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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 55

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1994

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PAPER—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

House of Representatives—Electronic voting—Inspection of equipment used in the Parliaments of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and the United States of America and in the European Parliament building in Brussels, October/November 1993—Report, 18 February 1994—

and made a statement in connection with the paper.

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

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

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1993-94

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.

Mr McGauran addressing the House—

It being approximately 3 p.m., 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—

Paper: Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) presented the following paper:

Budget statements 1993-94—Budget paper No. 1—Community Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program—Extract.

Questions without notice continued.

5 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—
Report for 1992-93.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—

Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1992-93.

Central Land Council—Report for 1992-93.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statements for December 1993 and January 1994.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during December 1993 and
January 1994.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment,
Education and Training—Reports—Australian Research Council, including the
Board's comments—

Reviews of grants outcomes—No. 12—Molecular Biology 1987-1991,
November 1993.

The collaborative activities of the Institute of Advanced Studies, the Australian
National University, February 1994.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1992-93.

National Training Board Limited—4th report, for 1992-93.

6 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—
Report for 1992-93.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—

Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1992-93.

Central Land Council—Report for 1992-93.

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National University, February 1994.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1992-93.

National Training Board Limited—4th report, for 1992-93.

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

7 STRATEGIC REVIEW 1993—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER— MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the adaptation of Australia's defence and strategic policies post-Cold War and presented the following papers:

Strategic review 1993—

Paper, December 1993.

Ministerial statement.

Mr Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Reith speaking for a period not exceeding 20 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Reith addressed the House.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The House was informed that Mr Downer had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat posed to economic recovery by the Government's refusal to rule out further tax increases".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Downer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 28 February 1994.

10 STANDING ORDERS—AMENDMENTS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 1, government business, moved—That the following amendments to the standing orders be made:

(1) Standing order 106A (Statements by Members):

Omit "106" and substitute "101".

(2) Standing order 193 (When division may be taken):

Omit "5.30 p.m." and substitute "after questions without notice.".

- (3) Standing order 215 (First reading and explanatory memorandum):
After “In the case of a bill presented by a Minister” insert “other than an Appropriation or Supply Bill”.
- (4) Standing order 217 (Day fixed for second reading):
At the end of the standing order add:
“Provided that, in the case of Appropriation and Supply Bills, the motion for the second reading of such bills may be moved immediately after the first reading. The debate on the question shall then be adjourned to a future day.”.
- (5) Standing order 104 (Precedence to government and private Members’ business):
Omit “At the conclusion of consideration of private Members’ business” and substitute “At the conclusion of questions without notice.”.

Mr Howard moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion:

“(6) Standing order 321 (Quoting documents):

Omit “stated to be’.”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—being accordingly put—

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

11 HOUSING ASSISTANCE 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 by Mrs Sullivan who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House:

- (1) deplores the haste with which the Government has prepared its amendment to the Bill;
- (2) regrets the Government’s failure to observe the normal parliamentary courtesies and consultations necessary for proper consideration of legislation; and
- (3) seeks an assurance from the Government that the normal courtesies necessary for proper consideration of proposed legislation in this chamber will be observed in future”.

Mr O'Connor addressing the House—

12 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.57 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 February 1994:
Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders Nos. M67/94, M68/94.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 40—Amendments, 12, 17 February 1994.

Defence Housing Authority Act—Statement under section 10 relating to a joint venture between the Defence Housing Authority and Stockland (Constructors) Pty Limited, February 1994.

Domestic Meat Premises Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1993 No. 375.

Export Inspection and Meat Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1993 No. 376.

Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1993 No. 377.

Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Regulations—Orders 1994 No. 1.

Imported Food Control Act—Regulations—Orders 1994 No. 1.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Keating and Mr Willis.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives