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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 75

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 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 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee on Wednesday, 8 June 1994, and Thursday, 9 June 1994, for the second reading and consideration in detail stages:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 1994;

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1994;

Corporations Legislation Amendment Bill 1994;

Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 1994; and

Industry, Science and Technology Legislation Amendment Bill 1994.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**3 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.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution of the House of 1 June 1994, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**4 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINTS OF BREACHES**

Mr Tuckey raised, as matters of privilege:

(1) his entitlement to a more considered response yesterday to a question asked about alleged discrimination; and

(2) allegations of sexual harassment against a Member of Parliament.

The Speaker stated that neither matter involved an issue of privilege.

## 5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Downer (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

“Season’s Greetings” card featuring a photograph of a World War I postcard.

Questions without notice continued.

*Member named and suspended:* The Speaker named the Member for Fisher (Mr Slipper) for refusing to resume his seat when directed to do so by the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Fisher be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 77

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

## NOES, 64

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.34 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

*Papers:* Mr Downer, by leave, presented the following papers:

Cabinet Minutes—Sale of ANL—Copies of minutes No. 1748, 1 June 1993, and No. 2563, 21 February 1994.

Questions without notice continued.

**6 PAPER**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), during a point of order, presented the following paper:

Interjections during an answer to a question without notice—Copy of letter, with attachment, from Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) to Mr Downer (Leader of the Opposition), 1 June 1994.

**7 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 37 of 1993-94—Project audit—Joint House Department: Management 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. 37 of 1993-94; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

**8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER**

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on Australia's relations with Indonesia, and presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australia's relations with Indonesia, November 1993—Government response, June 1994.

Mr Peacock and Mr Sinclair, by leave, also made statements in relation to the matter.

**9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT**

The House was informed that Dr Kemp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government in the White Paper and the Budget to address the need of the unemployed, particularly the long term unemployed, for real jobs".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Kemp addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 275

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967’ and the ‘Offshore Minerals Act 1994’ and to repeal certain Acts consequential upon the enactment of the ‘Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Fees Act 1994’, 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, 1 June 1994

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

#### 11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 277

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the law about industrial relations, and for other 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, 1 June 1994

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

#### 12 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

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

#### 13 VETERANS’ AFFAIRS (1994-95 BUDGET MEASURES) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

#### 14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in relation to the proceedings on the following Bills, so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of all the Bills:

- Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1994-95;
- Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1994-95;
- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1994-95;
- Loan Bill 1994; and
- Sales Tax (Low-alcohol Wine) Amendment Bill 1994.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Sullivan addressing the House—

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

Mr Beazley requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

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Mrs Sullivan continued her speech.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

#### AYES, 71

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

## NOES, 57

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**15 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) declared that the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1994-95, Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1994-95, Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1994-95, Loan Bill 1994 and Sales Tax (Low-alcohol Wine) Amendment Bill 1994 were urgent Bills.

Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put and passed.

*Allotment of time:* Mr Beazley then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1994-95—  
 Second reading, until 5.30 p.m. this day.  
 Consideration in detail—

Schedule—Proposed expenditures for—

- (a) Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Finance, Department of the Treasury, Advance to the Minister for Finance and Provision for Running Costs Borrowings, until 6 p.m. on Monday, 6 June.
- (b) Department of Administrative Services, until 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 6 June.
- (c) Attorney-General's Department, until 7 p.m. on Monday, 6 June.
- (d) Department of Transport, and Department of Communications and the Arts, until 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 6 June.
- (e) Department of Employment, Education and Training, until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (f) Department of Defence, until 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (g) Department of Primary Industries and Energy and Department of Tourism, until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (h) Department of Social Security and Department of Veterans' Affairs, until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (i) Department of Housing and Regional Development and Department of Human Services and Health, until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (j) Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, until 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.

- (k) Department of Industry, Science and Technology, until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (l) Department of Industrial Relations, until 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (m) Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (n) Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, until 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.

Remainder of Bill, until 7.35 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.

Remaining stages, until 7.40 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.

- (2) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1994-95—For the remaining stages, until 8.25 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (3) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1994-95—For the remaining stages, until 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (4) Loan Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.
- (5) Sales Tax (Low-alcohol Wine) Amendment Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 7 June.

Question—put and passed.

**16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 48A AND 103**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) and standing order 103 (new business) be suspended for the sittings on Tuesday, 7 June 1994 and Wednesday, 8 June 1994.

Question—put and passed.

**17 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—

*Limitation of debate:* The time allotted for the second reading having expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Consideration in detail*

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

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| Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet | } | together |
| Department of Finance                        |   |          |
| Department of the Treasury                   |   |          |
| Advance to the Minister for Finance          |   |          |
| Provision for Running Costs Borrowings       |   |          |
| Department of Administrative Services        | } | together |
| Attorney-General's Department                |   |          |
| Department of Transport                      |   |          |
| Department of Communications and the Arts    |   |          |

Department of Employment, Education and Training	
Department of Defence	
Department of Primary Industries and Energy	} together
Department of Tourism	
Department of Social Security	} together
Department of Veterans' Affairs	
Department of Housing and Regional Development	} together
Department of Human Services and Health	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	
Department of Industry, Science and Technology	
Department of Industrial Relations	
Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories	
Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs	
Proposed expenditures—	
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$1 072 950 000—	
Department of Finance, \$203 824 000—	
Department of the Treasury, \$1 503 344 000—	
Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$215 000 000—	
Provision for Running Costs Borrowings, \$20 000 000—	
together—	

Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley—Minister for Finance), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 18 SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report:

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

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 31 May 1994.

Question—put and passed.

#### 19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

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#### PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 June 1994:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 1994 Nos. 11, 12.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption 1994 No. 1.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 30, 31, 32, 46, 47.



Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1994  
No. 10.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dodd,  
Ms Fatin, Dr Hewson and Mr Swan.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives