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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 170

TUESDAY, 17 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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 12, private Members' business, namely resumption of debate on the second reading of the Sydney Airport Curfew (Air Navigation Amendment) Bill 1995, being called on and for the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—to be put forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 SYDNEY AIRPORT CURFEW (AIR NAVIGATION 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—

Question—put and negatived.

4 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

5 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport), by leave, declared that the Airports Bill 1995 and the Airports (Transitional) Bill 1995 were cognate Bills.

6 AIRPORTS BILL 1995

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

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

Debate ensued.

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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1995-96—

No. 4—Efficiency audit—Department of Social Security: Regional office resourcing and benefit processing.

No. 5—Performance audit—Provision of hearing services: Australian Hearing Services.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 4 and 5 of 1995-96; and
- (2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Archives Act—

Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Archives—Report for 1994-95.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—National reports for 1994—Volumes 1 and 2.

Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Quality of service bulletin—March quarter 1995.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report on progress, October 1995.

Heard Island and McDonald Islands Act—Environment Protection and Management Ordinance—Heard Island Wilderness Reserve: Management plan, September 1995.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Reports—

Australian Research Council, including the Board's comments—Reviews of grants outcomes program—Response to Report No. 18—Sedimentology, stratigraphy and palaeontology 1988-1992, September 1995.

Schools Council, including the Board's comments—

Resources and accountability: Commonwealth funding scenarios for government primary schools 1996-2000, August 1995.

Review of the level of Commonwealth government recurrent funding to government primary schools: Report on consultations, August 1995.

Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1994-95.

Public Service Act—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Tourism—Report for 1994-95.

Small business in Australia—Fifth annual review by the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, August 1995.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1994-95.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1994-95.

Public Service Act—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Tourism—Report for 1994-95.

Small business in Australia—Fifth annual review by the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, August 1995.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1994-95.

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

11 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for two months be given to Mr Jull on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BLOCKADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The House was informed that Mr Reith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Prime Minister to exercise national leadership and condemn the political blockade of Western Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

16 October 1995—Message No. 553—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 1) 1995.

14 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 23 October 1995.

15 CONSTRUCTION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES AT DARWIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), 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 air traffic control facilities at Darwin International Airport.

Question—put and passed.

16 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

International Shipping (Australian-resident Seafarers) Grants 1995;

Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment 1995;

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1995; and

Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) 1995.

Mr Ruddock moved, as an amendment—That the Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 1995 be omitted and that the second reading be postponed until the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee has reported to the Senate on the bill.

Debate continued.

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)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

17 TARIFF PROPOSALS

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved—

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1995); and

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 8 (1995).

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

18 AIRPORTS 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.

Mr Mack addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.10 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 17 October 1995:
Christmas Island Act—Casino Control Ordinance—Variation to designation of casino area, 21 September 1995.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—National principles No. LGFA/1995-1.

Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice of declaration 1995 No. V3.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hollis, Mr Howe, Mr Jones, Mr Jull*, Mr Keating, Mr McLeay and Mr Willis.

* On leave



L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives