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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 110

THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 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 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Consideration in detail

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together.

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

3 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—17TH REPORT

Mr Horne (Chairman) presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 17TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 18 October 1994, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of New South Wales Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1993-94.

Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1993-94.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—18th report, for 1993-94.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1993 to 31 May 1994.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act—National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 1993-94.

Archives Act—

Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Archives—Report for 1993-94.

Audit Act—Auditor-General—

Report No. 2—Department of Defence—Follow-up audit: management of Army training areas—Preliminary study: acquisition of additional F-111 aircraft.

Report No. 4—Project audit—Special investigation into Casselden Place building, Melbourne: Department of Administrative Services.

Report No. 5—Follow-up audits—Department of Employment, Education and Training: New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS): protective security: AUSTUDY.

Report No. 6—Efficiency audit—Australian Taxation Office: information technology security.

Report No. 8—Aggregate financial statement prepared by the Minister for Finance year ended 30 June 1994.

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report for 1993-94.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1993-94.

Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—

Report for 1993-94.

Report for 1993-94—Erratum.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1993-94.

Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 1993-94.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 1993-94.

Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Postal Corporation Act—Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Australian Securities Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 1993-94.

Australian War Memorial Act—Australian War Memorial—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—13th report, for 1993-94.

Bankruptcy Act—Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 1993-94.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1993-94.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Commonwealth Banks Act—

Commonwealth Bank of Australia and controlled entities—Report for 1993-94.

Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Financial statements for 1993-94.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Redistribution of electoral divisions, 1994—Australian Capital Territory.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for 1993-94.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1993-94.

Criminology Research Act—

Australian Institute of Criminology—Report for 1993-94.

Criminology Research Council—Report for 1993-94.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1993-94.

- Development Allowance Authority Act—Development Allowance Authority—Report for 1993-94.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1993-94.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region—Report for 1993-94.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
- Family Law Act—
 Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1993-94.
 Family Law Council—Report for 1993-94.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Federal Court of Australia—Report for 1993-94.
- Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1993-94.
- Freedom of Information Act—Report for 1993-94 on the operation of the Act.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1993-94.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1993-94.
- Housing Assistance Act—Report on the operation of the Act 1992-93.
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 1993-94.
- Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report for 1993-94.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 1993-94.
- International Air Services Commission Act—International Air Services Commission—Report for 1993-94.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—
 Report for 1993-94.
 Report No. 70 (interim)—Child care for kids: review of legislation administered by the Department of Human Services and Health.
- Leasing by the Commonwealth of accommodation in Centenary House—Royal Commission—Report of the Commissioner (Hon. T. R. Morling, QC).
- Life Insurance Act, Insurance Act, Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act and Occupational Superannuation Standards Act—Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report for 1993-94.
- Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report for 1993-94 on consultants engaged under section 4.
- Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No.1—Report for 1993-94.
- Murray-Darling Basin Act—Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1993-94.
- National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—Report for 1993-94.
- National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1993.

- National Library Act—National Library of Australia—34th report, for 1993-94.
- National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1993-94.
- National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Worksafe Australia)—Report for 1993-94.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Report for 1993-94.
- Native Title Act—National Native Title Tribunal—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1994.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme and certain other schemes—Report for 1993-94.
- Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 1993-94.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—
- Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
 - Energy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
 - Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
 - Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
 - Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
 - Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.
- Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 334—Annual report of activities 1993-94.
- Public Lending Right Act—Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 1993-94.
- Public Service Act—
- Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Administrative Services—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Communications and the Arts—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Defence—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Finance—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Housing and Regional Development—Report for 1993-94, including a report pursuant to the First Home Owners Act.
 - Department of Human Services and Health—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Industrial Relations—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Primary Industries and Energy—Report for 1993-94.
 - Department of Social Security—Report for 1993-94.

- Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report for 1993-94.
- Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for 1993-94.
- Department of Transport—Report for 1993-94.
- Joint House Department—Report for 1993-94.
- Public Service Commissioner—Report for 1993-94.
- Royal Australian Mint—Report for 1993-94.
- Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—
 10th report of 1994—Stage 2 redevelopment of the Royal Military College,
 Duntroon, ACT.
 9th report of 1994—Midlife upgrade of Blamey Barracks, Kapooka, New South
 Wales.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report for 1993-94.
- Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air
 Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report for 1993-94.
- Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Comcare Australia and the Safety,
 Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—
 Report for 1993-94.
 Report for 1993-94—Erratum.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial
 Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 1993-94.
- Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1993-94.
- Special Broadcasting Service Act—Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
 (SBS)—Report for 1993-94.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance
 Committee—Report for 1993-94.
- Superannuation Act 1976*—
 Commissioner for Superannuation and Commonwealth Superannuation
 Administration—Report for 1993-94.
 Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 1993-94.
 Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 2—
 Report for 1993-94.
 Report for 1993-94—Erratum.
- Superannuation Act 1990*—Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees
 No. 1—
 Report for 1993-94.
 Report for 1993-94—Erratum.
- Telecommunications Act 1991—Australian Telecommunications Authority
 (AUSTEL)—Report for 1993-94.
- Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Repatriation Commission
 and the Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 1993-94.
- Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1993-94.

BOB HORNE
 Chairman

Mr Horne, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

4 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

5 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 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.

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

6 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1994

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

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Schedule 1—

Items 1 to 87, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Item 88 agreed to, after debate—Mr Rocher dissenting.

Items 89 to 91, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedules 2 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 5—

On the motion of Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Part 3, page 97, before item 25, insert the following items:

“24A. Paragraph 26(jb):

After ‘*Overpayments*’ insert ‘*and Early Payments*’.

24B. Section 102AAB (definition of ‘basic statutory interest rate’):

Omit the definition, substitute:

“‘**basic statutory interest rate**’, in relation to a year of income, means such annual rate or rates of interest as are provided for by section 214A, less 4 percentage points, for the year of income or for periods included in the year of income, as the case may be;’”.

Part 3, item 26, page 97, proposed paragraph 214A(2)(a), after “section” insert “102AAB,”.

Part 3, item 26, page 97, after proposed paragraph 214A(2)(b) insert:

“(ba) section 65 of the *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Act 1987*; or”.

Part 3, page 99, after Division 4 insert the following Divisions:

“Division 5—*Australian Capital Territory Taxation (Administration) Act 1969*

36A. Paragraph 5A(1)(e):

After ‘*Overpayments*’ insert ‘*and Early Payments*’.

Division 6—Freedom of Information Act 1982**36B. Schedule 3:**

Omit '*Taxation (Interest on Overpayments) Act 1983*', substitute '*Taxation (Interest on Overpayments and Early Payments) Act 1983*'.

Division 7—Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Act 1971**36C. Paragraph 5A(1)(e):**

After '*Overpayments*' insert '*and Early Payments*'.

Division 8—Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Act 1987**36D. Paragraph 65(4)(b):**

Omit the paragraph, substitute:

'(b) at such annual rate or rates as are provided for by section 214A of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*, less 4 percentage points.'

36E. Subsection 65(7):

Omit the subsection.

Division 9—Swimming Pools Tax Refund Act 1992**36F. Subsection 5(4):**

After '*Overpayments*' insert '*and Early Payments*'.

36G. Subsection 6(3):

After '*Overpayments*' insert '*and Early Payments*'.

Part 4, page 100, subitem 37(10), omit "25 to 30 and 35 and 36", substitute "24B to 30, 35, 36 and 36D to 36G".

Paper: Mr Gear presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill. Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 6—

On the motion of Mr Gear, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Part 1, item 2, page 102, after proposed paragraph 39FA(c) insert the following paragraph:

"(ca) in the case of a share—the share is not provided as a result of the exercise, by the employee company, of a right to acquire a share; and".

Part 1, item 2, page 109, proposed subparagraph 39FI(c)(i), after "provider" insert "or of a subsidiary of the provider".

Part 1, item 2, page 112, omit proposed subsection 39FL(3), substitute the following subsection:

"(3) A person is taken not to be a permanent employee at any time when the person:

- (a) is an exempt visitor within the meaning of section 517 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*; or
- (b) is not a resident within the meaning of that Act; or
- (c) is not physically present in Australia."

Part 1, item 2, page 113, omit proposed paragraph 39FO(2)(a), substitute the following paragraphs:

- “(a) an ordinary employee share benefit where the share or right that is the subject of the benefit was acquired as a result of an eligible pre-existing offer (see subsection (3)); or
- (aa) an ordinary employee share benefit where the share or right that is the subject of the benefit was acquired before 30 June 1995 by an employee of a company (the ‘**employer company**’) where all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (i) the shares or rights were acquired under an arrangement under which employees of the company acquire shares or rights to acquire shares from the employer company or another person;
 - (ii) the employer company is a public company or a subsidiary of a public company;
 - (iii) the shareholders of a public company, being the employer company, or a holding company of the employer company, decided by resolution at a meeting of the company before 7.30 p.m. on 10 May 1994 one or more of the following in relation to the arrangement:
 - (A) the maximum number of shares or rights to be provided under the arrangement;
 - (B) the maximum number of shares or rights to be provided under the arrangement to each employee;
 - (C) the maximum value of shares or rights to be provided under the arrangement;
 - (D) the maximum value of shares or rights to be provided under the arrangement to each employee;
 - (iv) if the maximum, or maximums, referred to in subparagraph (iii) were fixed by reference to particular circumstances as at a specified date, or during a specified period—the specified date was in the one year period ending at the end of 30 June 1994, or the specified period is no longer than 12 months and ends during that one year period;
 - (v) all shares provided to employees under the arrangement are shares in the employer company or a holding company of the employer company;
 - (vi) all rights provided to employees under the arrangement were rights to acquire shares in the employer company or shares in a holding company of the employer company;
 - (vii) none of the maximums mentioned in subparagraph (iii) was exceeded; or”.

Part 1, item 2, pages 114 and 115, omit proposed paragraph 39FO(3)(c).

Part 1, item 2, page 116, omit from proposed paragraph 39FO(5)(a) “sub-subparagraph (2)(a)(i)(B)”, substitute “paragraph (2)(a) or (aa)”.

Part 1, item 6, page 119, omit proposed paragraph 136B(1)(c), substitute the following paragraph:

- “(c) in the case of a right that is not quoted on an approved stock exchange on that day—the greater of:

- (i) in any case—the market value, on the particular day, of the share that may be acquired by exercising the right less the lowest amount that must be paid to exercise the right to acquire the share; and
- (ii) if the right can not be exercised more than 10 years after the particular day—subject to subsections (5) and (6), the value determined in accordance with regulations for the purpose of this paragraph or, if no such regulations are in force, the value determined in accordance with Schedule 2; and
- (iii) if the right can be exercised more than 10 years after the particular day—the greater of:
 - (A) the arm's length value of the right as specified in a written report, in a form approved by the Commissioner, given to the provider of the benefit by a suitably qualified valuer; and
 - (B) the value that would have been determined under subparagraph (ii) if the right could be exercised 10 years after the particular day.”.

Part 1, item 8, page 122, proposed Schedule 2, Instructions for using Table 2, instruction 1, omit “during which the right can”, substitute “from the particular day until the last day on which the right may”.

Part 1, item 8, page 122, proposed Schedule 2, Instructions for using Table 2, instruction 2, omit “during which the right can”, substitute “from the particular day until the last day on which the right may”.

Part 1, item 8, page 123, proposed Schedule 2, General note, omit “during which a right can”, substitute “from the particular day until the last day on which a right may”.

Part 2, item 11, page 125, proposed subsection 26AAC(4AA), add at the end:

- “; or (c) in the case of a share—the share was acquired as a result of the exercise of a right and this section did not apply in relation to the acquisition of the right.”.

Part 2, omit item 13, page 126 to page 127, substitute the following item:

“13. Subsection 27A(1) (definition of ‘eligible termination payment’):

Add at the end:

- ‘or (q) an amount included in the assessable income of the taxpayer under subsection 21A(4A) or section 26AAD; or
- (r) an employee share fringe benefit (within the meaning of the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986*) that is taken by that Act to be provided to the taxpayer, or what would be such a benefit so provided if paragraph (k) of the definition of “fringe benefit” in subsection 136(1) of that Act were disregarded;’.”.

Part 2, item 16, page 127, omit “**Division 9 of Part III**”, substitute “**Division 9 of Part IIIA**”.

Part 2, item 16, page 128, proposed subsection 160ZYJB(1), after “acquisition,” insert “the greater of the amount of any actual consideration in respect of the acquisition and”.

Part 2, item 16, page 128, proposed paragraph 160ZYJB(2)(b), after “acquisition,” insert “the greater of the amount of any actual consideration in respect of the acquisition and”.

Part 2, item 16, page 128, proposed paragraph 160ZYJB(3)(b), after “acquisition,” insert “the greater of the amount of any actual consideration in respect of the acquisition and”.

Part 2, item 16, page 129, proposed paragraph 160ZYJB(6)(b), after “acquisition,” insert “the greater of the amount of any actual consideration in respect of the acquisition and”.

Question proposed—That the Schedule, as amended, be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 70

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

7 INCOME TAX (FORMER COMPLYING SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) 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.

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.

8 INCOME TAX (FORMER NON-RESIDENT SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) 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.

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.

9 INCOME TAX RATES 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.

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.

10 INCOME TAX (DEFICIT DEFERRAL) 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.

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.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 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.

Mr Latham was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley—Minister for Finance) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ATSIC AMENDMENT (INDIGENOUS LAND CORPORATION AND LAND FUND) BILL 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 356

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989' and certain other Acts, and for related purposes*", and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the bill.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate
Canberra, 16 November 1994

Ordered—That the amendment requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT

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Clause 3, page 25, proposed subsection 193(1), formula, omit “\$121 million”, substitute “\$124 million”.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance) moved—That the requested amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 70

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Filing	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Aldred	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
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
Mr Beale	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker*	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Dr Hewson	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Mr Vaile
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Dobie	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 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.

Mr B. C. Scott 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.

14 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Walking together: The first steps—Report, 1991-94.

15 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) presented the following paper:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Media release—ATSIC affirms Land Fund Bill and rejects Senate amendments by Coalition and Greens, 17 November 1994.

Questions without notice continued.

Member ordered to withdraw: At 4.15 p.m. the Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for 1 hour for continuing to make remarks on a number of occasions after the chair had responded to points of order raised, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

16 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1994-95—

No. 7—Efficiency audit—Department of Industry, Science and Technology: National Interest Export Finance and Insurance.

No. 9—Project audit—Is Australia ready to respond to a major oil spill?: Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

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

(1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 7 and 9 of 1994-95; and

(2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

17 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1993-94—Erratum.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Qantas Airways Limited—Report for 1992-93.

Nursing home standards review panels—Reports for 1993-94.

Prices Surveillance Act—Prices Surveillance Authority—Report for 1993-94.

18 NURSING HOME STANDARDS REVIEW PANELS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Nursing home standards review panels—Reports for 1993-94.

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

19 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—PAPERS

The Speaker made a statement concerning the provisions of the Evidence Bill 1994 in relation to the status of the Votes and Proceedings as the official record of proceedings of the House, and presented the following papers:

Votes and Proceedings—Draft notices of motions (2).

20 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—APEC MEETING

The House was informed that both Mr Swan and Mr Sharp had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Swan, namely, “The need to recognise the achievements at the APEC meeting in Jakarta”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Swan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1994

Message No. 211, dated 17 November 1994, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of an amendment of a Bill for an Act relating to life insurance, and for related purposes.

22 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (1994).

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

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 355

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to taxation*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments nos. 4, 31, 32 and 33 disagreed to by the House of

Representatives, and has agreed to the amendment made by the House in place of Senate amendment no. 4 with a further amendment and has made further amendments to the bill, as indicated by the annexed schedule.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House in the amendment made by the Senate to the amendment made by the House in place of Senate amendment no. 4 and in the further amendments made by the Senate.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 16 November 1994

Power of House in respect of money bills—Statement by Speaker

The Speaker made the following statement:

It is again my duty to make a short statement to the House concerning proposals of the Senate in respect of a bill.

The Senate's further amendment No. 2 deals with the definition of qualifying reductions in the Income Tax Assessment Act, and further amendment No. 3 is concerned with provisional tax on estimated income.

I understand that there is doubt as to whether it is open to the Senate to propose such alterations as amendments.

This is because of the provisions of the third paragraph of section 53 of the Constitution, which provides that "the Senate may not amend any proposed law so as to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people".

I am informed that the effect of further amendment No. 2 will increase the burden on some taxpayers, and that further amendment No. 3 will have such an effect in respect of a greater number of taxpayers.

I also understand that each of these proposals was originally drafted by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, in consultation with an officer of the Attorney-General's Department, as a request.

Further amendment No. 7 would have the effect of amending the Income Tax Regulations in respect of PAYE arrangements. I am informed that this amendment may also be considered to increase a charge or burden on the people.

I acknowledge that in the circumstances it will be difficult for the House to reach a conclusive understanding as to the effect of the proposals in question. It will also be difficult for any satisfactory dialogue to take place between the houses on this matter. I nevertheless felt it my duty to draw these matters to the attention of Members before any further consideration is given to the Senate's proposals.

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) moved—That:

- (1) the House endorses the statement of the Speaker in relation to the constitutional questions raised by message No. 355 transmitted by the Senate in relation to the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1994;
- (2) the House, having regard to the fact that the public interest demands the early enactment of the legislation, refrains from the determination of its constitutional rights in respect of Senate message No. 355;
- (3) should the House concur in the amendments transmitted in Senate message No. 355, the Speaker's statement and parts (1) and (2) of this resolution be incorporated in the message returning the Bill to the Senate; and
- (4) the amendments be considered forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN PLACE OF SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 4, TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS AGREED WITH A FURTHER AMENDMENT

Clause 57, page 46 (line 32) to page 47 (line 33), omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Rebates for dependants

“57. Section 159J of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1B) ‘1 or’;
- (b) by inserting after subsection (5D) the following subsection:

‘(5E) If:

- (a) after taking into account any reduction because of the application of any other provision of this section, a rebate is allowable to a taxpayer under this section for a year of income in respect of a dependant who is the spouse of the taxpayer; and
- (b) an amount or amounts of home child care allowance (within the meaning of the *Social Security Act 1991*) were paid to the spouse at any time during the year of income;

the rebate is to be reduced or further reduced, as the case requires, by the amount, or the sum of the amounts, of the home child care allowance.’;

- (c) by inserting ‘home child care allowance,’ before ‘or a child disability allowance’ in paragraph (a) of the definition of ‘separate net income’ in subsection (6).”.

FURTHER AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Clause 57, page 46, after paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph:

“(aa) by inserting after subsection (1B) the following subsection:

‘(1C) If:

- (a) apart from subsection (1A), a taxpayer would be entitled in his or her assessment in respect of income of a year of income to a rebate under this section in respect of a dependant included in class 3 or 4 in the table in subsection (2); and
- (b) disregarding this subsection and subsections (3) to (6), the taxpayer is entitled in that assessment to a rebate under this section in respect of a dependant included in class 1 in that table; and
- (c) the amount of the rebate mentioned in paragraph (b) is not more than \$1,452;

the entitlement to a rebate under this section in respect of the dependant included in class 1 in the table is to be calculated as if the amount applicable under the table in respect of that dependant were \$1,452.’;”.

SCHEDULE OF THE FURTHER AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—After clause 56, page 46, insert the following clause:

Indexation of rebate amounts in sections 159J, 159K and 159L

“56A. Section 159HA of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

“(8) To avoid doubt, the reference in paragraph (a) of the definition of “indexable amount” in subsection (7) to an amount specified in subsection 159J(2) does not include a reference to the amount of \$1,452 mentioned in subsection 159J(1C).”.

No. 2—Clause 58, page 48, paragraph (c), proposed subparagraph (pa)(iii) of the definition of “Qualifying reductions”, lines 22 to 27, omit the subparagraph, substitute the following subparagraph:

“(iii) if the preceding year of income is the 1994-95 year of income, or any later year of income, and subsection 159J(1C) did not apply in relation to the rebate—100%.”.

No. 3—After clause 58, page 48, insert the following clause:

Provisional tax on estimated income

“58A. Section 221YDA of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (1)(da) and subparagraph (2)(a)(ii) “or to which subsection 159J(1C) applies” after “other than section 159N.”.

No. 4—Clause 59, page 48, subclause (2), line 37, after “56”, insert “, 56A”.

No. 5—Clause 59, page 48, at end of clause, add the following subclauses:

“(3) The amendments made by section 58 apply to provisional tax (including instalments) payable in respect of income of the 1994-95 year of income and of all later years of income.

“(4) The amendments made by section 58A apply to estimates or calculations of provisional tax (including instalments) payable in respect of income of the 1995-96 year of income and of all later years of income.”.

No. 6—Part 4, after Division 6, page 84, insert the following Division:

“Division 6A—Amendments relating to eligible repair goods

“Subdivision A—Amendment of the Sales Tax Assessment Act 1992

Principal Act

“155A. In this Subdivision, ‘Principal Act’ means the *Sales Tax Assessment Act 1992*³.

General definitions

“155B. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition:

“‘always-exempt person’ means a person whose use of goods of whatever kind is always covered by an exemption Item, regardless of the way in which the goods are used by the person;”.

Eligible repair goods

“155C. Section 15C of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting paragraph (1)(d) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - ‘(d) the exemption user gives the claimant:
 - (i) a declaration that the exemption user is an always-exempt person; or
 - (ii) a declaration under subsection (2).’;
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2) ‘paragraph (1)(d)’ and substituting ‘subparagraph (1)(d)(ii)’;

- (c) by omitting the second sentence of subsection (2);
- (d) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:
 - ‘(2A) A declaration under subparagraph (1)(d)(i) or subsection (2) must be in writing in a form approved by the Commissioner and signed by the exemption user.’.

Schedule 1

“**155D.** Schedule 1 to the Principal Act is amended by omitting column [4] of Table 3 in relation to credit ground CR22 and substituting:

- ‘(a) if the exemption user mentioned in section 15C is an always-exempt person—the tax borne on the goods to the extent that the claimant has not passed it on; or
- (b) in any other case—the tax borne on the goods.’.

“Subdivision B—Amendment of the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1992

Principal Act

“**155E.** In this Subdivision, ‘**Principal Act**’ means the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1992*⁴.”

Interpretation

“**155F.** Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (2) the definition of ‘always-exempt person’.”

“Subdivision C—Application

Application

“**155G.** The amendments made by this Division apply to goods where the repair, renovation or reconditioning of the goods mentioned in subsection 15C(1) of the *Sales Tax Assessment Act 1992* as amended by this Division occurs on or after the day on which this Division commences.”.

No. 7—At end of bill, page 85, add the following Part:

“PART 5—AMENDMENT OF THE INCOME TAX REGULATIONS

Amendment

“**160.** Regulation 76 of the Income Tax Regulations is amended by adding at the end the following subregulation:

- ‘(2) If:
 - (a) on or after 1 July 1995, an employee receives or is entitled to receive payments of salary or wages in respect of a week or part of a week in a year of income; and
 - (b) during that week or part of a week, the employee contributes to the maintenance of:
 - (i) a dependant included in class 1 in the table in subsection 159J(2) of the Act who is a resident; and
 - (ii) a dependant included in class 3 or 4 in that table who is a resident; and
 - (c) the amount that, in respect of the year of income, is taken by section 159HA of the Act to replace the amount of \$1,000 in relation to the dependant included in class 1 in the table is not more than \$1,452;

the employee is not entitled to have the concessional rebate applicable to the dependant included in class 1 in the table taken into account in determining the prescribed rate of deductions to be made for the purposes of section 221C of the Act, by the employee's employer, from the payments of salary or wages.'

Amendment or repeal of Income Tax Regulations

"161. The amendment of the Income Tax Regulations by this Part does not prevent the amendment or repeal, by regulations, of the Income Tax Regulations as amended by this Part."

Mr Gear moved—That the amendment made by the Senate to the amendment made by the House in place of Senate amendment No. 4 and the further amendments made by the Senate be agreed to.

Mr Ruddock addressing the House—

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

Mr Gear requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

Mr Ruddock continued his speech.

Question—put and passed.

24 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to the upgrading of accommodation at HMAS *Watson*, NSW (13th report of 1994).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

25 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—PAPER—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr L. J. Scott (Chairman), by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Customs Service—Report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—The Midford Paramount Case and related matters—Report by the Comptroller-General in relation to recommendation 91.

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

26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) 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, 5 December 1994, at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 November 1994:

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 11 (*in substitution for paper presented on 10 November 1994*).

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the date on which the provisions of the *Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994* shall come into operation—10 November 1994.

World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Proclamations pursuant to—

Section 6, 15 November 1994 (4).

Section 7, 15 November 1994 (4).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Bishop, Mr Braithwaite*, Ms Crawford, Mrs Crosio, Mr Kerr, Mr Langmore, Dr Lawrence, Mr Mack*, Mr Reith, Mr Staples* and Dr Wooldridge.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1993-94

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 110

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1994**

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 COMPLAINTS (AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General) 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 Duncan, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

3 CRIMES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General) 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 Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

4 ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND) REPEAL BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the 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 the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

5 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That further consideration of the Bill be made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES WHICH STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT GROWTH—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 Langmore—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 14 November 1994*), viz.:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Working with the environment: Opportunities for job growth, 14 November 1994—

Debate having been resumed by Mr McLachlan—

Suspension of sitting: At 1.39 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 1.49 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Mr McLachlan continued his speech.

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

7 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration of the Bill—Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

8 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES WHICH STIMULATE EMPLOYMENT GROWTH—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 Langmore—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 14 November 1994*), viz.:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—
Working with the environment: Opportunities for job growth, 14 November
1994—

Debate resumed.

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

**9 UN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT,
CAIRO—OUTCOMES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE
OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the
motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister—That
the House take note of the paper (*presented on 20 October 1994*), viz.:

United Nations International Conference on Population and Development held
in Cairo 5-13 September 1994—Outcomes—Joint statement by Senator Bolkus
(Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) and Mr Baldwin (Minister
representing the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), October 1994—

Dr Theophanous, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the
debate.

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

10 ADJOURNMENT

The Main Committee adjourned at 2.33 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 7 December 1994, at 10 a.m., for the next
meeting of the Main Committee, unless an alternative day or hour is fixed.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee