, Mr M. McGowan, Mr J.E. McGrath, Ms S. McGurk, Mr P.T. Miles, Ms A.R. Mitchell, Mr N. Morton, Mr M.P. Murray, Dr M.D. Nahan, Mr D.C. Nalder, Mr J.H. Norberger, Mr P. Papalia, Mr J.R. Quigley, Ms M.M. Quirk, Mr D.T. Redman, Ms M. H. Roberts, Ms R. Saffioti, Mr A.J. Simpson, Mr M.W. Sutherland, Mr C.J. Tallentire, Mr M.H. Taylor, Mr D.A. Templeman, Mr P.C. Tinley, Mr T.K. Waldron, Mr P.B. Watson.

HON BARRY HOUSE

President of the Joint Sitting