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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 31

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1993

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 59, dated 5 October 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

3 CSL SALE BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Connolly who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House calls on the Government to ensure that all issues of contingent liability are properly assessed, addressed and declared prior to the float of CSL Ltd and that the Board and management of CSL Ltd encourage broad employee shareholding in CSL Ltd”.

Debate continued.

Mr Costello addressing the House—

It being 12.45, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the Member for Gippsland (Mr McGauran) for defying the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Gippsland be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adams	Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Price
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Easson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Knott	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Lavarch	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Gibson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Cleary	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cleland	Mr Grace*	Mr Mack	Mr Staples
Mr Crean	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay*	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Griffiths	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Cunningham	Mr Haviland	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Dawkins	Ms Henzell	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Tickner
Ms Deahm	Mr Hollis	Mr Newell	Mr Walker
Mr Dodd	Mr Horne	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Woods

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Mr Anderson	Mr Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Filing*	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Atkinson	Mr Forrest	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Mr Slipper
Mr Bradford	Mr Hall	Mr Miles	Mr Truss
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Vaile
Mr Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Peacock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Ms Worth
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.54 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice concluded.

5 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINTS OF BREACH

Mr L. J. Scott raised, as a matter of privilege, articles published in the *Australian* of 21 October 1993 and the *Financial Review* of 21 and 25 October 1993 which made reference to a draft report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts. He

stated that the article in the *Financial Review* of 25 October 1993 and an item on the WIN television evening news of 25 October 1993 purported to reveal private proceedings of the committee. Mr L. J. Scott stated that the committee had considered these matters and was of the view that the publication of the material had caused substantial interference with its work.

Mr L. J. Scott produced copies of the newspaper articles together with a video recording of the WIN television news item.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter.

Mrs Sullivan also raised, as a matter of privilege, an article published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 27 October 1993 relating to the contents of a forthcoming report from the Standing Committee on Procedure.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter.

6 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 7 of 1993-94—Efficiency audit—Department of Social Security: Data-matching.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 7 of 1993-94; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Beazley moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—12th report, for 1992-93.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services—Operations in relation to the First Home Owners Scheme—Report, September 1993.

Department of Finance—Report—Performance pay in the Australian Public Service, 1992-93.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australia Post—Report for 1992-93.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—115th session, Adelaide, June 1993.

8 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—12th report, for 1992-93.

Department of Finance—Report—Performance pay in the Australian Public Service, 1992-93.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Department of the House of Representatives—Register of reports from committees of the House of Representatives and joint committees—1970 to 1993, October 1993.

10 COMPULSORY YEARS OF SCHOOLING PROJECT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a report by the Schools Council of the National Board of Employment, Education and Training reviewing the compulsory years of schooling and presented the following paper:

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Schools Council—Report—Five to fifteen: Reviewing the ‘compulsory’ years of schooling, 28 July 1993.

Mr K. J. Andrews, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the paper.

11 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 26 October 1993, were reported:

(a) returning the Taxation (Deficit Reduction) Bill (No. 1) 1993 and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 101.

(b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 103—Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1993.

No. 104—Qantas Sale Amendment 1993.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Message No. 102, dated 26 October 1993, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the payment of bounty, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Lindsay presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Costello), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT—SENATE MESSAGE

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of Message No. 98 from the Senate (*reported 26 October 1993, see page 417*)—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—

- (1) That the resolution of the Senate be disagreed to and the following modification of the resolution of appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be made in place thereof:

Paragraph (2), omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(2) That the committee consist of 12 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.”; and

- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate requesting the reconsideration by the Senate of the resolution in respect of the modification made by the House in place of the Senate resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

14 CSL SALE BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Connolly, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House calls on the Government to ensure that all issues of contingent liability are properly assessed, addressed and declared prior to the float of CSL Ltd and that the Board and management of CSL Ltd encourage broad employee shareholding in CSL Ltd”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 60, dated 8 October 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

15 AVIATION FUEL REVENUES (SPECIAL APPROPRIATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 61, dated 23 September 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

16 DEPARTURE TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Intemperate language—Statement by Speaker

The Speaker made a statement concerning a point of order raised by Mr Howard during question time and informed the House that, after viewing the video and *Hansard* transcript of proceedings, he had formed the view that the point of order was valid. The Speaker cautioned all Members on the use of intemperate language in the House.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.43 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 27 October 1993:

Health Insurance Act—Statement under section 106AA (Dr Athanasios Gouras), 10 October 1993.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Chynoweth, Ms Crawford, Mr Dobie, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Kerin, Mr Langmore, Mr Simmons and Mr Somlyay.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives