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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 176

THURSDAY, 26 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 REFURBISHMENT OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON—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: Refurbishment of the Australian Embassy, Washington.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHANCERY, GENEVA—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 Chancery, Geneva.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES FOR 1 FIELD HOSPITAL, HOLSWORTHY, NSW—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 facilities for 1 Field Hospital, Holsworthy, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

5 PROVISION OF LIVING-IN ACCOMMODATION AT HMAS HARMAN, 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: Provision of living-in accommodation at HMAS *Harman*, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

6 DEVELOPMENT OF READY RESERVE (49TH BATTALION, ROYAL QUEENSLAND REGIMENT AND 6TH BRIGADE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BATTALION) WORKING ACCOMMODATION, ENOGGERA, QLD—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: Development of Ready Reserve (49th Battalion, Royal Queensland Regiment and 6th Brigade Administrative Support Battalion) working accommodation, Enoggera, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

7 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Price (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Human rights and progress towards democracy in Burma (Myanmar)—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, October 1995.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Price, Mr Connolly, Mr Hollis and Mr L. J. Scott, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Price, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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.

8 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr L. J. Scott (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

Report 339—Annual report of activities 1994-95.

Report 340—Cash matters: Cash management in the Commonwealth.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr L. J. Scott, Mr Vaile, Mr Brown and Mr Connolly, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

9 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before notice No. 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 143

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 143 (questions to other Members) be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings.

Debate ensued.

Mr McGauran 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 unprecedented attack on the rights of all Members and calls upon the Prime Minister to restore respect for Parliament and the practices of the House by upholding and maintaining standing orders and by setting a personal example of dignified leadership”.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Beazley 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—was put accordingly, and passed.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11 AUSTRALIA AND A WORLD WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Keating (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement on Australia and a nuclear weapons-free world, and presented the following paper:

Australia and a world without nuclear weapons—Ministerial statement, 26 October 1995.

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

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 Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 21 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Debate adjourned (Mr Elliott—Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 PUBLIC INTEREST WHISTLEBLOWING—SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Government's response to the report of the Senate Select Committee on Public Interest Whistleblowing, and presented the following papers:

Public Interest Whistleblowing—Senate Select Committee—Report—In the public interest, August 1994—

Government response.

Ministerial statement.

Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

13 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CARER PENSION AND OTHER 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—

Debate resumed.

Ms Deahm was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr L. J. Scott (Chairman), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

Report 339—Annual report of activities 1994-95.

Report 340—Cash matters: Cash management in the Commonwealth.

Mr L. J. Scott 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.

15 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1995 had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the Bounty Legislation 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 Beazley (Minister for Finance), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member ordered to withdraw: At 4.09 p.m. the Member for Warringah (Mr Abbott) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for 1 hour for disorderly conduct, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

18 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 6 of 1995-96—Performance audit—Community Development Employment Projects Scheme: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 6 of 1995-96;
- (2) the report be printed; and
- (3) the report be referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Question—put and passed.

19 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—19th report, for 1994-95.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—
Statements for August and September 1995.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during August and September 1995.

Australia and the ICPD—Australia's position against the Program of Action of the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development 1994, September 1995.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 1994-95.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1994-95.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Defence Housing Authority Act—Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Development Allowance Authority Act—Development Allowance Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Exotic Animal Disease Control Act—Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council (EXANDIS)—Final report, for 1994-95.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1994-95.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australia's participation in peacekeeping, December 1994—Government response, October 1995.

High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1994-95.

Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No.1—Report for 1994-95.

National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Native Title Act—National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 1994-95.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Primary Industry Councils Act—Australian Pig Industry Council—Report for 1994-95.

Public Service Act—Department of Housing and Regional Development—Report, including a report on the administration and operation of the First Home Owners Act, for 1994-95.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Comcare Australia—Report, including reports of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and QWL Corporation Pty Limited, for 1994-95.

Taxation statistics 1993-94.

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

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

20 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 20 November 1995, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

The House was informed that Mr Fischer (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 Government’s pre-occupation with existing Opposition policies which is diverting energy and focus from the provision of good government and economic management”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Fischer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1995-96—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1995-96

Message No. 329, dated 25 October 1995, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1996; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the money appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1995-96*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1996, and for related purposes.

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the money appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1995-96*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1996, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

23 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1995-96—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1995-96

Message No. 330, dated 25 October 1995, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1996; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the money appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1995-96*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1996, and for related purposes.

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the money appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1995-96*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1996, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

24 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 1995-96—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1995-96

Message No. 331, dated 25 October 1995, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1996; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the money appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1995-96*, for certain expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1996, and for related purposes.

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the money appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1995-96*, for certain expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1996, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Adjournment negatived: It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr O'Keefe requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

25 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1995-96 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL (NO. 2) 1995

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), 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 O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

26 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1995

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), for Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

27 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—27TH REPORT

Mr Horne (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 27TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 26 September 1995, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1994-95.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Administrative Review Council—Report No. 39—Better decisions: review of Commonwealth Merits Review Tribunals.

Advance to the Minister for Finance for 1994-95—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1994 to 31 May 1995.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Archives Act—

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

Australian Archives—Report for 1994-95.

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Planning Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Film Commission Act—

Australian Film Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Film Australia Limited—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1994-95.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—National report on the National Vocational Education and Training System, Report for 1994: Vols 1 and 2.

- Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1994.
- Australian Postal Corporation Act—Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Securities Commission Act—
Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 1994-95.
Australian Securities Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—
Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1994-95.
Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian War Memorial Act—Australian War Memorial—Report for 1994-95.
- Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1994-95.
- Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1994-95.
- Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Authority Australia—Report for 1994-95.
- Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board—Report for 1994-95.
- Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.
- Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for 1994-95.
- Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1994-95.
- Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1994-95.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1994-95.
- Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—
Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report on progress, October 1995
- Department of Housing and Regional Development—Report for 1994-95.
- Department of Social Security and the Data-matching Agency—Report on progress, October 1995.
- Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report on progress, October 1995.
- Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Commission—Report for 1994-95.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1994-95.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1994-95.
- Family Law Act—Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1994-95.
- Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

It being 6.10 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 20 November 1995, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 October 1995:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of time for presentation of report of the Employment Services Regulatory Authority.

National Health Act—Determinations 1995 Nos. HHF 13, HHF 14.

Social Security Act—Social Security (Loan Fringe Benefits) (Market Rate of Interest) Determination No. 1.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument 1995 No. 8.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Ms Crawford, Mr Dodd, Mr Duncan, Mr Halverson, Mr Haviland, Mr Hicks, Mr Jones, Mr Jull*, Mr Lavarch, Dr Lawrence, Mr Moore, Mr Sinclair, Mr Snowdon and Mr Thomson.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 176

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE)
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.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 328, dated 28 September 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

3 BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

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

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lee, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Main Committee adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 22 November 1995, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee