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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 62

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 1994

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER

The Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) was absent on parliamentary business overseas, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

3 AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS

The Acting Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following authority:

I, WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, under section 42 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, authorise HARRY ALFRED JENKINS, Acting Speaker of the House of Representatives, during any absence of the Speaker, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to those Members of the House of Representatives who have not already made and subscribed that oath or affirmation since their election or last election to the House of Representatives.

Dated 14 March 1994

BILL HAYDEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

PAUL KEATING

Prime Minister

4 RETURN TO WRIT—FREMANTLE DIVISION

The Acting Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which the Speaker had issued on 4 February 1994 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Fremantle, in the State of Western Australia, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable John Sydney Dawkins, and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Carmen Mary Lawrence had been elected.

5 AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER

Carmen Mary Lawrence was introduced, and made and subscribed the affirmation of allegiance required by law.

6 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

4 March 1994—Message No. 125—Corporate Law Reform 1994.

15 March 1994—Message—

No. 126—Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation 1994.

No. 127—

Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment 1994.

Foreign Evidence (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 1994.

Olympic Insignia Protection Amendment 1994.

Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Amendment 1994.

Prime Minister and Cabinet (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1994.

No. 128—

Housing Assistance Amendment 1994.

Ministers of State Amendment 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Consequential Amendments) 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products Levy Imposition (Excise) 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products Levy Imposition (Customs) 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products Levy Imposition (General) 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) 1994.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 230, dated 14 March 1994, from the Senate was reported transmitting to the House a resolution of the Senate extending the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Statutory Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings on the broadcasting of Senate proceedings after 11.30 p.m. and on a Saturday to 12 May 1994.

8 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

Anti-Dumping Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Food Authority—Report—Errata—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report on review of Auditor-General's Report on the Community Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Research Council—Report on strategic role of academic research—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Language and Literacy Council—Report on needs of business and industry for language skills—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Financial statement guidelines—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Safety Review Committee—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Tobacco Research and Development Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report on Midford Paramount case—Additional government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Central Land Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Family Law Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Research Council Evaluation Program—Reviews of grants outcomes No. 12—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Training Board—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Advance to the Minister for Finance, December 1993 and January 1994—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Australian Research Council—Report on collaborative activities of the Institute of Advanced Studies—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report on science and technology education—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report on reforming the House of Representatives—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Tiwi Land Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

War Crimes Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Review of the Australian Customs Service—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Limited—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Schooling in Australia—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Defence Science and Technology Organisation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Wheat Board—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Film Australia Pty Limited—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Sports Drug Agency—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 1—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 2—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Defence Technologies Australia Pty Limited—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Industry Commission—Report on public housing—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report—Errata—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Treasury—Report—Corrigenda—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Industry Commission—Report on environmental waste management equipment, systems and services—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Department of Finance—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report—Motion to take note of paper:
Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 23 MARCH 1994

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Wednesday, 23 March 1994, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Notices and orders of the day, government business (to be interrupted at 1.30 p.m. in order that the grievance debate can be called on):
Provided that:
 - (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
 - (b) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the interruption.
2. Grievance debate.
3. Members' statements (at approximately 2.45 p.m.).
4. Questions without notice (at 3 p.m.).
5. Presentation of papers.
6. Ministerial statements, by leave.
7. Matter of public importance.
8. Notices and orders of the day, government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 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—

Debate resumed.

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

12 TRAINING GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1993—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate, viz.:

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Clause 6, page 4, paragraph (d), lines 15 to 18, omit the paragraph.
- No. 2—Clause 8, page 5, proposed subsection 15B(1), line 7, omit “until the next year”, substitute “for a designated period of years not exceeding a further two years”.
- No. 3—Clause 8, page 5, at end of proposed section 15B(4), add “following the period designated in subsection (1)”.
- No. 4—Clause 8, page 5, proposed section 15C(2), line 21, omit “the next year”, substitute “a year in a period of years designated in subsection 15B(1)”.
- No. 5—Clause 8, page 5, proposed section 15C(3), line 27, omit “the next year”, substitute “a year in a period of years designated in subsection 15B(1)”.
- No. 6—Clause 8, page 5, proposed section 15C(4), lines 37 and 38, omit “the next year”, substitute “a year in a period of years designated in subsection 15B(1)”.
- No. 7—Clause 8, page 6, proposed subsections 15C(6) and (7), lines 5 to 14, omit the subsections.
- No. 8—Clause 16, page 8, proposed subsection 42A(1), line 31, omit “or (6)”.
- No. 9—Clause 16, page 9, proposed subparagraph 42A(2)(d)(ii), lines 6 and 7, omit “the next year”, substitute “a year in a period of years designated in subsection 15B(1)”—

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) moved—That the Senate’s amendments be disagreed to, but that, in place thereof, the following amendments be made:

Amendments—

Clause 3—

Page 2, lines 7 to 10, omit paragraph 3(c), substitute the following paragraph:

“(c) by omitting the definition of ‘training guarantee shortfall’ and substituting the following definition:

“**“training guarantee shortfall”** has the meaning given by sections 14 and 15BA;

Note: Sections 15A and 15C provide for a training guarantee shortfall to be reduced in certain cases.’”.

Page 2, paragraph 3(d), after the definition of “business group” insert the following definition:

“**‘employer group’**, in relation to a year, means 2 or more entities in relation to which this Act applies, because of paragraph 12(3)(a), as if the entities were a single employer during that year;”.

Clause 6, page 4, lines 15 to 18, omit paragraph 6(d).

Clause 7, page 4, at the end of proposed section 14A add the following subsection.

“(2) If, because of subsection (1), an employer group has a training guarantee excess (“**the group excess**”) in a year, then, despite section 12 and that subsection, each member of the group has a training guarantee excess in that year that is worked out using the formula:

$$\frac{\text{Member's annual national payroll}}{\text{Employer group's annual national payroll}} \times \text{Group excess}$$

where:

“Employer group’s annual national payroll” means the total of the respective annual national payrolls for that year of the members of the group;

“Group excess” means the group excess;

“Member’s annual national payroll” means that member’s annual national payroll for that year.’.”

Clause 8, page 4, lines 23 to 36, page 5, lines 1 to 40, and page 6, lines 1 to 16, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

“8. After section 15 of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted:

Carry forward of training guarantee excess

‘15A.(1) This section applies if:

- (a) an employer (other than an employer group) has a training guarantee excess in a year (“**year 1**”), whether or not it has been reduced by section 15C; and
- (b) the employer has a training guarantee shortfall in the next year (“**year 2**”), whether or not it has been reduced by an earlier application of this section.

‘(2) This section also applies if:

- (a) an employer (other than an employer group) has a training guarantee excess in a year (“**year 1**”), whether or not it has been reduced by section 15C, an earlier application of this section, or both; and
- (b) the employer has a training guarantee shortfall in year 3 (the second year after year 1).

‘(3) If the training guarantee excess is equal to or greater than the training guarantee shortfall:

- (a) the shortfall is reduced, or further reduced, as the case requires, to 0; and
- (b) the excess is reduced, or further reduced, by the amount of the shortfall.

‘(4) If the training guarantee excess is less than the training guarantee shortfall:

- (a) the shortfall is reduced, or further reduced, by the amount of the excess; and
- (b) the excess is reduced, or further reduced, to 0.

Employer may elect to postpone training guarantee shortfall

‘15B.(1) An employer who has a training guarantee shortfall in a year may elect to postpone the shortfall, whether or not it has been reduced by section 15A.

‘(2) The election must be made by giving written notice in the prescribed form to the Commissioner on or before 30 September in the next year or such later day as the Commissioner allows.

‘(3) An election cannot be revoked after 30 September in the next year unless the Commissioner otherwise allows.

Effect of election by employer group to postpone training guarantee shortfall

‘15BA.(1) If an employer group elects to postpone a training guarantee shortfall (“**the group shortfall**”) in a year, this section applies despite sections 12 and 14.

‘(2) Each member of the group has a training guarantee shortfall in that year that is worked out using the formula:

$$\frac{\text{Member's annual national payroll}}{\text{Employer group's annual national payroll}} \times \text{Group shortfall}$$

where:

“**Employer group's annual national payroll**” means the total of the respective annual national payrolls for that year of the members of the group;

“**Group shortfall**” means the group shortfall;

“**Member's annual national payroll**” means that member's annual national payroll for that year.

‘(3) Each member of the group is taken to have elected under section 15B to postpone the training guarantee shortfall that the member has because of subsection (2) of this section.

Effect of election by employer other than employer group

‘15C.(1) If an employer (other than an employer group) elects to postpone a training guarantee shortfall (“**the postponed shortfall**”) in a year (“**year 1**”), training guarantee charge is not payable on the postponed shortfall except as provided in this section. This section applies to training guarantee shortfalls of the employer in the order in which they arise.

‘(2) If:

- (a) the employer has a training guarantee excess in the next year (“**year 2**”), whether or not the excess has been reduced by an earlier application of this section; and
- (b) the excess is equal to or greater than the postponed shortfall;

then:

- (c) the postponed shortfall is reduced, or further reduced, as the case requires, to 0; and
- (d) the excess is reduced by the amount of the postponed shortfall.

‘(3) If:

- (a) the employer has a training guarantee excess in year 2, whether or not the excess has been reduced by an earlier application of this section; and
- (b) the excess is less than the postponed shortfall;

then:

- (c) the postponed shortfall is reduced, or further reduced, by the amount of the excess; and
- (d) the excess is reduced, or further reduced, to 0; and
- (e) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in year 3 (the year after year 2):
 - (i) subsections (5) and (6) apply; and
 - (ii) a reference in those subsections to the postponed shortfall is a reference to the postponed shortfall as so reduced or further reduced; and
- (f) otherwise—training guarantee charge is payable on the postponed shortfall as so reduced or further reduced.

- ‘(4) If the employer does not have a training guarantee excess in year 2, then:
- (a) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in year 3 (the year after year 2)—subsections (5) and (6) apply; and
 - (b) otherwise—training guarantee charge is payable on the postponed shortfall.

‘(5) If the training guarantee excess in year 3 is equal to or greater than the postponed shortfall:

- (a) the postponed shortfall is reduced, or further reduced, as the case requires, to 0; and
- (b) the excess is reduced by the amount of the postponed shortfall.

‘(6) If the training guarantee excess in year 3 is less than the postponed shortfall:

- (a) the postponed shortfall is reduced, or further reduced, by the amount of the excess; and
- (b) training guarantee charge is payable on the postponed shortfall as so reduced or further reduced; and
- (c) the excess is reduced to 0.

‘(7) Subject to section 74, training guarantee charge that is payable under this section is taken to have become due and payable on the day (“**the original due date**”) when training guarantee charge on the postponed shortfall would have become due and payable apart from this section.

Note: Because of this subsection, an employer will be liable to penalties, calculated from the original due date, in so far as the postponed shortfall is not eliminated by a training guarantee excess in either or both of year 2 and year 3.

‘(8) For the purposes of this section, if training guarantee charge is not payable by the employer for year 2 or year 3 because of section 16, 17, 18 or 18A, the employer is taken to have a training guarantee excess in that year equal to the employer’s net eligible training expenditure in that year.

‘(9) This section does not affect the employer’s obligation to lodge a training guarantee statement.’.”

New clause—

After clause 14, page 8, insert the following new clause:

Annual training guarantee statements

“**14A.** Section 40 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1) ‘, or would be liable apart from section 15A,’ after ‘liable’.”

Amendments—

Clause 15, page 8, lines 19 to 24, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Requirements for training guarantee statement

“**15.** Section 42 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subparagraphs (d)(iv) and (v) and substituting the following subparagraphs:

- ‘(iv) the employer’s training guarantee shortfall in the year, disregarding sections 15A to 15C; and
- (iva) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in the second year before the year concerned—that excess, or that excess as reduced because of subsection 15A(1) or by section 15C, or both, as the case requires; and

- (ivb) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in the year before the year concerned—that excess, or that excess as reduced by section 15C, as the case requires; and
- (v) the training guarantee charge (if any) payable for the year concerned; and’.”.

Clause 16—

Page 8, proposed subsection 42A(1), lines 30 and 31, omit “paragraph 15C(3)(b) or subsection 15C(4) or (6),”, substitute “paragraph 15C(3)(f), (4)(b) or (6)(b),”.

Page 8, proposed paragraph 42A(1)(a), line 33, omit “second”, substitute “third”.

Page 9, lines 6 to 11, omit proposed subparagraphs 42A(2)(d)(ii) and (iii), substitute the following subparagraphs:

- “(ii) whether the employer has a training guarantee excess in the first year after the shortfall year and, if so:
 - (A) the amount of that excess; and
 - (B) the shortfall as reduced by subsection 15C(2) or (3); and
- (iii) whether the employer has a training guarantee excess in the second year after the shortfall year and, if so:
 - (A) the amount of that excess; and
 - (B) the shortfall as reduced by subsection 15C(5) or (6); and”.

Clause 18, page 9, lines 24 to 30, omit paragraph 18(a), substitute the following paragraph:

- “(a) by omitting subparagraph (2)(a)(iv) and substituting the following subparagraphs:
 - ‘(iv) the employer’s training guarantee shortfall in the year, disregarding sections 15A to 15C;
 - (iva) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in the second year before the first-mentioned year—that excess, or that excess as reduced because of subsection 15A(1) or by section 15C, or both, as the case requires;
 - (ivb) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in the year before the first-mentioned year—that excess, or that excess as reduced by section 15C, as the case requires;
 - (v) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in the first year after the first-mentioned year—that excess, or that excess as reduced by subsection 15C(5) or (6), as the case requires;
 - (vi) if the employer has a training guarantee excess in the second year after the first-mentioned year—that excess;’.”.

Paper: Mr Free presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13 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—

Debate resumed.

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.

14 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The Acting Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1993-94—

No. 27—Report on ministerial portfolios: Autumn sittings 1994.

No. 29—Project audit—Department of Industry, Technology and Regional Development: National Industry Extension Service (NEIS).

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

(1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 27 and 29 of 1993-94; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

16 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for February 1994.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during February 1994.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on general revenue grant relativities—1994 update.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1992-93.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report for 1991-92.

Provision for running costs borrowings—

Statement for January 1994.

Supporting applications of issues from the Provision during January 1994.

Quality Assurance in Higher Education Committee—Report on 1993 quality reviews, March 1994.

United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994—National Committee—Report for conference—Australia national report on population.

17 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1992-93.

Quality Assurance in Higher Education—Committee—Report on 1993 quality reviews, March 1994.

United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994—National Committee—Report for conference—Australia national report on population.

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

18 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXES

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 Government’s plans to increase taxes in this year’s Budget, in particular to increase the Medicare levy”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Downer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INSURANCE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Message No. 228, dated 3 March 1994, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Insurance Act 1973’ and the ‘Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act 1984’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INSURANCE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

Message No. 229, dated 3 March 1994, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend various laws relating to insurance, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr L. J. Scott (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 330—Review of Auditor-General’s reports May 1991-September 1992, 2 March 1994.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr L. J. Scott, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

22 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to the HMAS *Cerberus* technical training and other facilities, Western Port, Vic. (1st report of 1994).

Ordered to be printed.

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

23 STRATEGIC REVIEW 1993—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—PAPERS NOTED

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—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

24 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Walker (Special Minister of State) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.30 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 March 1994:

Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 36.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics— Proposals 1994 Nos. 3, 4, 5.

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 44.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

95—Amendment, 16 March 1994.

105—Amendments 1994, 18, 22(2) February, 2, 7, 8, 9(2), 10(2), 14 March.

106—Amendments 1994, 22 February, 14, 16 March.

107—Amendments 1994, 7, 14, 15 March.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Certificate pursuant to section 49, dated 4 March 1994.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 34, 35.

Currency Act—Determination 1994 No. 1.

- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 32, 53.
- Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B 1994 Nos. 4, 7, 8, 9, 10.
- Domestic Meat Premises Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 66.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 41.
- Export Inspection and Meat Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 65.
- Export Inspection and Meat (Establishment Registration Charges) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 64.
- Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 42.
- Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 58, 59, 60, 61, 62.
- Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports (Amendment) By-laws 1994 No. 1.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 63.
- Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations Nos. T94/93, T95/93, T96/93, T11/94, T12/94.
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 37, 38, 39.
- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 33.
- National Measurement Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 54.
- Offshore Minerals Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 46, 47.
- Offshore Minerals (Exploration Licence Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 49.
- Offshore Minerals (Mining Licence Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 52.
- Offshore Minerals (Registration Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 48.
- Offshore Minerals (Retention Licence Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 50.
- Offshore Minerals (Works Licence Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 51.
- Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 40.
- Public Service Act—
Determinations 1994 Nos. 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120.
Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination 1994 No. 2.
- Remuneration Tribunal Act—
Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1994 Nos. 2, 3, 4.
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University of Canberra Act—Statutes Nos. 23, 24.

Wool International Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 43.

Wool Tax (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 45.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Bilney, Mrs Crosio, Mr Holding, Mr Howe, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lavarch, Mr McLeay, Mr Martin, Mr Pyne and Mr Tuckey.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives