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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 THE HONOURABLE PATRICK DODSON**

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

on

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024

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FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY FIRST PARLIAMENT
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Extracts from the Minutes of Proceedings

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024.

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 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 President be requested to confer with the Honourable Madam 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.

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024.

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

The President made the following statement –

With reference to the motion this House passed on Thursday, 1 February 2024 in respect of the fixing of the day and place for a joint sitting of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly to fill the Senate vacancy, I advise that I have conferred with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and have received agreement that the Houses will meet in the Legislative Council Chamber at 11.00am on Thursday, 1 February 2024.

Extracts from the Votes and Proceedings

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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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.

2. Joint Sitting to fill Senate Vacancy

The Premier, pursuant to the message from His Excellency the Governor, moved -

That Madam 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.

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024

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 Ben Small, and that the Joint Sitting will be held on Thursday, 1 February 2024 at 11.00 am in the Legislative Council Chamber.

JOINT SITTING OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024

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 Alanna Clohesy, President of the Legislative Council, took the Chair as President of the Joint Sitting.

3. Proposal of Candidate

The Premier, Hon Roger Cook, proposed that Varun Nagarajan Ghosh of 158 Nicholson Road, Subiaco, 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 Patrick Dodson.

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

The motion was seconded by Mr S Love.

Debate ensued.

There being no further nominations, the President declared Varun Nagarajan Ghosh elected to fill the vacancy.

4. Close of Joint Sitting

The President then declared the Joint Sitting closed at 11.32am.

5. Members of the Legislative Council present at the proceedings

The Honourables Hon Klara Andric, Hon Dan Caddy, Hon Sandra Carr, Hon Alanna Clohesy, Hon Peter Collier, Hon Stephen Dawson, Hon Colin de Grussa, Hon Kate Doust, Hon Sue Ellery, Hon Donna Faragher, Hon Peter Foster, Hon Lorna Harper, Hon Jackie Jarvis, Hon Louise Kingston, Hon Ayor Makur Chuot, Hon Steve Martin, Hon Kyle McGinn, Hon Sophia Moermond, Hon Shelley Payne, Hon Dr Brad Pettitt, Hon Stephen Pratt, Hon Martin Pritchard, Hon Samantha Rowe, Hon Tjorn Sibma, Hon Matthew Swinbourn, Hon Dr Sally Talbot, Hon Dr Steve Thomas, Hon Neil Thomson, Hon Wilson Tucker, Hon Dr Brian Walker, Hon Darren West, Hon Pierre Yang

6. Members of the Legislative Assembly present at the proceedings

Mr S.N. Aubrey, Mr G. Baker, Ms H.M. Beazley, Dr A.D. Buti, Mr J.N. Carey, Ms M. Beard, Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Ms C.M. Collins, Mr R.H. Cook, Ms D.G. D'Anna, Ms M.J. Davies, Mr M.J. Folkard, Ms K.E. Giddens, Ms E.L. Hamilton, Ms M.J. Hammat, Ms J.L. Hanns, Mr T.J. Healy, Dr D.J. Honey, Mr M. Hughes, Mr W.J. Johnston, Mr H.T. Jones, Mr D.J. Kelly, Ms E.J. Kelsbie, Dr J. Krishnan, Mr P. Lilburne, Mr R.S. Love, Mrs M.R. Marshall, Ms S.F. McGurk, Ms L. Mettam, Mr D.R. Michael, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Mr S.A. Millman, Mr Y. Mubarakai, Ms L.A. Munday, Mrs L.M. O'Malley, Mr P. Papalia, Mr D.T. Punch, Mr J.R. Quigley, Ms M.M. Quirk, Mrs M.H. Roberts, Ms C.M. Rowe, Mr P.J. Rundle, Ms R. Saffioti, Ms A. Sanderson, Mr D.A.E. Scaife, Ms J.J. Shaw, Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski, Dr K. Stratton, Mr D.A. Templeman, Mr P.C. Tinley, Ms C.M. Tonkin, Mr R.R. Whitby, Ms S.E. Winton

SAM HASTINGS

Clerk of the Legislative Council

KIRSTEN ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON ALANNA CLOHESY

President of the Joint Sitting