

**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

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*)

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.