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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 141

MONDAY, 5 JUNE 1995

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 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr A. A. Morris (Chair) presented the following report and related papers:

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of youth homelessness—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 11 May 1995.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr A. A. Morris and Mr Ruddock made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Ruddock, by leave, again addressed the House.

Ms Deahm and Ms Worth also made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr A. A. Morris moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday, and Mr A. A. Morris was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

3 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Chynoweth (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—

National Capital Plan—Draft amendment No. 12 (Russell)—

Report, May 1995.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Chynoweth, Mr B. M. Smyth and Mr Langmore made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Chynoweth moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday, and Mr Chynoweth was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

4 FISH STOCKS

Mr Bradford, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) urges the Government to address the problem of rapidly depleting fish stocks in our waterways and coastal waters; and
- (2) recognising the huge contribution of the commercial fishing sector to our primary industry and the significant contribution of recreational fishing to our tourism industry, calls on the Government urgently to assess the situation and explore ways of replenishing these stocks.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday.

5 PORT PHILLIP BAY

Mr Chynoweth, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House notes the importance of Port Phillip Bay to Victoria and Australia and therefore urges all levels of government to cooperate in reducing the pollution inflow into Port Phillip Bay.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday.

6 THE SUNKEN HMAS SYDNEY

Mr Filing, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House calls on the Government to:

- (1) consider supporting any move to locate the sunken vessel HMAS *Sydney*;
- (2) accept that, regardless of the outcome, surviving family members of those who lost their lives on HMAS *Sydney* are owed consideration of a full-scale public search for the vessel;
- (3) support public efforts to raise money to assist in locating the wreck;
- (4) fund and coordinate a suitable commemorative service for those who lost their lives on HMAS *Sydney* should the vessel be located;
- (5) erect a suitable memorial in Canberra to commemorate the loss of HMAS *Sydney* in accordance with the wishes of surviving family members;
- (6) ensure the exact coordinates of the sunken HMAS *Sydney* are not disclosed to the general public;
- (7) establish an Act of Parliament which protects the wreck from being dived upon other than for purposes of official identification and provide substantial penalties for transgressions of the Act; and

- (8) once the Act is established, embark on an extensive advertising campaign to make the public aware that diving on HMAS *Sydney* is a criminal offence and the penalties applicable.

Debate ensued.

It being 2.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 104A, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Monday, and Mr Adams was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

8 GRAVE OF MR EDDIE MABO—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Keating (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the desecration of the grave of Mr Eddie Mabo.

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Baldwin (Minister for Social Security) presented the following paper:

Pensions and benefits—Trends in real value—Graph.

Questions without notice continued.

10 PAPERS

The Speaker, in responding to a question asked by Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), presented the following papers:

Speaker—Implementing the Westminster convention—

Paper by Sir Billy Snedden, Speaker of the House of Representatives, 29 October 1979.

Letter from Mr J. M. Fraser, Prime Minister, to Speaker Snedden, 7 August 1980.

11 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CONDEMNATION

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House condemns the Prime Minister for deliberately misleading the House by claiming the Leader of the Opposition had said “the social wage—what does that matter?” when he had not done so.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would enable order of the day No. 1, Grievance debate, being called on and debate on it continuing until 6.30 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

13 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Newell and Mr Sinclair, from 58 and 19 petitioners, respectively, praying that family day care providers, users and sponsors be consulted before decisions are made concerning home based child care workers.

Mr Beale, from 36 petitioners, praying for certain changes to the Family Law Act and the Child Support Scheme.

Mr Beale, from 23 petitioners, praying that no change be made to the national flag without a full referendum.

Mr Cadman, from 40 petitioners, praying that the House call on the Minister for Human Services and Health to withdraw her endorsement of the sex guide published in the December 1994 issue of *Cleo* magazine and on the Prime Minister to indicate his disapproval of it.

Mr Somlyay, from 10 electors of the Division of Fairfax, in similar terms.

Mr Dodd, from 180 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to ensure the equitable provision of undergraduate and postgraduate education.

Mrs Easson, from 401 residents of Dobroyd Point, NSW, praying that the application for year round funding by the Dobroyd Point Outside of School Hours Centre be reconsidered.

Mr Kerr, from 16 residents of Tasmania, praying that funding for the Alternative Birthing Service be continued.

Mr Mack, from 1077 petitioners, praying for a moratorium on logging and woodchipping in all forests of high conservation value in New South Wales until an adequate reserve system is developed.

Mr Mack, from 233 petitioners, praying that woodchipping be phased out and certain other action be taken in relation to the forests of south eastern Australia.

Mr Mack, from 38 petitioners, praying that certain actions be taken to protect all native old growth, wilderness and other high conservation value forests in Australia.

Mr Slipper, from 1393 electors of the Division of Fisher, praying that an application to establish a pharmacy in the shopping centre at Ningi, Qld, be granted.

Mr Taylor, from 151 petitioners, praying that funding for breast cancer research be increased tenfold in the Budget and initiatives to encourage donations for research be considered.

Mr Taylor, from 88 petitioners, praying that sections of the Social Security Act which treat unrealised capital gains on shares as income under the social security income test for pensioners be repealed.

Mr Taylor, from 64 petitioners, praying that the Australian National Flag not be changed without approval through a national poll.

Mr Truss, from 29 petitioners, praying that the current national flag be preserved and no change be made to its design unless supported by referendum by the majority of Australians in the majority of States.

Mr Wakelin, from 614 petitioners, praying that the sales tax on wine not be increased nor excise imposed.

Mr Wakelin, from 610 residents of regional South Australia, praying that funding be made available for the expansion of the Triple J radio network to regional South Australia.

Petitions received.

14 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the resolution agreed to this day, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 6.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 451, dated 1 June 1995, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of a resolution agreed to by the Senate approving, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the proposal by the National Capital Planning Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the erection of a disabled access ramp and handrails on West Block Offices in Parkes, ACT.

16 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LABORATORY COMPLEX FOR CSIRO DIVISION OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WERRIBEE, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Bevis (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), for Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a new laboratory complex for CSIRO Division of Food Science and Technology, Werribee, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

17 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF 1 FIELD HOSPITAL AT HOLSWORTHY, NSW

Mr Bevis (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), for Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of 1 Field Hospital at Holsworthy, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

18 LOAN BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 June 1995:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of Native Title report for period 1 January to 30 June 1994.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1995 No. 11.

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

105—Amendments 1995, 12, 15(8), 16(3), 18(2), 19(2), 23(2), 24, 25(3), 26, 29, 31(4) May.

106—Amendments 1995, 10, 23 May.

107—Amendments 1995, 25, 26 May.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice 1995 No. K1.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments 1995 Nos. 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Mr Gibson, Mr Grace, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr Reith, Mr L. J. Scott and Mr Snowdon.



L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 141

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 5 JUNE 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 12.45 p.m.

2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1995-96—BUDGET DEBATE**

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.

Suspension of sitting: At 2.46 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At 4.35 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair—

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: At 5.35 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 5.47 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 5.47 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

Resumption of sitting: At 5.48 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

Debate continued.

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	}	together
Department of Finance		
Department of the Treasury		
Advance to the Minister for Finance		
Provision for Running Costs Borrowings		

Department of Housing and Regional Development	}	together
Department of Human Services and Health		

Department of Employment, Education and Training

Department of Social Security	}	together
Department of Veterans' Affairs		

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs

Department of Transport

Department of Industrial Relations

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories

Attorney-General's Department

Department of Communications and the Arts	}	together
Department of Tourism		

Department of Industry, Science and Technology

Department of Primary Industries and Energy

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Department of Administrative Services

Department of Defence

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$1 050 741 000—

Department of Finance, \$340 982 000—

Department of the Treasury, \$1 777 093 000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$215 000 000—

Provision for Running Costs Borrowings, \$20 000 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Housing and Regional Development, \$117 541 000—

Department of Human Services and Health, \$2 805 182 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$3 356 909 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Social Security, \$1 330 784 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 756 701 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$442 858 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport, \$226 677 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Industrial Relations, \$162 885 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, \$547 573 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$875 493 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Communications and the Arts, \$1 164 888 000—

Department of Tourism, \$104 551 000—

together—

Debate adjourned (Mr McLeay—Chief Government Whip), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Main Committee adjourned at 7.41 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 12.45 p.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee