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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 112

TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR THIS SITTING**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Tuesday, 6 December 1994, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Notice No. 1, government business.
2. Ministerial statements, by leave.
3. Notices and orders of the day, government business.
4. Questions without notice (at 3 p.m.).
5. Presentation of papers.
6. Matter of public importance.
7. Notices and orders of the day, government business.

Question—put and passed.

3 **APEC—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Keating (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the second informal meeting of the leaders of APEC economies, Bogor, Indonesia, 15 November 1994, and presented the following paper:

APEC informal leaders' meeting, Bogor, Indonesia, 15 November 1994—  
Ministerial statement.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. *Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Downer (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 25 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Mr Swan addressing the House—

It being 3 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

#### 4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented the following paper:

AUSTEL—Report to the Minister for Communications and the Arts on the Optus Vision Joint Venture proposal and the Telstra Broadband Joint Venture proposal, 23 November 1994.

Questions without notice continued.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance) answering a question—

*Closure of Member moved:* Mr Howard moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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

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Mr Adams	Mrs Easson	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baldwin	Mr Elliott	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Evans	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Knott	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Latham	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gibson	Mr Lavarch	Mr Simmons
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Gorman	Dr Lawrence	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Cleary	Mr Grace*	Mr Lee	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffin	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Haviland	Mr Mack	Mr Swan
Ms 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 Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr Woods

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr Beazley completed his answer.

Questions without notice continued.

## 5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 13 of 1994-95—Efficiency audit—Australian Defence Force housing assistance: Department of Defence.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 13 of 1994-95; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

## 6 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Access and equity evaluation report 1994—Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, November 1994.

Australian Film Commission Act—Film Australia Pty Ltd—Report for 1993-94.

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

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Safety Review Committee—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Securities Commission Act—

Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 1993-94.

Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1993-94.

Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 1993-94.

Corporations and Securities Panel—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Australian Sports Drug Agency—Strategic plan for 1995-97.

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Act—Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation—Report for period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 1994.

Automotive Industry Authority Repeal Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—National Legal Aid Advisory Committee—Report for 1993-94.

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Home but not alone—Report on the Home and Community Care Program, 26 July 1994—Interim government response.

Corporations and Securities—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report on the annual reports of the Australian Securities Commission, the Companies and Securities Advisory Committee, the Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board and the Australian Accounting Standards Board—1992-93, June 1994—Government response.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports—

Matters relating to the exploitation of children.

United States-Japan relationship and its implications for Australia, December 1994.

Department of Social Security—Performance standards for 1994-95.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report by the Employment and Skills Formation Council, including the Board's comments—Making the future work, August 1994.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—

Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report for 1992-93.

Exotic Animal Disease Control Act—Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council (EXANDIS)—Report for 1993-94.

Family Law Act—Family Court of Australia—Report for 1993-94.

Fisheries Administration Act—Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Industrial Relations Act—Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for period 30 March to 30 June 1994.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 41—Defence procurement, 30 August 1994.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act—Australian Safeguards Office—Report for 1993-94.

Office of Film and Literature Classification and Film and Literature Board of Review—Reports for 1993-94.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Pooled Development Funds Act—PDF Registration Board—Report for 1993-94.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report for 1993-94.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

Chicken Meat Research and Development Council—Report for 1993-94.

Egg Industry Research and Development Council—Report for 1993-94.

Honeybee Research and Development Council—Report for 1993-94.

Pig Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Sugar Research and Development Corporation and Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 1993-94.

United Nations—Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination—Ninth periodic report of the Government of Australia under Article 9 of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, for the period January 1991 to June 1992.

United Nations General Assembly—48th session, 1993—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Wool International Act—Wool International—Report for period 1 December 1993 to 30 June 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:

Access and equity evaluation report 1994—Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, November 1994.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Safety Review Committee—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Securities Commission Act—

Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 1993-94.

Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1993-94.

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United Nations General Assembly—48th session, 1993—Report of the Australian Delegation.

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—ECONOMIC STRATEGY**

The House was informed that Mr Costello (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government's economic strategy, which is leading to higher interest rates and higher taxes".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Costello addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL**

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

5 December 1994—Message No. 215—Australian Postal Corporation Amendment 1994.

**10 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), having amended, by leave, notice No. 2, government business, moved—That:

- (1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

Royal Commission into the New South Wales Police Service (Access to Information) 1994; and

Australian Capital Territory Electoral Legislation Amendment 1994; and

- (2) the following orders of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the 92nd Inter-Parliamentary Conference—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to southern Africa—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Report on operation and effectiveness of the Child Support Scheme—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report on Australia's international efforts to promote and protect human rights—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Report on Australia's population carrying capacity—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Report on communications and transport infrastructure requirements of Sydney 2000 Olympic Games—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Progress report on monitoring of issues in report of inquiry into ship safety—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Report on review of the Auditor-General's audit report on the National Highway—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate; and

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on implementation by governments of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

**11 QANTAS SALE AMENDMENT 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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

**12 CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, added to an answer given during question time earlier this day.

Mr Price, by leave, made a statement in connection with the matter.

**13 PIPELINE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources) 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 Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), the Bill was read a third time.

**14 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 McLeay—Chief Government Whip), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.58 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 December 1994:  
Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 1994 Nos. 31, 32.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statements 1994 Nos. 4, 5.



Income Tax Assessment Act—Guidelines for the determination of regional headquarters companies 1994 No. 1.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1994 No. 28.

*Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 3) 1994*—Determination—Transitional RHQ company 1994 No. 1.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Bilney, Mr Braithwaite\*, Mr Ferguson, Mr Katter, Mr Nehl, Mr Ruddock, Mr Staples\* and Mrs Sullivan.

\*On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives