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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 67

THURSDAY, 5 MAY 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 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the Bill—

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, as a whole—

Debate resumed.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**3 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS**

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), by leave, declared that the Student Assistance Amendment Bill 1994 and the Commonwealth Reciprocal Recovery Legislation Amendment Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

**4 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr K. J. Andrews 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 is of the opinion that the Government has broken its promises to rural and regional families to waive the Austudy assets test for health care card holders”.

Debate continued.

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. 137, dated 2 May 1994, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

#### **5 COMMONWEALTH RECIPROCAL RECOVERY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

#### **6 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Brereton (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr P. F. Morris was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

#### **7 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

#### **8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE**

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 4 May 1994, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 2.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution of 4 May 1994.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

#### **9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

#### **10 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

#### **11 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 33 of 1993-94—Efficiency audit—Australian Trade Commission: The Export Market Development Grants Scheme—Its efficiency and effectiveness.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 33 of 1993-94; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

## 12 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Charles made a statement in connection with a matter of privilege raised on 24 March 1994 by Ms Crawford, the former Chairman of the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training, relating to the unauthorised disclosure of a portion of the committee's report on violence in Australian schools. Mr Charles informed the House that the committee had determined that substantial interference with its work had not occurred.

## 13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 255, dated 5 May 1994, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Chamarette had been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title in place of Senator Kernot, discharged.

## 14 BANKING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Abbott to be a member of the Standing Committee on Banking, Finance and Public Administration in place of Mr Rocher.

## 15 WORKING NATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—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 Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 4 May 1994*), viz.:

Working nation, 4 May 1994—

Ministerial statement.

Policies and programs.

White paper on employment and growth—

Debate resumed.

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## 16 ADJOURNMENT

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5.38 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 May 1994:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section 40.

*Telecommunications Act 1991*—

Determinations of technical standards 1994 Nos. TS 1, TS 2, TS 3.

Technical standards 1994 Nos. TS 003, TS 018, Amendment No. 1 to TS 005/1992.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baldwin, Mr Beale, Mr Beddall, Mr Bilney, Mr Crean, Mr Gear, Mr Halverson, Mr Jones, Mr Punch, Mr Ruddock and Mr Woods.



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