Madam Speaker Aagaard took the Chair at 10 am.

STATEMENTS BY SPEAKER
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I thank you for wearing red today in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. At the beginning of the CPA meeting at 12 noon, if you are willing to have your photograph taken, we can send it to the foundation, and media may attend as well. I understand parliamentarians across Australia are going to be supporting the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and child protection today by wearing red. I thank you for your support today.

Swearing-in of Administrator Designate

Madam SPEAKER: On a housekeeping matter, as you would be aware, we have flowers in the Chamber for the swearing-in of the new Administrator next Monday. I have been asked to remind members to remove everything from your desks tonight because if you are not coming, there will be other people sitting in your seats, and obviously …

Dr Burns: What?

Madam SPEAKER: Yes, I am afraid so, Leader of Government Business. We need to have everything removed. I know some members have a lot of material in the Chamber - if you can please take it away. If you need a box, let the Legislative Assembly staff know and we will organise that.

VISITORS

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I advise you of the presence in the gallery of Year 8 Palmerston Christian School students accompanied by Mrs Ana Abbott and Ms Amy Taylor. On behalf of honourable members, I extend to you a very warm welcome.

Members: Hear, hear!

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
Take Three Bills Together

Ms LAWRIE (Justice and Attorney-General): Madam Speaker, I move that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent bills entitled Work Health Administration Bill 2011 (Serial 184); Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Implementation Bill 2011 (Serial 185); and Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Bill 2011 (Serial 186):

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings; the committee's report stage; and the third readings of the bills together; and

(b) consideration of the bills separately in the committee of the whole.

Mr ELFERINK (Port Darwin): We note for the record that we have no objection to dealing with these legislative instruments in that fashion.

Motion agreed to.

WORK HEALTH ADMINISTRATION BILL (Serial 184)
WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) IMPLEMENTATION BILL (Serial 185)
WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL (Serial 186)

Bills presented and read a first time.

Ms LAWRIE (Justice and Attorney-General): Madam Speaker, I move that the bills be now read a second time.

I am pleased to introduce the Work Health Administration Bill 2011; the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Implementation Bill 2011; and Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Bill 2011. These bills deliver on the Northern Territory's commitment to harmonise occupational health and safety legislation Australia-wide. On 3 July 2008, the Northern Territory, along with the Commonwealth and the other states and territories, signed the Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Occupational Health and Safety (IGA). The IGA provides for the harmonisation of workplace health and safety laws by way of model legislation and for the establishment of Safe Work Australia.

Safe Work Australia is a Commonwealth statutory agency constituted by representatives from each state and territory, as well as employer and employee representatives. The NT representative on Safe Work Australia is the Executive Director of NT WorkSafe. The reforms agreed in the IGA form part of the overarching Council of Australian Governments, COAG, Regulatory Reform Agenda under the national partnership agreement to deliver a seamless national economy. Since Safe Work Australia was established in September 2009, it has led to the development of a National Model Work Health and