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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 169

MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER 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 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Brown (Chair) presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Procedures for the opening of Parliament—
Report, 21 September 1995.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Brown made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Brown, by leave, continued his speech.

Mr Nehl also made a statement in connection with the report.

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

3 ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr R. D. C. Evans—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that attention deficit disorder (ADD) is a medical condition rather than a behavioural disorder;
- (2) expresses concern at the limited resources with federal and State government funding dealing specifically with ADD;
- (3) notes that an unreasonably large percentage of the community is affected by the medical condition ADD;
- (4) expresses concern at the ongoing social ramifications of ADD and the inadequate response of policy makers to cope with the condition;

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

Mr Melham, from 48 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to promote environmental awareness and protection of World Heritage areas within Australia.

Mr Miles, from 54 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 Miles, from 35 petitioners, praying that radio Triple J be broadcast in North-west Tasmania.

Mr Moore, from 37 petitioners, praying that the Australian National Flag not be changed without approval through a national poll.

Mr Ruddock, from 43 petitioners, praying that certain legislative action be taken to prevent the transmission of indecent or obscene material on the information superhighway.

Mr B. C. Scott, from 656 residents of Queensland, praying that the House call upon the French Government to abandon further nuclear testing in the Pacific.

Mrs S. J. Smith, from 417 petitioners, praying that Australia's opposition to the resumption of nuclear testing in the South Pacific be conveyed to the French Parliament and the Government of France be called upon to abandon further tests.

Mr Swan, from 96 residents of St Kevins, Geebung, Qld, praying that certain action be taken in response to allegations of atrocities in Chinese orphanages.

Mr Vaile, from 21 electors of the Division of Lyne, praying that certain action be taken to make sure a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty is reached.

Mr Vaile, from 16 petitioners, praying that the proposed restriction of child care assistance if one parent is outside the workforce be opposed.

Petitions received.

14 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 5.40 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

29 September 1995—Message—

No. 313—Aboriginal Land Grant and Management (Jervis Bay Territory) Legislation Amendment 1995.

No. 314—

Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1995.

Social Security (Non-Budget Measures) Legislation Amendment 1995.

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Family Measures) 1995.
Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 1995.
Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment 1995.
Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Amendment 1995.
Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1995.
Migration Agents Registration (Application) Levy Amendment 1995.
Migration Agents Registration (Renewal) Levy Amendment 1995.
Immigration (Education) Charge Amendment 1995.

**16 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—
STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—58th general report of the Committee, 1995, pursuant to the Public Works Committee Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr Braithwaite, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

17 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Ms Worth addressing the House—

18 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 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 October 1995:
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Report of augmented review panel conducting a review of ATSIC's zone, region and ward boundaries—Final boundary recommendations.

Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act—Declaration under section 9A, 11 October 1995

Child Care Act—Guidelines No. CCA/12A/95/1.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—
Exemption 1995 No. CASA 04/95.

Instrument 1995 No. CASA 80/1995.

Orders—

Exemptions 1995 Nos. 24/FRS/36/1995, 26/FRS/38/1995, 32/FRS/44/1995, 38/FRS/50/1995, 39/FRS/51/1995, 40/FRS/52/1995, 41/FRS/53/1995, 42/FRS/54/1995, 43/FRS/55/1995, 44/FRS/56/1995, 45/FRS/57/1995, 46/FRS/58/1995, 47/FRS/59/1995, 48/FRS/60/1995, 49/FRS/61/1995, 50/FRS/62/1995, 51/FRS/63/1995, 52/FRS/64/1995, 53/FRS/65/1995, 54/FRS/66/1995, 55/FRS/67/1995, 56/FRS/68/1995, 57/FRS/69/1995, 58/FRS/70/1995, 59/FRS/71/1995, 60/FRS/72/1995, 61/FRS/73/1995, 62/FRS/74/1995, 63/FRS/75/1995, 64/FRS/76/1995, 65/FRS/77/1995, 66/FRS/78/1995, 67/FRS/79/1995, 68/FRS/80/1995, 69/FRS/81/1995, 70/FRS/82/1995, 71/FRS/83/1995, 72/FRS/84/1995, 73/FRS/85/1995, 74/FRS/86/1995, 75/FRS/87/1995, 76/FRS/88/1995, 77/FRS/89/1995, 78/FRS/80/1995.

Parts—

105—Amendments 1995 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20(3), 21, 22, 26, 27(2), 29(3) September, 3(2), 4(3), 5(2), 6(8) October.

106—Amendments 1995 18, 28, 29 September, 5 October.

107—Amendment 6 October 1995.

Corporations Act—Accounting standards—AASB 1001 (9/95), AASB 1031 (9/95).

Customs Act—

Directions, 5 September 1995

Instruments of approval 1995 Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1995 Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22.

Determination under section 58B 1995 No. 29.

Health Insurance Act—

Determination No. HS/3/1995.

Guidelines under section 23EA, 31 August 1995.

Order 1995 No. HSH/2.

Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Order 1995 No. MQ64/95.

National Health Act—

Determination 1995 No. HHF 12/95.

Guidelines 1995 No. NHA 82ZRB 1/95.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal to refurbish the annex to the Old Parliament House.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following provisions of Acts shall come into operation—

Corporations Legislation Amendment Act 1994—Schedule 1—16 October 1995.

Defence Legislation Amendment Act 1995—Schedule 1 (except items 3 and 11.3), items 29 and 30 of Schedule 2, and Schedule 5—1 November 1995.

Evidence (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 1995—Subsection 16(1)—16 October 1995.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1995 Nos. 90, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 138, 151, 152, 153, 160, LES 27, LES 28.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1995 No. STD95/10.

Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act—Instruments 1995 Nos. EXEMPT1, EXEMPT2.

Social Security Act—Social Security (Eligible Debts) Notice No. 1.

Taxation Administration Act—
Determination 1995 No. TD95/55.
Ruling 1995 No. TR 95/33.

Telecommunications Act 1991—

Declarations (2) under section 65, 16 October 1995

Determination of a technical standard 1995 Nos. TS 018, TS 022, TS 028.

Notices 1995 Nos. TN7, TN8, TN9.

Variations to Deeds of Agreement relating to—

General carrier licences and conditions made between the Commonwealth of Australia and Aussat Pty Limited, 31 January 1992.

Mobile carrier licences and conditions made between the Commonwealth of Australia and Mobilcom (Australia) Pty Limited, 31 January 1992.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments 1995 Nos. 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Brereton, Mr Connolly, Mr Crean, Mr Johns, Mr Jones, Mr Jull, Mr McLeay, Mr Sciacca, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Walker and Mr Willis.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives