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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

WEDNESDAY, 11 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 FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL 1994

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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 142, dated 9 April 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 Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

3 NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND REPEAL BILL 1994

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

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 143, dated 9 April 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 Elliott, the Bill was read a third time.

4 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mrs Moylan 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 condemns the Government for its iniquitous treatment of unrealised capital gains on shares and managed investments as income for the pension income and assets test”.

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. 144, 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 Mrs Crosio, the Bill was read a third time.

5 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 145, dated 5 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 Sciacca, the Bill was read a third time.

6 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (ORIGIN LABELLING) BILL 1994—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs) moved—That the Trade Practices Amendment (Origin Labelling) Bill 1994 be referred to the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology for consideration and an advisory report to the House by 6 June 1994.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

8 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), by leave, declared that the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill 1994, Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (User Charge) Bill 1994, Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Fees Bill 1994, Offshore Minerals (Exploration Licence User Charge) Bill 1993 and Offshore Minerals (Retention Licence User Charge) Bill 1993 were cognate Bills.

9 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

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

Debate ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 146, dated 10 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 Beddall, the Bill was read a third time.

10 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (USER CHARGE) BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources) 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 Beddall, the Bill was read a third time.

11 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) FEES BILL 1994

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

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baldwin	Mr M. J. Evans	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Free	Mr Knott	Mr Quick
Mr Bilney	Mr Gear	Mr Langmore	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibson	Mr Latham	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace*	Dr Lawrence	Mr Simmons
Mr Cleary	Mr Griffin	Mr Lee	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Ms Crawford	Mr Haviland	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Crean	Ms Henzell	Mr Mack	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cunningham	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Tickner
Ms Deahm	Mr Horne	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Walker
Mr Dodd	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr Woods
Mrs Easson	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

It being past 3 p.m., the proceedings were interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the further consideration of the Bill made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statements for March and April 1994.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during March and April 1994.

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for period July-December 1993.

Royal Australian Air Force—Accident involving No. 77 Squadron F/A-18 Hornet A21-106 at Cape Clinton on 19 May 1992—Summary of inquiry, 21 January 1994.

Working together: Mental health federal budget initiatives 1994-95—Report, incorporating the Federal Government's response to the report of the national inquiry into the human rights of people with mental illness.

14 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for period July-December 1993.

Royal Australian Air Force—Accident involving No. 77 Squadron F/A-18 Hornet A21-106 at Cape Clinton on 19 May 1992—Summary of inquiry, 21 January 1994.

Working together: Mental health federal budget initiatives 1994-95—Report, incorporating the Federal Government's response to the report of the national inquiry into the human rights of people with mental illness.

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

15 PAPER

Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance) presented the following paper:

Budget statements 1994-95 (Budget paper No. 1)—Replacement index.

Ordered to be printed.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET 1994-95

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 impact on Australians of the higher tax burden and broken promises outlined in the Budget".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Downer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 PAPER

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) presented the following paper:

Commercial-in-confidence information held by the Department of Administrative Services—Letter from Mr Walker to Senator Michael Beahan, President of the Senate, 10 May 1994.

18 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), for Mr Brereton (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industrial Relations Act 1988*.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Walker presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

19 HMAS CERBERUS TECHNICAL TRAINING AND OTHER FACILITIES, WESTERNPORT, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: HMAS *Cerberus* technical training and other facilities, Westernport, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

20 REFURBISHMENT OF AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE COLLEGE, BARTON, ACT—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was

referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Refurbishment of the Australian Federal Police College, Barton, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

21 RELOCATION OF SALISBURY EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE TESTING FACILITIES TO PORT WAKEFIELD, SA—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Relocation of the Salisbury Explosive Ordnance testing facilities to Port Wakefield, SA.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

22 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) FEES BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill—

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

23 OFFSHORE MINERALS (EXPLORATION LICENCE USER CHARGE) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

24 OFFSHORE MINERALS (RETENTION LICENCE USER CHARGE) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

25 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING 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.

Debate ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 147, dated 1 March 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.

26 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

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

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

27 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 May 1994:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1994 No. 7.

Health Insurance Act—Statement under section 106AA (Dr Ignatius Joseph Cannizzo), 9 May 1994.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination 1994 No. 1.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1994 No. 9.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Mr Halverson, Mr Keating and Mr Ruddock.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives