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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 77

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 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

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$3 048 555 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 1 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$10 197 021 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 1.30 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$503 498 000—

Department of Tourism, \$102 231 000—

together debated.

Limitation of debate: At 2 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditures having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Social Security, \$1 224 331 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 678 411 000—

together debated.

Limitation of debate: At 2.30 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditures having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Housing and Regional Development, \$74 396 000—

Department of Human Services and Health, \$2 386 188 000—

together debated.

Limitation of debate: At 3 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditures having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditures be agreed to—put and passed.

It being 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.

3 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Dr Kemp moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Goldstein moving forthwith—That the House condemns the Government for conspiring with the ACTU to distort the OECD's unfavourable assessment of Australia's industrial relations reform efforts and their employment effects.

Paper: Dr Kemp, by leave, presented the following paper:

OECD Ministerial Council meeting, 7-8 June 1994—Briefing minute from the Department of Employment, Education and Training to Mr Crean (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), 2 June 1994.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 59

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

NOES, 78

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| Mr Adams | Mr M. J. Evans | Mr Jones | Mr Punch |
| Mr Baldwin | Ms Fatin | Mrs Kelly | Mr Quick |
| Mr Beazley | Mr Ferguson | Mr Kerr | Mr Sawford* |
| Mr Beddall | Mr Fitzgibbon | Mr Knott | Mr Sciacca |
| Mr Bevis | Mr Free | Mr Langmore | Mr L. J. Scott |
| Mr Bilney | Mr Gear | Mr Latham | Mr Simmons |
| Mr Brown | Mr Gibson | Mr Lavarch | Mrs S. J. Smith |
| Mr Campbell | Mr Gorman | Dr Lawrence | Mr S. F. Smith |
| Mr Chynoweth | Mr Grace* | Mr Lee | Mr Snow |
| Mr Cleary | Mr Griffin | Mr Lindsay | Mr Snowdon |
| Mr Cleeland | Mr Griffiths | Ms McHugh | Mr Staples |
| Ms Crawford | Mr Haviland | Mr Mack | Mr Swan |
| Mrs Crosio | Ms Henzell | Mr McLeay | Mr Tanner |
| Mr Cunningham | Mr Holding | Mr Melham | Dr Theophanous |
| Ms Deahm | Mr Hollis | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Tickner |
| Mr Dodd | 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 | |
| Mr Elliott | Mr Johns | Mr Price | |

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 39 of 1993-94—Efficiency audit—Australian Taxation Office: Management of the Child Support Agency.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 39 of 1993-94; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

5 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—1993 implementation report of the South Australian Government, April 1994.

Australian and New Zealand Fisheries and Aquaculture Council—Resolutions—23rd meeting, Sydney, 3 December 1993.

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report by the Hon. Ralph Willis, MP, Treasurer, for 1993.

Shoalwater Bay, Capricornia Coast, Qld—Commonwealth Commission of Inquiry—Final report (report No. 3), May 1994.

6 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—1993 implementation report of the South Australian Government, April 1994.

Shoalwater Bay, Capricornia Coast, Qld—Commonwealth Commission of Inquiry—Final report (report No. 3), May 1994.

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

7 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

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’s employment policies and the consequences for Australia’s unemployed”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Kemp rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

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, 27 June 1994.

9 BILLS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), for Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, moved—That the International War Crimes Tribunal Bill 1994 and the International War Crimes Tribunal (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994 be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and an advisory report to the House by 28 June 1994.

Question—put and passed.

10 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:

Banking (State Bank of South Australia and Other Matters) Bill 1994;

Bounty (Fuel Ethanol) Bill 1994;

Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 1994;

Industrial Relations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994;

Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1994;

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 1994;

Superannuation Laws Amendment Bill 1994;

Health Legislation (Powers of Investigation) Amendment Bill 1994; and
Veterans' Affairs (1994-95 Budget Measures) Legislation Amendment Bill
1994.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) declared that the Banking (State Bank of South Australia and Other Matters) Bill 1994, Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 1994, Bounty (Fuel Ethanol) Bill 1994, Health Legislation (Powers of Investigation) Amendment Bill 1994, Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 1994, Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1994, Superannuation Laws Amendment Bill 1994, Industrial Relations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994 and Veterans' Affairs (1994-95 Budget Measures) Legislation 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) Banking (State Bank of South Australia and Other Matters) Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 June.
- (2) Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June.
- (3) Bounty (Fuel Ethanol) Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June.
- (4) Health Legislation (Powers of Investigation) Amendment Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June.
- (5) Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 1994—
 - (a) For the second reading, until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June,
 - (b) For the consideration in detail stage, until 8.25 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June, and
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June.
- (6) Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8 June.
- (7) Superannuation Laws Amendment Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 9 June.
- (8) Industrial Relations Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994—
 - (a) For the second reading, until noon on Thursday, 9 June,
 - (b) For the consideration in detail stage, until 12.25 p.m. on Thursday, 9 June, and
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9 June.
- (9) Veterans' Affairs (1994-95 Budget Measures) Legislation Amendment Bill 1994—For the remaining stages, until 3 p.m. on Thursday, 9 June.

Question—put and passed.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1994-95

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$2 350 566 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 5.30 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Industry, Science and Technology, \$1 424 614 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 6 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Industrial Relations, \$161 044 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 6.30 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, \$474 119 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 7 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$405 151 000—debated.

Limitation of debate: At 7.30 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration of the proposed expenditure having expired—

Question—That the proposed expenditure be agreed to—put and passed.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1994-95

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 by Mr Prosser who 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 expresses its opposition to the Government’s decision to establish and allocate funds to the Aboriginal Land Fund and calls on the Government to direct more adequate funding towards aboriginal health, housing and education, and other social needs”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

14 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1994-95

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 Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

15 LOAN BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance) 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. 155, dated 13 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 Ms Crawford (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development), the Bill was read a third time.

16 SALES TAX (LOW-ALCOHOL WINE) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

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

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.34 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 June 1994:

Navigation Act—Order 1994 No. 5.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument 1994 No. 3.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Crean, Dr Hewson and Mr Keating.

L. M. BURLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives