

**ALUMINA REFINERY (WAGERUP) AGREEMENT AND ACTS AMENDMENT ACT 1978  
VARIATION AGREEMENT — DISALLOWANCE**

*Standing Orders Suspension — Motion*

**HON PAUL LLEWELLYN (South West)** [4.42 pm] — without notice: I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would enable motion 79, “Alumina Refinery (Wagerup) Agreement and Acts Amendment Act 1978 Variation Agreement — Disallowance”, to be debated until 6.00 pm at today’s sitting, and that the question be put and determined at that time, if not sooner.

This disallowance motion relates to a variation agreement dated 25 February 2008, tabled in the Parliament on 11 March 2008. The agreement is signed by the Premier, Hon Alan Carpenter, and Alcoa Australia. The Greens (WA) want to have this motion debated outside the normal procedures for debating disallowable instruments because we believe that it is important that this matter at least be given some parliamentary scrutiny. At least the issues should be debated and brought into the open. The practical effect of the change to the state agreement act is that, if it is not debated, the changes will take effect at 10.00 pm tonight. We believe that it is important that the issues at least be heard, because they have not been heard elsewhere.

*Point of Order*

**Hon NORMAN MOORE:** I do not have a copy of the motion, but I presume that question time will still occupy half an hour of the period outlined in the motion.

**The PRESIDENT:** If this motion continues to be debated, the debate will be interrupted at 5.00 pm for the purpose of taking questions without notice.

*Debate Resumed*

**HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral — Leader of the Opposition)** [4.45 pm]: The opposition will support the motion to suspend standing orders to allow this matter to be debated. I am just a little concerned that 45 minutes might be a bit short a time to consider the matter. I do not propose to move an amendment, but I simply say that the Greens are being too generous in offering time to the government.

**HON KIM CHANCE (Agricultural — Leader of the House)** [4.46 pm]: I understand why Hon Paul Llewellyn is moving for the suspension of standing orders, and I also understand why the suspension motion contains a guillotine. I am interested to note the Greens’ support of a guillotine motion. I have discussed the matter with Hon Paul Llewellyn. Since the government does not intend to support the disallowance motion, the debate of which would be facilitated by this motion to suspend standing orders, it will not support the motion to suspend standing orders or the guillotine inherent in that motion.

*Point of Order*

**Hon KEN TRAVERS:** I refer to the comments made by the Leader of the Opposition, and seek a clarification from the Chair. I do not want to cause trouble, but I want it made very clear. I am reading a motion that states that we are seeking to suspend standing orders to allow debate on this motion until 6.00 pm this evening. I would have thought that if we were to suspend standing orders, we would suspend all standing orders, which would include the standing orders about question time.

**The PRESIDENT:** I note Hon Ken Travers’ point. Unless he is arguing to get rid of question time, which I do not think he is, perhaps he should just accept the ruling I have given. That is how I read the motion. If we continue to debate this motion, we still adjourn debate on the motion at 5.00 pm for the purpose of taking questions without notice.

*Debate Resumed*

Question put and a division taken with the following result —

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Hon Paul Llewellyn; Hon Norman Moore; President; Hon Kim Chance; Hon Ken Travers

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Ayes (15)

Hon George Cash  
Hon Peter Collier  
Hon Wendy Duncan  
Hon Brian Ellis

Hon Donna Faragher  
Hon Ray Halligan  
Hon Barry House  
Hon Paul Llewellyn

Hon Robyn McSweeney  
Hon Norman Moore  
Hon Helen Morton  
Hon Simon O'Brien

Hon Barbara Scott  
Hon Giz Watson  
Hon Bruce Donaldson (*Teller*)

Noes (11)

Hon Vincent Catania  
Hon Kim Chance  
Hon Kate Doust

Hon Sue Ellery  
Hon Adele Farina  
Hon Jon Ford

Hon Graham Giffard  
Hon Batong Pham  
Hon Ljiljana Ravlich

Hon Sally Talbot  
Hon Ed Dermer (*Teller*)

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Pairs

Hon Nigel Hallett  
Hon Ken Baston  
Hon Anthony Fels

Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm  
Hon Ken Travers  
Hon Sheila Mills

Absolute majority not achieved; question thus negated.