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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 58

MONDAY, 28 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 **SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) (EXEMPTION OF COUNCIL ALLOWANCES) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Hawker moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday, and Mr Lieberman was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

3 **ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Langmore (Chairman), by leave, presented the following report and related papers:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—The Community Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program: A review of a report on an efficiency audit by the Auditor-General—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 28 February 1994.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Langmore, Mr Truss, Mr Cameron and Mr Evans, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Debate adjourned (Mr Chynoweth), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 RETIREMENT PLANNING

Mr Hicks, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House notes with concern the urgent need to provide security and certainty for older Australians planning for their retirement.

Debate ensued.

It being 2.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 104A, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday, and Mr Gibson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

6 MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, SPORT AND TERRITORIES—RESIGNATION

Mr Keating (Prime Minister) informed the House that he had today received a letter from Mrs Kelly offering her resignation as Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women and that he would be recommending to the Governor-General that the resignation be accepted.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

8 PAPER

Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following paper:

Central Intelligence Agency, United States of America—Directorate of Intelligence—The Russian security services: Sorting out the pieces (LDA 92-14029), September 1992.

9 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Cameron and Mr Filing, from 191 and 12 residents of Western Australia, respectively, praying that action be taken to stop the practice in China of extracting bile from caged bears for medical purposes.

Mr Bradford, from 292 petitioners, praying that a Medicare office be established at the Pines Shopping Centre, Elanora, Qld, as soon as possible.

Mr Cameron, from 111 petitioners, praying that the outcome of the Mabo decision be decided by referendum.

Mr Howe, from 244 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken in response to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's report on human rights and mental illness.

Mr Lloyd, from 64 petitioners, praying that no change be made to the design or colour of the Australian national flag and that Australia remain a democratic constitutional monarchy with the Queen as head of state, represented in Australia by a Governor-General.

Mr Lloyd, from 4 petitioners, praying that the National Childcare Accreditation Council guidelines be rejected.

Mr Peacock, from 17 petitioners, praying that proposed changes to the Australian Postal Corporation Act not be implemented so that Australia Post can continue to meet its community service obligations.

Mr Ruddock, from 284 petitioners, praying that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam be urged to release religious leaders and political prisoners, allow religious freedom and respect human and civil rights.

Mr Ruddock, from 17 petitioners, praying that action be taken to ensure the continued availability of high octane petrol to Australian motorists.

Mr Taylor, from 287 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless approved by the people of Australia in a national poll.

Mr Tuckey, from 35 petitioners, praying that the rights of State governments alone to define and issue land title be reaffirmed through a referendum.

Mr Tuckey, from 20 petitioners, praying that the proposal to charge off-road users of diesel fuel a tax equal to one per cent of the diesel fuel rebate be abandoned.

Mr Tuckey, from 7 petitioners, praying that tax deductibility in the order of 150 per cent on approved land care expenditures be granted.

Petitions received.

10 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 5.15 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

11 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr A. A. Morris), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 PROPOSED MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) informed the House that, following the resignation of Mrs Kelly as Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories, Mr Keating (Prime Minister) would be recommending to the Governor-General that Senator Richardson (Minister for Health) be appointed Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories and Senator Faulkner (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) be appointed Minister for Sport and Territories. Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) will represent both Ministers in this Chamber.

13 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.

14 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following paper:

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Statement of Affairs for Ms Lynda Dulcie Buckley filed under the Bankruptcy Act, 17 February 1993.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 February 1994:
Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 20.

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 21.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 23.

Native Title Act—Determination—Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, 27 December 1993.

Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 22.

Proceeds of Crime Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 17.

Superannuation Act 1976—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 18, 19.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 24.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beddall, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hollis, Mr Howe, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerr, Mr Lavarch and Mr Lee.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives