

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE — COMMITTEE REPORT TABLING

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Leader of the House) [12.23 pm]: I move —

That so much of the standing orders be suspended as is necessary to enable standing order 279 to apply to speeches to be made on Thursday, 12 October 2017 in relation to the committee reports tabled on Thursday, 14 September 2017.

As the opposition will be aware, during the final day of the last sitting of this place, part of the agenda for that day was, of course, committee reports. As there was some urgent legislation and some discussion had gone on—it got quite tense sometimes—an agreement was made that we would suspend the capacity for Chairs and members of the committees that were tabling reports that day to give their speeches on those committee reports; we would simply allow the tabling of the reports but suspend the capacity to speak to them until a later date.

As this is the first sitting week since that sitting day, this motion simply seeks to enable the chairs and members of those committees, and indeed anyone else, should they wish to seek leave to do so, to comment on 12 October at a time to be determined on the reports that were tabled on 14 September. I expect it would be tomorrow morning during the normal committee report time, immediately after grievances.

That is the background to the moving of this suspension motion, and I seek the support of the opposition, as per the agreement.

MS L. METTAM (Vasse) [12.25 pm]: The opposition supports the motion, as agreed to in the last week of sitting. It is very important that the opposition have the opportunity to respond to the committee reports when they are discussed tomorrow.

Question put and passed.