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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 175

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 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 **STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT (YOUTH TRAINING ALLOWANCE) BILL (NO. 3) 1995**

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Johns presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 **STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 1995**

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Johns presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 **INDUSTRY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industry Commission Act 1989*.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Johns presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

## 5 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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.

*Consideration in detail*

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 1—

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 17, after item 18 insert:

**“18A. After subsection 160B(1):**

Insert:

‘(1A) Subsections (2) and (2A) define *listed personal-use asset* for the purposes of this Part.’”.

Page 17, item 20, proposed subsection 160B(2A), omit all the words after “an asset”, substitute “is also a listed personal-use asset if the interest is covered by subparagraph (2)(a)(vii) and the market value of the asset at the time when the interest is acquired is more than \$500”.

*Paper:* Mr Gear presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Mr K. J. Andrews moved the following amendment: Pages 21 and 22, Part 2, item 34, omit subitems (1) and (2), substitute:

“(1) Subject to subitem (2), the amendments made by item 22 apply to disposals of assets after 7.30 p.m. on 9 May 1995.

(2) The amendments made by item 22 and subitem (1) are to be disregarded in determining the application of Part IIIA of the Principal Act in relation to the disposal of assets before 7.30 p.m. on 9 May 1995.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 2—

On the motion of Mr Gear, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 66, item 158, proposed subsection 160ASN(1), omit “the conversion time or time declaration made or beginning of reckoning day”, substitute “that time”.

Page 66, item 158, proposed subsection 160ASN(1), omit “before reckoning day”, substitute “before the reckoning day”.

Mr K. J. Andrews, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 68, at the beginning of subitem 160(3) insert “Subject to subitems (5) and (6),”.

Page 68, at the beginning of subitem 160(4) insert “Subject to subitems (5) and (6),”.

Page 68, after subitem 160(4) add the following subitems:

“(5) If and to the extent that:

- (a) a company which is a life insurance company furnished a return of income before 28 September 1995; and
- (b) the return included a claim for a deduction under section 160AR of the Principal Act; then, in relation to each year of income for which such a return was furnished, the amendments made by items 127, 128, 130 and 131:
  - (i) only apply in relation to any franked dividends paid to a shareholder in a company on or after 28 September 1995, so that such dividends are only to be ignored in calculating a potential rebate amount if paid on or after that day; and
  - (ii) are to be disregarded in determining the entitlement of the taxpayer to a deduction under subsection 160AR(1), subsection 160AR(1A), subsection 160AR(2) or subsection 160AR(3) in relation to a trust amount or partnership amount received during the first franking year of the company that commenced after 6 December 1990 and each later franking year until those amendments commenced to apply.

(6) If subitem (5) has applied to a company which is a life insurance company, then subparagraphs (b)(i) and (ii) of the subitem also apply to the period from the end of the last year of income to which that subitem applies until 27 September 1995.”

Amendments negatived.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 3 agreed to.

Schedule 4—

On the motion of Mr Gear, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 131, item 2, omit “**After subsection 36(1)**”, substitute “**After subsection 36(7)**”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed subsection 36(2), omit “(2)”, substitute “(7A)”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed subsection 36(2), omit “amount included in the taxpayer’s assessable income under subsection (1) in respect of the disposal is to be reduced by the sum of”, substitute “sum of the following amounts is allowable as a deduction to the taxpayer for the year of income in which the disposal occurred”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed paragraph 36(2)(h), omit “and”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed subsection 36(2A), omit “(2A) Paragraph (2)(i)”, substitute “(7B) Paragraph (7A)(i)”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed subsection 36(2A), add at the end “under a provision of this Act other than subsection (7A)”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed subsection 36(2B), omit “(2B) For the purposes of subsection (2)”, substitute “(7C) For the purposes of subsection (7A)”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed subsection 36(2C), omit “(2C) For the purposes of subsection (2),”, substitute “(7D) For the purposes of subsection (7A),”.

Page 131, item 2, proposed paragraph 36(2C)(a), omit “(2)(i)”, substitute “(7A)(i)”.

Mr K. J. Andrews moved the following amendment: Page 137, Part 4, item 14, after paragraph 2(b) add the following word and subparagraph:

“and;

(c) expenditure incurred after that time:

- (i) that was or is incurred in accordance with the terms of a finance scheme application lodged with the Industry Research and Development Board after 30 June 1994 and on or before 9 May 1995 incorporating such amendments to the terms of the finance scheme application as the Industry Research Development Board may approve at any time;
- (ii) that was or is incurred in accordance with the terms of a scheme approved by the Industry Research and Development Board on or before 30 June 1996;
- (iii) that was or is incurred under a contract evidenced in writing that is entered into within 90 days of the approval of a finance scheme by the Industry Research and Development Board and/or before 1 July 1996; and
- (iv) in respect of which the eligible company that incurred that expenditure had applied or will apply to the Industry Research and Development Board for joint registration with one or more other eligible companies within 90 days of the approval of a finance scheme by the Industry Research and Development Board and/or before 1 July 1996.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules 5 and 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 7—

On the motion of Mr Gear, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 190, item 1, proposed section 271-35, omit “individuals”, substitute “persons”.

Page 193, item 1, proposed subsection 271-55(3), omit “would be satisfied”, substitute “would not be satisfied”.

Page 196, item 6, omit subitem (2), substitute the following subitem:

*Application of earlier year loss provisions: general*

“(2) Sections 266-25, 266-55, 266-85, 266-115 and 267-20 of Schedule 2C apply, where the loss year mentioned in those sections was the 1994-95 year of income or an earlier year, as if the test period for the purposes of sections 266-35, 266-65, 266-95, 266-125, 267-30 and 267-35, as the case requires, began immediately before 1995 Budget time.”.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Gear, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**6 INCOME TAX (FRANKING DEFICIT) AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) 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 Gear, the Bill was read a third time.

**7 INCOME TAX (DEFICIT DEFERRAL) AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) 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 Gear, the Bill was read a third time.

**8 COMMONWEALTH BANK SALE BILL 1995**

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

Mrs Bishop 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 is of the opinion that:

- (1) the role of the Commonwealth Development Bank is ill-defined in the Bill, and the Shareholders’ Agreement between the Commonwealth Bank and the Commonwealth should be included as a Schedule to the Bill;
- (2) the Government should give assurances that any acquisition of property that arises in consequence of the buy back of shares foreshadowed in the Bill will be on just terms under section 51(xxxi) of the Constitution; and
- (3) regulations under the Bill, which may under subclause 19(3) have retrospective effect, are yet to be issued and are not clearly spelt out in the Bill, and the Government is once again legislating by regulation”.

Debate continued.

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

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

## AYES, 70

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

## NOES, 58

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

## AYES, 127

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith
Mr Adams	Mr Duffy	Mr Kerr	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Aldred	Mr Duncan	Mr Knott	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mrs Easson	Mr Langmore	Mr Sawford*
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Elliott	Mr Latham	Mr Sciacca
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lieberman	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simmons
Mr Beazley	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur	Mr Slipper
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McGauran	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Forrest	Ms McHugh	Mr S. F. Smith
Mrs Bishop	Mr Free	Mr McLachlan	Mr B. M. Smyth
Mr Bradford	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLeay	Mr Snow
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Gear	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Brereton	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Brown	Mr Gibson	Mr Moore	Mr Staples
Mr Cadman	Mr Gorman	Mr A. A. Morris	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cameron	Mr Grace*	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Swan
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffin	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tanner
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hall	Mr Neville	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleeland	Mr Halverson	Mr Newell	Mr Tickner
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Connolly	Ms Henzell	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wakelin
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Walker
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Price	Mr Williams
Mrs Crosio	Mr Home	Mr Prosser	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham	Mr Howe	Mr Punch	Mr Woods
Ms Deahm	Mr Jenkins	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dobie	Mr Johns	Mr Quick	Ms Worth
Mr Dodd	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	

## NOES, 2

Mr Cleary\*

Mr Mack\*

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

It being 3 p.m., the proceedings were interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the further consideration of the Bill made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

## 9 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), he would answer questions on behalf of Mr Bilney.

## 10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Crean (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented the following paper:

Special Intervention Program—Guidelines—Copy of letter from Dr David Kemp, MP, to Mr Crean, 24 July 1995.

Questions without notice continued.

**11 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for 1994-95.

**12 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1994-95.

Australia-India Council—Report for 1994-95.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1994-95.

Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Defence Industries Ltd (ADI)—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act—Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—Performance report for 1994-95.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 1994-95.

Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 1994-95.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1994-95.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1994-95.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Commonwealth Funds Management Limited—Report for 1994-95.

Commonwealth Funds Management Limited Act—Commonwealth Funds Management Limited—Annual return for 1994-95.

Council of Financial Supervisors—Report for 1995.

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council—23rd reports, for 1994-95.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Data-matching program—Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1994-95.



- Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1994-95.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region—Report for 1994-95.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australia Post—Report for 1994-95.
- Film Australia Limited—Report for 1994-95.
- Fisheries Administration Act—Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 1994-95.
- Health Insurance Act—Professional Services Review—Report for 1994-95.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Immigration Review Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 1994-95.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Report No. 75—Costs shifting: Who pays for litigation.
- Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report for 1994-95 on consultants engaged under section 4.
- Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—Merit Protection and Review Agency—Report for 1994-95.
- National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—Report for 1994-95.
- National Crime Authority—Report for 1994-95—Inter-Governmental Committee comments by Minister for Emergency Services, South Australian State Government.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Report for 1994-95.
- National Residue Survey Administration Act—National Residue Survey—Report for 1994-95.
- National Science and Technology Centre (Questacon)—Report for 1994-95.
- National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Report for 1994-95.
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act and Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act—Australian Safeguards Office and Chemical Weapons Convention Office—Report for 1994-95.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report on the Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme and certain other schemes, for 1994-95.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Report for 1994-95.
- Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.
- Energy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund, for 1994-95.

Public Service Act—

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Defence—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Finance—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Industrial Relations—Report, incorporating a report on the operation of Part V of the Industrial Relations Act, for 1994-95.

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report, including reports on the operation of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act and the Ozone Protection Act, for 1994-95.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 1994-95.

Public Service Commissioner—Report for 1994-95.

Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 1994-95.

Social Security Act and Public Service Act—Department of Social Security—Report for 1994-95.

Special Broadcasting Service Act—Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 1994-95.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 1994-95.

Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act—Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

*Superannuation Act 1976*—

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 1994-95.

Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 2—Report for 1994-95.

*Superannuation Act 1990*—Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 1—Report for 1994-95.

*Telecommunications Act 1991*—Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Report for 1994-95.

Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act—Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1994-95.

### 13 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australia-India Council—Report for 1994-95.

- Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act—Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—Performance report for 1994-95.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 1994-95.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region—Report for 1994-95.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Immigration Review Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 1994-95.
- Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report for 1994-95 on consultants engaged under section 4.
- Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—Merit Protection and Review Agency—Report for 1994-95.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Report for 1994-95.
- National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Report for 1994-95.
- Public Service Act—
- Department of Defence—Report for 1994-95.
- Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1994-95.
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 1994-95.
- Department of Industrial Relations—Report, incorporating a report on the operation of Part V of the Industrial Relations Act, for 1994-95.
- Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report, including reports on the operation of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act and the Ozone Protection Act, for 1994-95.
- Public Service Commissioner—Report for 1994-95.
- Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Social Security Act and Public Service Act—Department of Social Security—Report for 1994-95.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 1994-95.
- Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act—Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Superannuation Act 1976—*
- Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 1994-95.
- Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 2—Report for 1994-95.

*Superannuation Act 1990*—Commonwealth Superannuation Board of Trustees No. 1—Report for 1994-95.

Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act—Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1994-95.

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

#### 14 PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—

Food labelling laws with regard to imported pork and chicken meat, and other farm produce (Mr Wakelin, 9143 petitioners).

Proposal for Optus Communications to erect a mobile base station in Hampton, Vic. (Dr Kemp, 178 petitioners).

Resumption of French nuclear testing in the South Pacific (Mr Beazley, 257 petitioners).

#### 15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The House was informed that Mr Downer had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The sudden and belated discovery by the Prime Minister of the need to eliminate nuclear weapons".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Downer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### 16 WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Bill 1995 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

#### 17 COMMONWEALTH BANK SALE BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill—

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

#### 18 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, declared that the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Carer Pension and Other Measures) Bill 1995 and the Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 1995 were cognate Bills.

#### 19 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CARER PENSION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Punch—Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 20 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Paper:* Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following paper:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Taxation Appeals Division—Decision and reasons for decision No. NT94/281-NT94/291.

Debate continued.

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

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#### PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 October 1995:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of report on the operations of the Department of Human Services and Health for 1994-95.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice of declaration, 18 October 1995.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of schemes No. 95/5.

Taxation Administration Act—Ruling 1995 No. SST 5.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Costello, Mr Haviland, Mr Hicks, Mr Jones, Mr Jull\*, Mr Keating, Mr Lavarch, Dr Lawrence, Mr Sinclair, Mr Thomson and Mr Tuckey.

\*On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1993-94-95

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 175

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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 1995**

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1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS)  
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.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment.

**3 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE)  
AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

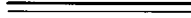
Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Crosio—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), and the resumption of debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.08 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