

Use by Governments of Urgency in Parliament

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“Laws, like sausages, cease to inspire respect in proportion as we know how they are made.”

- John Godfrey Saxe, *University Chronicle. University of Michigan* (27 March 1869)



What's the Hurry?

**Urgency in the New Zealand
Legislative Process**
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Normal Sitting Days and Times

Tuesday

- Caucus
- Select committees
- House sits 2pm-10pm

Wednesday

- Select committees
- House sits 2pm-10pm

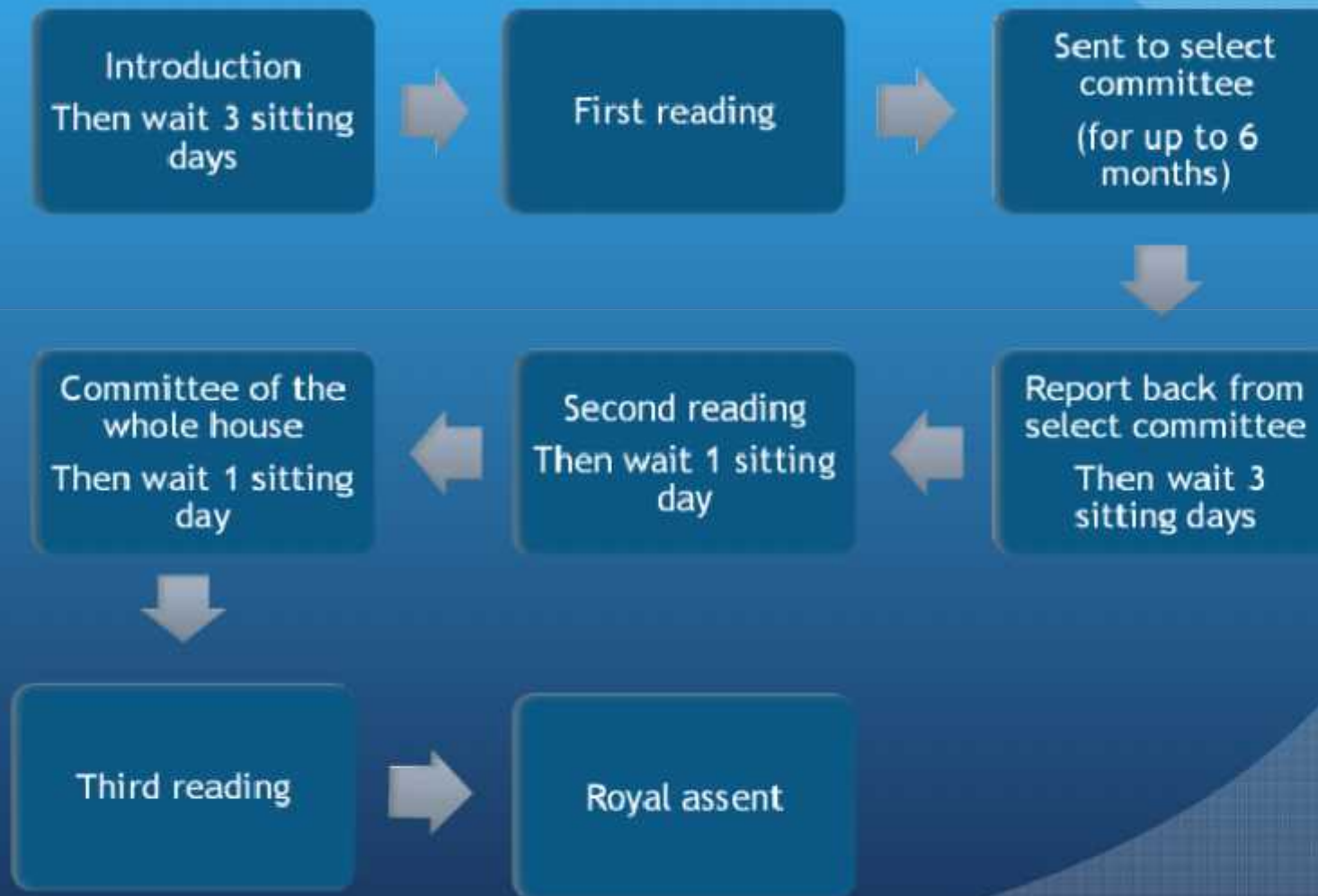
Thursday

- Select committees
- House sits 2pm-6pm
- MPs go home

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- Extend sitting hours and days of the House
- Overrides other business of the House

