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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 159

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 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 **PRIVILEGE—WORDS USED BY DR WOOLDRIDGE IN MAKING A PERSONAL EXPLANATION TO THE HOUSE—MEMBER FOR CHISHOLM—RESOLUTION OF CONDEMNATION**

The Speaker referred to the matter raised by Mr Keating (Prime Minister) on 28 August 1995 concerning words used by Dr Wooldridge in making a personal explanation to the House on 24 August 1995.

The Speaker stated that the matter would be best left to the judgment of the House and accordingly he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion to be moved in relation to the matter.

Papers: The Speaker presented the following papers:

Privilege—Matter raised by Mr Keating on 28 August 1995—Copies of—
 Coronial inquiry into the death of Penelope Ann Easton—Findings, 5 April 1993.
 Extracts from House of Representatives Hansard, 24(2) and 28 August 1995.
 Transcript of doorstep interview by Dr Wooldridge, 24 August 1995.

Member for Chisholm's actions—Resolution of condemnation

Mr Beazley (Deputy Prime Minister) moved—That:

- (1) the honourable Member for Chisholm has intentionally misled the House in his personal explanation to the House on 24 August 1995; and
- (2) the House condemns the honourable Member for Chisholm for his actions.

Mr Reith having sought to move for the suspension of standing and sessional orders—

Speaker's ruling: The Speaker ruled that Mr Reith was not in order to move for the suspension of standing and sessional orders at the time.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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 the Deputy Prime Minister speaking for a further period of 10 minutes to his motion of condemnation of the Member for Chisholm's action.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Beazley addressing the House—

Privilege—Complaint of breach: Mr Sinclair raised, as a matter of privilege, the issue of whether there had been prior disclosure to the Government of the Speaker's response to the Prime Minister's complaint of breach of privilege.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House later.

Mr Beazley continued his speech.

Mr Reith moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Government for its abuse of due parliamentary process”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

29 August 1995—Message—

No. 518—Aircraft Noise Levy 1995 (*without requests*).

No. 519—Aircraft Noise Levy Collection 1995.

5 OZONE PROTECTION AMENDMENT 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 301, 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 Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

6 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—IMPORTS) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) 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 Snowdon, the Bill was read a third time.

7 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—MANUFACTURE) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) 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 Snowdon, the Bill was read a third time.

8 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Johns (Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Reith moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill and whilst recognising that this Bill provides some improvement to the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act, the House is of the opinion that, even as amended, the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act remain a disincentive to job creation, that they impose a very heavy burden on business, particularly on small business, and that they were enacted without proper prior consultation”.

Mr Cleeland 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.

9 DEATH OF DAME PATTIE MENZIES

The Speaker informed the House of the death, today, of Dame Pattie Menzies, GBE, widow of former Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

10 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—PROPOSED REFERENCE OF MATTER TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised earlier today by Mr Sinclair concerning the Speaker's actions in connection with the matter of privilege concerning the Member for Chisholm.

The Speaker made comments on his actions, but stated that he did not wish to be a judge in his own cause in such a matter and in the circumstances he would not prevent Mr Sinclair from moving a motion on the matter.

Mr Sinclair moved—That the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges. Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford*
Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Knott	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Latham	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Gibson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Snow
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Mr Chynoweth	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Swan
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Mr Cunningham	Mr Holding	Mr Newell	Mr Walker
Mr Dodd	Mr Horne	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Howe	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Woods
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Price	
Mrs Easson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch	
Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Quick	

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

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

NOES, 75

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

12 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment Education and Training—Australian Research Council and Higher Education Council—Report, including the Board's comments—Maximising the benefits of intellectual property, August 1995.

Royal Australian Air Force—Mid-air collision involving Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18A aircraft A21-053 and Royal Malaysian Air Force F5E aircraft near Butterworth, Malaysia, on 13 October 1994—Summary of investigation, August 1995.

13 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE F/A-18A MID-AIR COLLISION—SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Royal Australian Air Force—Mid-air collision involving Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18A aircraft A21-053 and Royal Malaysian Air Force F5E aircraft near Butterworth, Malaysia, on 13 October 1994—Summary of investigation, August 1995.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fischer—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WATERFRONT REFORM

The House was informed that Mr Sharp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's complete failure to reform the Australian waterfront".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sharp addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 520, dated 29 August 1995, from the Senate was reported transmitting to the House a resolution of the Senate extending the time for the presentation of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities on the First Corporate Law Simplification Bill 1995—Schedule 4: Items 1 to 4 to 30 August 1995.

16 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 Reith, viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not opposing the provisions of

the Bill and whilst recognising that this Bill provides some improvement to the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act, the House is of the opinion that, even as amended, the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act remain a disincentive to job creation, that they impose a very heavy burden on business, particularly on small business, and that they were enacted without proper prior consultation”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Swan addressing the House—

Count-out: Mr Truss called the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy Speaker at 7.09 p.m., in accordance with standing order 45, announced that he would take the Chair again at 7.15 p.m.

At 7.15 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members not being present, the Deputy Speaker, at 7.16 p.m., adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 August 1995:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1995 No. 21.

Australian Film Commission Act—Direction 1995 No. 1.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments 1995 Nos. 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Beale, Mr Bevis, Mrs Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Dobie, Mr Hollis, Mr Keating, Dr Kemp, Mr Lindsay and Ms Worth.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1993-94-95

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 159

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 JUSTICE STATEMENT AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—PAPERS—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 Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 30 May 1995*), viz.:

Justice statement, May 1995 and Government responses to—

Access to Justice Advisory Committee—Report—Access to justice: An action plan, 2 May 1994.

Administrative Review Council—Report No. 34—Access to administrative review by members of Australia's ethnic communities.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Reports—

No. 57—Multiculturalism and the law.

No. 67 (interim)—Equality before the law: Women's access to the legal system—Access to justice recommendations of the report.

No. 68—Compliance with the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Senate Standing Committee—Reports—

Gender bias and the judiciary, May 1994.

The cost of justice—Second report—Checks and imbalances—The role of parliament and the executive, August 1993.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Reports—

Clearer Commonwealth law: Inquiry into legislative drafting by the Commonwealth, 21 July 1993.

Law reform: The challenge continues—Inquiry into the role and function of the Law Reform Commission of Australia, 30 May 1994—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 10.28 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 10.42 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

3 STATUS OF ILO CONVENTIONS IN AUSTRALIA—PAPER—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 Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 23 August 1995*), viz.:

Department of Industrial Relations—Status of ILO conventions in Australia 1994—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 12.10 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 12.25 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.05 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 20 September 1995, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee