

- (8) That this House extends its deepest condolences to Anderson's family, friends, bandmates and the countless fans he leaves behind.

Motion agreed to.

TRIBUTE TO TIM WEDLOCK

The Hon. NATALIE WARD (12:39): I move:

- (1) That this House notes with deep sadness the sudden and tragic death of Mr Tim Wedlock, aged 58, in Nashville, Tennessee, on Saturday 8 August 2026.
- (2) That this House acknowledges Mr Wedlock's lifelong dedication to the Gordon Rugby Football Club, known affectionately as "Guru", a stalwart of the club and a popular and respected figure across the Sydney Rugby Union, having represented the club's Highlanders in Colts and Grade and served as club captain.
- (3) That this House notes his continued passionate support and advocacy for Gordon Rugby over several decades as an accomplished board member and sponsor, and through his involvement with the Friends of Gordon Foundation.
- (4) That this House further notes:
 - (a) the tribute paid by Rugby Australia chief executive officer, Phil Waugh, who described Mr Wedlock as the heart and soul of the Gordon club for many years, the ultimate clubman whose love and support for Gordon spanned decades, and a tireless and selfless contributor as a player, director and sponsor whose impact on the Highlanders will be felt for generations; and
 - (b) the tribute paid by Gordon Rugby Football club president, Matt Glascott, who described Mr Wedlock as the epitome of what Gordon Rugby stands for, a wonderful person respected by all who was forever positive and supportive, and paid tribute to the friendship, company and advice he gave the Gordon Rugby family over many years.
- (5) That this House acknowledges Mr Wedlock's extraordinary contribution to the insurance broking profession over nearly four decades, having marked 39 years with AEI Insurance Broking Group only the week before his death, where he served as executive chairman and helped build one of Australia's most respected broking businesses.
- (6) That this House notes:
 - (a) the tribute paid by AEI managing director and chief executive officer, Noel Kelly, who described Mr Wedlock as a cornerstone of AEI and a legend of the industry, noting that he gave his time freely to the company's people, to the National Insurance Brokers Association [NIBA] and to anyone who asked, and that the company has lost a leader, a mentor and a mate; and
 - (b) Mr Wedlock's outstanding service to the NIBA, including as NIBA president from 2017 to 2019, as a NIBA board director for 14 years, and as a founding member of the Insure Your Future initiative to support emerging insurance brokers.
- (7) That this House recognises the numerous honours awarded to Mr Wedlock in recognition of his leadership and service, including NIBA's Lex McKeown Award in 2021 and the Australian Trucking Association's Don Watson Memorial Award in 2014, reflecting his contribution to both the insurance and transport industries.
- (8) That this House further notes:
 - (a) the tribute paid by Specialist Underwriting Agencies, which described Mr Wedlock as one of the leading figures in the transport insurance broking sector, noting that his generosity extended well beyond insurance through the time and energy he gave to clubs, associations and the people around him, and that he was generous, engaging and widely respected, and will be remembered by many for "the energy he brought to every interaction"; and
 - (b) the further tributes paid to Mr Wedlock by NIBA, the Insurance Council of Australia, the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance, the Underwriting Agencies Council and the Australian Trucking Association, recognising him as a generous mentor and a tireless advocate for the industries and communities he served.
- (9) That this House extends its sincere condolences to Mr Wedlock's wife, Prue, his children, Ash and Matt, and his family, friends and colleagues, on their tragic loss.

Motion agreed to.

PERIYAR AMBEDKAR THOUGHTS CIRCLE OF AUSTRALIA

Ms CATE FAEHRMANN (12:39): I move:

- (1) That this House notes that:
 - (a) on 20 September 2026, the Periyar Ambedkar Thoughts Circle of Australia held its inaugural Equality Walk in Parramatta Park, commemorating the 148th anniversary of Periyar E. V. Ramasami's birthday; and
 - (b) the walk united people from different communities and backgrounds who identify with Periyar's Self-Respect Movement and anti-casteism teachings.
- (2) That this House further notes that:
 - (a) in 1925, following Periyar E. V. Ramasami's involvement in the Vaikom Satyagraha against caste-based exclusion in present-day Kerala, Periyar founded the Self-Respect Movement to challenge caste hierarchy and promote social equality and dignity;

- (b) Periyar's ideas occupy the intersection between class, race and gender discrimination as he argued that all humans should be born equal and without the restrictions that society has placed around these elements of identity;
 - (c) the Self-Respect Movement was primarily concentrated in Tamil-speaking regions, however it has amassed a large following in many communities with diverse Hindu populations experiencing hierarchical tensions;
 - (d) Periyar's leadership in education reform helped bring about India's First Constitutional Amendment in 1951, which inserted article 15 (4), enabling the provision of educational reservations for socially and educationally disadvantaged communities;
 - (e) Periyar's teachings included the idea that men are equally responsible for child rearing, protections for reproductive rights and the autonomy of women and he viewed these as the core tenets of accessing self-respect;
 - (f) Periyar Ambedkar Thoughts Circle of Australia has advocated for the recognition of the reality of caste discrimination in Australia and as a result the Australian Human Rights Commission acknowledged it as a form of racism in 2022; and
 - (g) in 2024 the commission included the investigation of legal protections against caste discrimination in its National Anti-Racism Framework.
- (3) That this House congratulates the Periyar Ambedkar Thoughts Circle of Australia on its work advocating for marginalised communities.
 - (4) That this House acknowledges the important values of self-determination, equality and respect.

Motion agreed to.

Visitors

VISITORS

The PRESIDENT: I acknowledge a delegation from the Nyandarua County Assembly in Kenya, led by Speaker Wachira Waiganjo. They are all present in the gallery today and they are very welcome in the Parliament of New South Wales.

Committees

LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Reports

The Hon. CAMERON MURPHY: I table report No. 52/58 of the Legislation Review Committee entitled *Legislation Review Digest No. 52/58*, dated 13 October 2026.

DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Reports

The Hon. NATASHA MACLAREN-JONES: I table the report of the Delegated Legislation Committee entitled *Delegated Legislation Monitor No. 12 of 2026*, dated 13 October 2026.

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Reports

The Hon. BOB NANVA: I table report No. 54 of the Selection of Bills Committee, dated 13 October 2026. According to standing order, I move:

That the following bills not be referred to a standing committee for inquiry and report, this day:

- (a) Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Amendment (Removal of Interim Climate Targets) Bill 2026;
- (b) Coroners Amendment (Caitlin's Law) Bill 2026;
- (c) Coroners Amendment (Senior Next of Kin) Bill 2026;
- (d) Criminal Procedure and Other Legislation Amendment (Victim Experience Reforms) Bill 2026;
- (e) Lobbying of Government Officials Amendment (Access and Influence) Bill 2026;
- (f) Rural Fires Amendment (Fire Fighting Fleet) Bill 2026; and
- (g) Veterinary Services Bill 2026.

Motion agreed to.