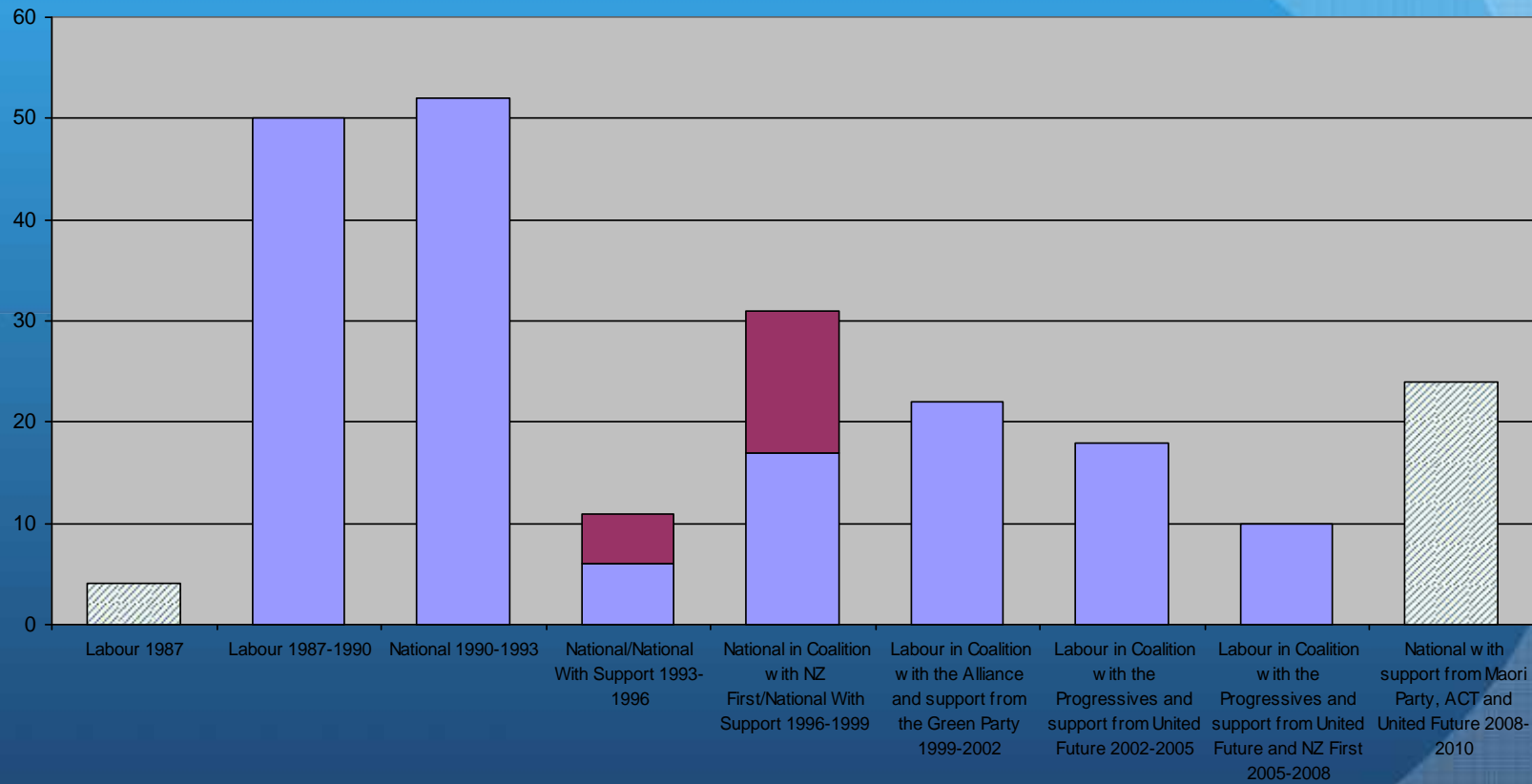
Normal Procedure of a Bill



What does urgency do?

- Extend sitting hours and days of the House
- Overrides other business of the House
- Skip stand down periods
- Skip the select committee stage

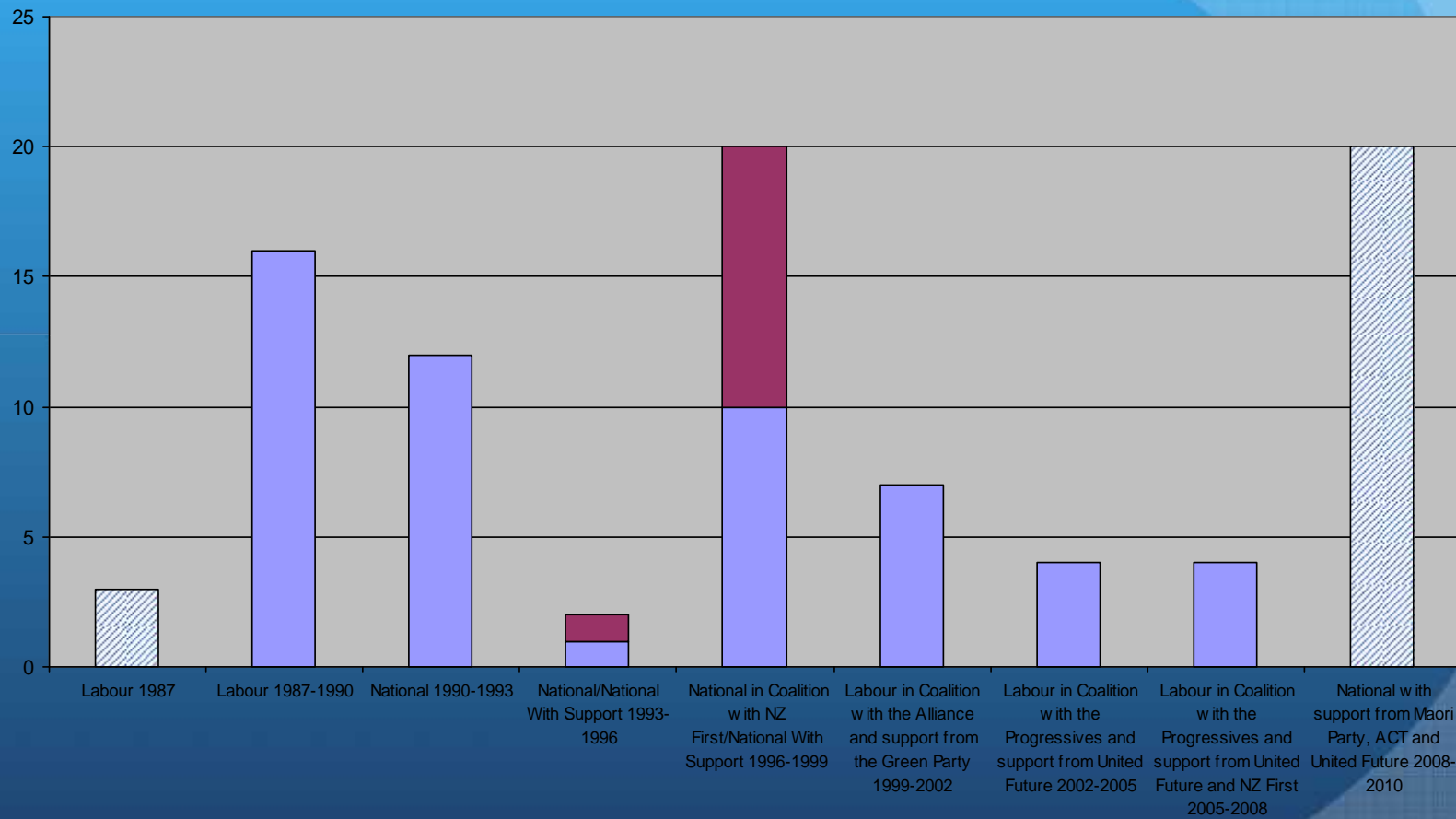
Urgency Motions by Parliament



■ Urgency Motions by Different Government in Same Parliament □ Data Not Inclusive of Full Term

Does not include extraordinary urgency motions.

No Select Committee by Parliament



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Does not include Bills that would not normally have gone to select committee.