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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 151

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 1995

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 NURSES CENTRE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement in response to questions asked of him on 27 June 1995 concerning the dispute at the Nurses Centre at Parliament House.

3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER MICROPHONES—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement in response to questions asked of him on 27 June 1995 concerning the operation of the microphones and acoustics in the House of Representatives Chamber.

4 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING COMPLEX FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ORGANISATION, SYMONSTON, ACT—APPROVAL OF WORK

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 building complex for the Australian Geological Survey Organisation, Symonston, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

5 LABORATORY COMPLEX FOR CSIRO DIVISION OF MINERALS, CLAYTON, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: Laboratory complex for CSIRO Division of Minerals, Clayton, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

6 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY MEASURES) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Ruddock, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:

- (1) its neglect of the welfare of families and its inability to deal with the increasing inequality between rich and poor;
- (2) its failure to meet as promised a Maternity Allowance as outlined in Accord Mark VII and the postponement of any future effort to do so until 1999 in Accord Mark VIII;
- (3) its misleading of the Australian public through the introduction of a number of measures affecting families which had not been announced and had not been policy prior or during the 1993 election but were introduced after the election; and
- (4) the failure of its Budget measures to immediately assist families by deferring the implementation until 1996 of modest measures in the rent assistance and the guardian allowance”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 70

Mr Adams	Mrs Easson	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Keefe
Mr Baldwin	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mr Knott	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Langmore	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brown	Mr Free	Mr Latham	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Gibson	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cleary	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffin	Mr Mack	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Haviland	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Crosio	Ms Henzell	Mr Melham	Mr Tickner
Mr Cunningham	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Walker
Ms Deahm	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Woods
Mr Dodd	Mr Horne	Mr Newell	
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr O’Connor	

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 287, dated 21 June 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

7 SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Lavarch presented a replacement explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Mr Ruddock 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 expresses its concern at the reversal of the onus of the burden of proof which is proposed in the Bill”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lavarch, the Bill was read a third time.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

28 June 1995—Message—

No. 493—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1995-96.

No. 494—Appropriation (No. 1) 1995-96 (*without requests*).

No. 495—Appropriation (No. 2) 1995-96.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Brereton (Minister for Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:

Coal industry industrial relations reform—Copy of letter from Mr R. D. Humphris, Chairman, Australian Coal Association to Mr Brereton, 21 December 1994.

Questions without notice continued.

10 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements and departmental applications for funds from the Advance during April and May 1995.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedules for the period 1 July to 31 December 1994.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Complaint by Mr Richard John Seary against the Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Final report, 21 September 1994.

11 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedules for the period 1 July to 31 December 1994.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Complaint by Mr Richard John Seary against the Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Final report, 21 September 1994.

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

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PIG INDUSTRY

The House was informed that Mr Anderson (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to secure the future of the Australian pig industry, particularly with regard to cost competitiveness and product labelling”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Anderson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Housing development at Golf Course Estate development, Palmerston, NT (16th report of 1995).

Joint venture development with Delfin Property Group of the Willows, Townsville, for defence housing (17th report of 1995).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, Mr Braithwaite and Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FBT COST OF COMPLIANCE) BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

17 SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Supervisory Levy Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Education (Supplementary Assistance) Act 1989*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING (AUSTRALIAN-RESIDENT SEAFARERS) GRANTS BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the payment of grants to employers of Australian-resident seafarers on certain Australian-operated ships.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to human services and health, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND REPEAL BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 VETERANS' AFFAIRS (1995-96 BUDGET MEASURES) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Service Homes Act 1918* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 PUBLIC SERVICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Mr Johns (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act 1984* and the *Public Service Act 1922*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

24 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1995

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), for Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the effect of international instruments on the making of administrative decisions.

Bill read a first time.

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

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS NOTICE

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 10, private Members' business, being called on forthwith and any adjourned debate on the motion able to be called on at a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

26 JOBS ON AUSTRALIA'S HOLIDAY COAST

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

- (1) recognises the work of the Mid-Coast Area Consultative Committee in establishing a comprehensive plan to develop 1000 new jobs on Australia's Holiday Coast; and
- (2) recognises the jobs program, the biggest in any region in Australia, is a part of the New Work Opportunities Program and has the full support of the business and community organisations throughout the region.

Debate ensued.

Mr Sawford addressing the House—

27 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

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

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 June 1995:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic reports within specified period—Nuclear Safety Bureau—Reports for periods—

1 July to 30 September 1994 (NSB. QRM 28).

1 October to 31 December 1994 (NSB. QRM 29).

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1995 No. 16.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order No. MQ62/95.

Australian National University Act—Statutes Nos. 237, 238, 239.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement 1995 No. 3.

Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act—Forms approved for the purposes of section 9C—

Annual return of business as a registered foreign insurance agent.

Annual return of business as a registered insurance broker.

Application for exemption under section 37A.

Application for new registration.

Audited account forms.

Identity card.

Registration renewal application.

National Health Act—Nursing Homes Financial Arrangements Principles (Amendment 1995 No. 3).

Treaty—International Grains Agreement 1995, consisting of two separate legal instruments (a) the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 and (b) the Food Aid Convention, 1995, done at London on 7 December 1994—Corrigendum.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Abbott, Mr Beale, Mr Bilney, Mr Howard, Mr Keating, Mr Slipper and Mr Willis.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 151

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

Suspension of sitting: At 10 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

Resumption of sitting: At 10.05 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

2 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Brown—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 19 June 1995*), viz.:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Time for review—Bills, questions and working hours: Report of the review of procedural changes operating since 21 February 1994, 1 June 1995—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 10.32 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 10.44 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

3 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Langmore—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 26 June 1995*), viz.:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Inquiry into the proposal to drain and restore Lake Pedder—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 19 June 1995—

Debate resumed.

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

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

4 AUSTRALIAN SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE—REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bilney (Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 1 June 1995*), viz.:

Australian Secret Intelligence Service—Commission of Inquiry—

Government response, 1 June 1995.

Report—Public edition, March 1995—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Williams be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee