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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 1994

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Ferguson presented the following report and related papers:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Asylum, border control and detention—

Report, incorporating an addendum and a dissenting report, February 1994.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Ferguson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Holding and Mr Sinclair, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

3 OLYMPIC INSIGNIA PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lindsay, the Bill was read a third time.

4 IMMIGRATION (GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN) AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Human Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous, the Bill was read a third time.

5 MILITARY COMPENSATION 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—

Papers: Mr Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) presented a correction to the explanatory memorandum and a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 124, dated 16 December 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Clauses 1 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr Punch, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

Constitution

“9A. Section 89E of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (1)(f) the following paragraph:

‘(fa) a member of the Defence Force;’.”

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Punch, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6 PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

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

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Punch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 22 February 1994*), viz.:

Strategic review 1993—

Paper, December 1993.

Ministerial statement—

Mr Punch, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr L. J. Scott be granted an extension of time.

Mr L. J. Scott addressing the House—

It being 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.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member ordered to withdraw: At 4.03 p.m. the Member for Mayo (Mr Downer) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for 1 hour for continuing to interject after having been requested not to do so, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 26 of 1993-94—Audit of the Australian Wheat Board, 1992-93.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 67 (interim)—Equality before the law: Women's access to the legal system.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Report for 1992-93.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation and Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 1992-93.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 67 (interim)—Equality before the law: Women's access to the legal system.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Report for 1992-93.

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

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SENATE VOTING SYSTEM

The House was informed that Mr Howard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat posed to States such as Western Australia by the Prime Minister's plan to radically alter the Senate voting system".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12 SECOND DEPUTY SPEAKER—APPOINTMENT

Dr Wooldridge (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That Mr Rocher be appointed Second Deputy Speaker of this House, which motion was seconded by Mr Hicks.

There being no further motion, Mr Rocher was declared appointed as Second Deputy Speaker.

Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) and the Speaker congratulated Mr Rocher, who made his acknowledgments to the House.

13 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Baldwin (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 22 March 1994, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

2 March 1994—Message No. 226—Housing Assistance Amendment 1994.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRAINING GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 225

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Training Guarantee (Administration) Act 1990', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 2 March 1994

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 227

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Social Security Act 1991', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 2 March 1994

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

17 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Grace (Chairman) presented the following report:

Committee of Members' Interests—Report on the operations of the committee for 1993, 2 March 1994.

Mr Grace, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

18 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—9TH REPORT

Mr Fitzgibbon (Chairman) presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 9TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 8 February 1994, recommends that the following be printed:

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.

Northern Land Council—Report for 1992-93.

Tiwi Land Council—14th report, for 1992-93.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—

1st report, for 1992-93—

Volume 1.

Volume 2.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Safety Review Committee—Report for 1992-93.

Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1992-93.

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

Fisheries Act—Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1992-93.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Report for 1992-93.

Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 1992-93.

Tobacco Research and Development Council—Report for 1992-93.

Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for 1992-93.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1993 Review.

War Crimes Act—Report for 1992-93.

National Food Authority Act—National Food Authority—Report for 1992-93—Errata.

Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Comcare Australia and Commission for the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation of Commonwealth Employees—Report for 1992-93—Addendum.

Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1992-93—Addendum.

ERIC FITZGIBBON
Chairman

3 March 1994

Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Baldwin (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 22 March 1994, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 March 1994:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Determination under section 4A 1994 No. 1.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1994 No. 6.

Determinations under section 58B 1994 Nos. 5, 6.

Health Insurance Act—Determination 1994 No. HS/1.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—

1993 Nos. T88, T89, T90, T91, T92, T93.

1994 Nos. T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 107, 111, 112, 113, LES5.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Free, Mr Hollis, Mr Johns, Mr Katter, Mrs Kelly and Mr Swan.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives