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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 86

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 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 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 313, dated 23 August 1994, from the Senate was reported transmitting to the House a resolution of the Senate extending the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts on the proposed establishment of an Audit Committee to 22 September 1994.

3 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Kemp, viz.*—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, this House deplores the Government’s failure to provide real sustainable job opportunities”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Debate adjourned (Mr R. J. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILLS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training from moving a motion to refer the Employment Services Bill 1994 together with the amendments, new headings and new clauses to be moved on behalf of the Government and the Employment Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994 together with the amendments and new clauses to be moved on behalf of the Government to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and an advisory report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 BILLS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) moved—That:

- (1) the Employment Services Bill 1994 together with the amendments, new headings and new clauses to be moved on behalf of the Government and the Employment Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994 together with the amendments and new clauses to be moved on behalf of the Government be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and an advisory report; and
- (2) the Committee present its report to the House by 22 September 1994.

Question—put and passed.

6 STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) 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.

Mr Costello 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:

- (1) its continuing mismanagement of Commonwealth-State relations; and
- (2) its threat to recoup from any State funds paid to that State as a result of the Parliament of that State repealing laws which prescribe compulsory student unionism at universities”.

Debate continued.

Mr Latham 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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 1 of 1994-95—Project audit—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation: Follow-up of an efficiency audit of external funds generation.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 1 of 1994-95; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

9 HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Government's response to the report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission on the situation of Australian South Sea Islanders, and presented the following paper:

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—The call for recognition: A report on the situation of Australian South Sea Islanders—Government response, August 1994.

Mr Neville and Mr Nehl, by leave, also made statements concerning the matter.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—"THREE MINES" URANIUM POLICY

The House was informed that Mr McGauran had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to abolish its discredited 'three mines' uranium policy, which has cost Australia hundreds of millions of dollars of export income and new investment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McGauran addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 ENVIRONMENT, SPORT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Environment, Sport and Territories Legislation Amendment Bill 1994 had been fully considered in the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE—PAPER NOTED

The Deputy Speaker reported that the order of the day relating to the motion to take note of the report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Bougainville had been debated in the Main Committee and is returned to the House.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

13 BILLS—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had not considered the Grain Legumes Levy Amendment Bill 1994, the Oilseeds Levy Amendment Bill 1994, the Coarse Grains Levy Amendment Bill 1994, the Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 1994, the Evidence Bill 1993 and the

Evidence (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994 and returned the Bills to the House for consideration, and presented certified copies of each of the Bills.

Ordered—That, in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 23 August 1994, consideration of each of the Bills be made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

14 ORDERS OF THE DAY—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had not considered orders of the day Nos. 9 to 17 and returned the orders of the day to the House for further consideration.

The orders of the day were accordingly made orders of the day of the House for the next sitting.

15 STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Costello, viz.*—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:

- (1) its continuing mismanagement of Commonwealth-State relations; and
- (2) its threat to recoup from any State funds paid to that State as a result of the Parliament of that State repealing laws which prescribe compulsory student unionism at universities.

Debate resumed.

16 ADJOURNMENT

It being approximately 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 5.59 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 August 1994: Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1994 No. 14.

Health Insurance Act—Statement under section 106AA (Dr Michael Mun Lai), 3 August 1994.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section 40.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the date on which the provisions of the *Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act 1994* other than Parts 1 and 3 shall come into operation—18 August 1994.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 143, 144.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beale, Mr Bilney, Mr Brereton, Mr Crean, Ms Deahm, Mr Dobie, Mr Duffy, Mr Elliott, Mr Free, Mr Griffiths, Mr Howard, Mr Katter, Mr Langmore, Dr Lawrence, Ms McHugh, Mr Punch, Mr Reid and Mrs Sullivan.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 1994

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 ENVIRONMENT, SPORT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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 paper (*presented on 8 June 1994*), viz.:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Bougainville, 18-22 April 1994—
Report—Bougainville: A Pacific solution—

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Ms Crawford (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development), further debate on the matter to be conducted in the House.

4 ORDERS OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Ms Crawford (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development), orders of the day Nos. 9 to 17 to be returned to the House for further consideration.

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Crawford (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 31 August 1994, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee