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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 96

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 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 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr L. J. Scott (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 333—The sale of Aussat, 21 September 1994.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr L. J. Scott, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

3 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Ferguson	Mr Knott	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Gear	Mr Latham	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibson	Mr Lavarch	Mr Simmons
Mr Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffin	Mr Lindsay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Haviland	Ms McHugh	Mr Swan
Mr Cleeland	Ms Henzell	Mr Mack	Mr Tanner
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Tickner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne*	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Walker
Ms Deahm	Mr Howe	Mr Newell	
Mr Dodd	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Duffy	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	

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Mr Abbott	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Slipper
Mr Atkinson	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bishop	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford*	Dr Hewson	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Connolly	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth

* 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.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Crean (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented the following paper:

Labour Market Programs: 1994-95 financial report for end July 1994—Copy of table.

Questions without notice continued.

5 PAPERS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Privilege—Matter raised by Mr Jones on 20 September 1994—

Copy of letter from the Speaker to Mr Brian Cox, OBE, MVO, Australian Electoral Commissioner, 22 September 1994.

Letter from Hon. Trevor Morling, QC, Chairperson, Australian Electoral Commission, to the Speaker, 10 October 1994—

and made a statement in connection with the papers.

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

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

6 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1993-94

Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 1993-94.

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for 1993-94.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Reports, October 1994—
Department of Housing and Regional Development.
Department of Social Security and the Data-matching Agency.
Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1993.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1993-94.

Industry Research and Development Act—Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1993-94.

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report for 1993.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Christmas Island National Park—
Comments on submissions on the draft plan of management for Christmas Island National Park.
Plan of management.

Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—National Landcare Advisory Committee—Report for period 24 December 1992 to 30 June 1994.

Political exchange program—Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 1993-94.

Primary Industry Councils Act—Australian Pig Industry Council—Report for period 20 September 1993 to 30 June 1994.

Public Service Act—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1993-94.

Royal Australian Air Force—Accident involving No. 1 Squadron F111C A8-127 near Guyra, NSW, on 13 September 1993—Summary of investigation, 30 September 1994.

7 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1993-94

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Reports, October 1994—
Department of Housing and Regional Development.
Department of Social Security and the Data-matching Agency.
Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1993.

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report for 1993.

Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—National Landcare Advisory Committee—Report for period 24 December 1992 to 30 June 1994.

Royal Australian Air Force—Accident involving No. 1 Squadron F111C A8-127 near Guyra, NSW, on 13 September 1993—Summary of investigation, 30 September 1994.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SUPERANNUATION SAVINGS

The House was informed that Mr Moore had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s repeated inclination towards policies which threaten the independence of the superannuation savings of Australians as demonstrated by the resolution approved at the recent ALP National Conference regarding privatisation of federal airports”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Moore addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 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, 17 October 1994.

10 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1994

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

12 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

National Environment Protection Council 1994; and

Australian Trade Commission Amendment 1994.

Question—put and passed.

13 DROUGHT RELIEF PAYMENT BILL 1994

Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*, the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Beddall, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr Anderson (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) 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 recognises the plight of small business operators in rural and regional Australia who are affected by drought conditions and calls on the Government to act urgently to develop a strategy to assist these operators”.

Debate continued.

Mr B. C. Scott addressing the House—

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

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr B. C. Scott continued his speech.

Debate adjourned (Mr Snowdon—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

PAPERS

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

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments 1994, 6, 7(2), 10(5) October.

107—Amendments 1994, 4(2), 6 October.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination 1994 No. 3.

Public Service Act—Determination 1994 No. 153.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cunningham, Ms Fatin, Mr Filing, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Grace, Mr Hawker, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Dr Lawrence, Mr Lieberman, Mr Price, Mr Reid, Mr Reith, Mr Sharp, Mr Staples, Mr Tuckey and Mr Willis.

I. C. HARRIS

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives