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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 73

TUESDAY, 31 MAY 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 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1994-95—BUDGET DEBATE**

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.

Mr McArthur 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.

3 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

4 **PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Access to Justice Advisory Committee—Report—Access to justice—An action plan, 2 May 1994.

Australian Wool Corporation Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Final report, for period 1 July to 30 November 1993.

Banking, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Stand and deliver: Inquiry into the efficiency dividend arrangements, 24 March 1994—Government response.

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1992-93—Corrigendum.

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—The Community Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program: A review of a report on an efficiency audit by the Auditor-General, 28 February 1994—Government response to the reports of the Auditor-General and the committee.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1993.

Ministers' private interests—Returns of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, June 1994.

Public Service Act—Requirements for departmental annual reports, March 1994.

5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Access to Justice Advisory Committee—Report—Access to justice—An action plan, 2 May 1994.

Australian Wool Corporation Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Final report, for period 1 July to 30 November 1993.

Banking, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Stand and deliver: Inquiry into the efficiency dividend arrangements, 24 March 1994—Government response.

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—The Community Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program: A review of a report on an efficiency audit by the Auditor-General, 28 February 1994—Government response to the reports of the Auditor-General and the committee.

Ministers' private interests—Returns of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, June 1994.

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

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REFORM

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 continued failure of the Keating Government to recognise the importance of industrial relations reform to the modernisation of the Australian economy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Nugent to be a member of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs in place of Mr Pyne.

8 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 6 June 1994.

9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE

Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1994-95—BUDGET DEBATE

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.

11 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.58 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 May 1994:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 1994 Nos. 8, 9, 10.

Australian National University Act—Statutes Nos. 228, 229, 230.

Telecommunications Act 1991—

Determination of a technical standard 1994 No. TS 4.

Technical standard 1994 No. TS 021.3.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Brereton, Dr Hewson, Mr Howe, Mr Keating, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerr, Mr Langmore, Ms McHugh, Mr Snowdon and Mr Tickner.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives