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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 183

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1995

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- 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 **MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**
Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate: Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Report on administration and funding of the Family Court of Australia—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
Question—put and passed.
- 3 **EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**
Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Crean (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to effect the transfer of responsibility for the University of Canberra from the Commonwealth to the Australian Capital Territory, to amend the *Maritime College Act 1978*, 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 **HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1995**
Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Crean (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, 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.
- 5 **COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES AND COMPANIES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1995**
Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1995*, to make consequential amendments of other legislation because of the enactment of that Act, to amend the *Auditor-General Act 1995*, 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.

6 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BILL 1995

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Howe (Minister for Housing and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to assist people to obtain access to housing that is affordable and appropriate to their needs, 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.

7 NURSING HOMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953* and the *Aged or Disabled Persons Care Act 1954*, 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.

8 NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Native Title Act 1993*, 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.

9 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS IN CAR PARKS ADJACENT TO TREASURY BUILDING—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Howe (Minister for Housing and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 27 November 1995, namely: Installation of additional lights in car parks adjacent to the Treasury Building.

Question—put and passed.

10 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEE FOR LONG TERM STRATEGIES—PUBLICATION, PRINTING AND CIRCULATION OF PROPOSED REPORTS

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, if the House is not sitting when a committee appointed pursuant to standing order 28B or the Standing Committee for Long Term Strategies has completed a report of an inquiry, the committee may send the report to the Speaker, or, in the absence or unavailability of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker. Upon receipt of the report by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker—
 - (a) the publication of the report is authorised by this resolution; and
 - (b) the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, is authorised to give directions for the printing and circulation of the report.
- (2) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.

Question—put and passed.

11 JOINT COMMITTEES—PUBLICATION, PRINTING AND CIRCULATION OF PROPOSED REPORTS

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, if the House is not sitting when any committee consisting of Members of the House and Senators has completed a report of an inquiry, the committee may send the report to the Speaker, or, in the absence or unavailability of the Speaker, to the Deputy Speaker. Upon receipt of the report by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker—
 - (a) the publication of the report is authorised by this resolution; and
 - (b) the Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, is authorised to give directions for the printing and circulation of the report.
- (2) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.
- (3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Question—put and passed.

12 NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous, the Bill was read a third time.

13 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1995

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

Debate ensued.

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

Consideration in detail

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

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 11, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 SEARCH WARRANTS ON MEMBERS' OFFICES

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House requests the Speaker to initiate discussions with the Minister for Justice with the object of reaching some understanding insofar as the execution by the Australian Federal Police of search warrants on Members' offices is concerned.

Question—put and passed.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

28 November 1995—Message No. 591—Employment Services Amendment 1995.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 CUSTOMS TARIFF LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995—SENATE'S REQUESTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments requested by the Senate, viz.:

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS

No. 1—Clause 2, page 2, at end of clause add the following subclause:

“(8) Section 9 is taken to have commenced on 28 November 1995.”.

No. 2—After clause 8, page 2, add the following clause:

Amendment of the *Customs Tariff Act 1987* having effect from 28 November 1995

“9. The *Customs Tariff Act 1987* is amended as set out in Schedule 7.”.

No. 3—At end of bill, page 13, add the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 7

Section 9

**AMENDMENT OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT 1987
HAVING EFFECT FROM 28 NOVEMBER 1995****Amendment of Schedule 3**

1. Omit 2710.00.51, substitute:

'2710.00.51	- - - -	For use in aircraft	\$0.18116/L
			NZ:\$0.18116/L
			PNG:\$0.18116/L
			FI:\$0.18116/L
			DC:\$0.18116/L'.”—

On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

18 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995—SENATE’S REQUESTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments requested by the Senate, viz.:

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS

No. 1—Clause 2, page 2, at end of clause add the following subclause:

“(6) Section 7 is taken to have commenced on 28 November 1995.”.

No. 2—After clause 6, page 2, add the following clause:

Amendment having effect on 28 November 1995

“7. The *Excise Tariff Act 1921* is amended as set out in Schedule 5.”.

No. 3—At end of bill, page 9, add the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 5

Section 7

**AMENDMENT OF THE EXCISE TARIFF ACT 1921
HAVING EFFECT ON 28 NOVEMBER 1995****1. Subparagraph 11(A)(3)(a) of the Schedule:**

Omit the subparagraph, substitute:

‘11(A)(3)(a) For use in aircraft \$0.18116 per litre’.”—

On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

19 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

Report 341—Financial reporting for the Commonwealth: Towards greater transparency and accountability.

Report 342—The administration of specific purpose payments: A focus on outcomes.

Report 343—Tax law improvement: A watching brief.

Severally ordered to be printed.

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

Mr L. J. Scott, by leave, moved—That the House take note of each report.

Mr L. J. Scott was granted leave to continue his speech when each debate is resumed.

Debate on each motion was adjourned, and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1995—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 9 February 1995*), viz.:

Australia Remembers 1945-1995—Progress report—Ministerial statement—

Debate resumed.

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

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CARER PENSION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1995

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 590

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Social Security Act 1991', the 'Child Care Act 1972', the 'Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act 1990', the 'Farm Household Support Act 1992' and the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 28 November 1995

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Schedule 2, page 21, item 9, proposed subsection 12(2B), after "give the Privacy Commissioner" insert "and cause to be laid before each House of the Parliament".

On the motion of Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 592

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to social security and veterans' affairs, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 28 November 1995

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Schedule 1, page 11, item 28, proposed section 1073, after "an amount" insert "of income".

No. 2—Schedule 1, page 21, item 30, after proposed section 1084 insert the following section:

Valuation and revaluation of certain financial investments

" 1084A. The total value of a person's listed securities and managed investments (being listed securities and managed investments that fluctuate depending on the market) (the **relevant investments**) is determined in accordance with the following:

- (a) an initial total valuation is to be given to the relevant investments on 1 July 1996, or when a new claim is determined, by the method set out in departmental guidelines;
- (b) that total valuation continues in effect until the relevant investments are revalued by the method set out in departmental guidelines, and that revaluation must occur:
 - (i) on 20 March in each calendar year after 1996; and
 - (ii) on 20 September in each calendar year after 1996; and
 - (iii) when the person requests a revaluation of one or more of the person's listed securities and managed investments; and
 - (iv) following an event that affects the relevant investments and is the subject of a recipient notification notice."

No. 3—Schedule 16, page 213, item 27, after proposed section 46L add the following section:

Valuation and revaluation of certain financial investments

" 46LA. The total value of a person's listed securities and managed investments (being listed securities and managed investments that fluctuate depending on the market) (the **relevant investments**) is determined in accordance with the following:

- (a) an initial total valuation is to be given to the relevant investments on 1 July 1996, or when a new claim is determined, by the method set out in departmental guidelines;

- (b) that total valuation continues in effect until the relevant investments are revalued by the method set out in departmental guidelines, and that revaluation must occur:
- (i) on 20 March in each calendar year after 1996; and
 - (ii) on 20 September in each calendar year after 1996; and
 - (iii) when the person requests a revaluation of one or more of the person's listed securities and managed investments; and
 - (iv) following an event that affects the relevant investments and is the subject of a recipient notification notice."

On the motion of Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

23 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 29 November 1995, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 593—Student and Youth Assistance Amendment (Youth Training Allowance) (No. 2) 1995.

No. 594—Student and Youth Assistance Amendment (Youth Training Allowance) (No. 3) 1995.

24 AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1995—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 9 February 1995*), viz.:

Australia Remembers 1945-1995—Progress report—Ministerial statement—
Debate resumed.

Mr Chynoweth, who had already spoken, by leave, again addressed 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.

25 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

26 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for period 1 June to 30 June 1995.

Access and Equity—Report for 1995—Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, November 1995.

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

AUSCRIPT—Report for 1994-95.

Australia's Development Cooperation Program—Global change and Australia's overseas aid program—Ministerial policy paper and 6th annual report, November 1995.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Australia's welfare 1995: Services and assistance.

Australian National Railways Commission Act—Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Corporations and Securities Panel—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—

Fifth quarterly report on status of Telstra's implementation of recommendations of AUSTEL's COT cases report, 10 November 1995.

Quality of service bulletin—June quarter 1995.

Better Cities Program—Report on progress 1994-95 and overview of the independent evaluation of the program 1991-95.

Commonwealth schools funding 1997-2000—Report by Mr Free, Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training.

Copyright Act—Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1994-95.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Strategic plan 1995-98.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period 1 January to 30 June 1995.

Employment Services Act—Employment Services Regulatory Authority—Financial statements for period 19 December 1994 to 30 June 1995.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—A review of Australia's efforts to promote and protect human rights, November 1994—Government response.

Industrial Relations Act—Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 1994-95.

Migration Regulations—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Conditional migrant entry: The health rules, December 1992—Government response.

Minister for Development Cooperation and Pacific Island Affairs—Report on 35th Conference of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea 25 to 27 October 1995 and visit to Fiji, 28 to 31 October 1995.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—National Capital Plan—Draft amendment No. 12 (Russell), May 1995—Government response, November 1995.

Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons—1995 review and extension conference of the parties to the Treaty, New York, 17 April to 12 May 1995—Report of Australian delegation.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Dried Fruits Research and Development Council and Dried Fruits Research and Development Council Selection Committee—Reports for 1994-95.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—7th report, for 1994-95.

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Time for review—Bills, questions and working hours: Review of procedural changes operating since 21 February 1994, 1 June 1995—Government response.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme, for 1994-95.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Competitive safeguards and carrier performance—Report for 1994-95.

27 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for period 1 June to 30 June 1995.

Australia's Development Cooperation Program—Global change and Australia's overseas aid program—Ministerial policy paper and 6th annual report, November 1995.

Australian National Railways Commission Act—Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Corporations and Securities Panel—Report for 1994-95.

Commonwealth schools funding 1997-2000—Report by Mr Free, Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Strategic plan 1995-98.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period 1 January to 30 June 1995.

Employment Services Act—Employment Services Regulatory Authority—Financial statements for period 19 December 1994 to 30 June 1995.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—A review of Australia's efforts to promote and protect human rights, November 1994—Government response.

Industrial Relations Act—Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 1994-95.

Migration Regulations—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Conditional migrant entry: The health rules, December 1992—Government response.

Minister for Development Cooperation and Pacific Island Affairs—Report on 35th Conference of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea 25 to 27 October 1995 and visit to Fiji, 28 to 31 October 1995.

Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons—1995 review and extension conference of the parties to the Treaty, New York, 17 April to 12 May 1995—Report of Australian delegation.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—7th report, for 1994-95.

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Time for review—Bills, questions and working hours: Review of procedural changes operating since 21 February 1994, 1 June 1995—Government response.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme, for 1994-95.

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

28 PAPERS

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

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

Marriage and the family unit (Mr Slipper, 20 petitioners).

Music classification (Dr Kemp, 13 petitioners).

Family Law Act (Dr Kemp, 204 petitioners).

29 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 29 November 1995, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 596—Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1995-96 Budget Measures) (No. 2) 1995.

No. 597—Human Services and Health Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1995.

No. 598—Public Service Legislation Amendment 1995.

No. 599—Industry Commission Amendment 1995.

30 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS

The House was informed that both Mr S. F. Smith and Mr Ronaldson had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr S. F. Smith, namely, "The importance of a Government commitment to maintaining living standards through social and industrial safety nets".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

31 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Development of facilities for the Artillery Centre, Puckapunyal, Vic. (26th report of 1995).

Construction of 20 apartments for Australian High Commission staff, Kuala Lumpur (27th report of 1995).

Construction of 10 apartments for Consulate-General staff, Shanghai (28th report of 1995).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, Mr Abbott and Mr Cleeland, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

32 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 595

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Higher Education Funding Act 1988'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate desires the reconsideration by the House of the bill in respect of the amendments.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 29 November 1995

Ordered—That the message be considered at the next sitting.

33 AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1995—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 9 February 1995*), viz.:

Australia Remembers 1945-1995—Progress report—Ministerial statement—
Debate resumed.

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

34 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs—
Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Australia's Development Cooperation Program—Paper—Motion to take note of
paper: Resumption of debate; and

APEC—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of
debate.

Question—put and passed.

35 AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1995—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 9 February 1995*), viz.:

Australia Remembers 1945-1995—Progress report—Ministerial statement—
Debate resumed.

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.

36 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following papers:

Westpac and foreign exchange cases—Affidavit, correspondence and other
associated papers, April 1993-November 1995 (6).

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

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 November
1995:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal
1995 No. 26.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement 1995
No. 4.

Social Security Act—Social Security (Approved Visas) Declaration (No. 2).

Taxation Administration Act—Determination 1995 No. TD95/59.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mrs
Gallus, Mr Georgiou, Mr Griffiths, Mr Howe, Mr Jull*, Mr Keating, Mr Kerr, Mr
Lavarch, Dr Lawrence, Ms McHugh, Mr McLachlan, Mr Price, Mr Tickner and
Mr Willis.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1993-94-95

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 183

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 1995

- 1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.
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Suspension of sitting: At 10 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

Resumption of sitting: At 10.05 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

- 2 **TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT ON EFFICIENCY OF INTERFACE BETWEEN SEAPORTS AND LAND TRANSPORT—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 P. F. Morris—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 27 November 1995*), viz.:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—
Report—Warehouse to wharf: Efficiency of the interface between seaports and
land transport—Final report, 20 November 1995—

Debate resumed.

Mr P. F. Morris, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

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

- 3 **TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORT: IS AUSTRALIA READY TO RESPOND TO A MAJOR OIL SPILL?—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 P. F. Morris—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 27 November 1995*), viz.:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Report—Oil spills—A response strategy: Review of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 9 of 1994-95—Project audit—Is Australia ready to respond to a major oil spill?: Australian Maritime Safety Authority, 20 November 1995—

Debate resumed.

Mr P. F. Morris, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

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

4 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Mr Simmons, at the request of Mr Price, moved—That order of the day No. 3, committee and delegation reports, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Question put and passed.

5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PROVISION OF ACADEMIC STUDIES AND PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION TO OFFICER CADETS AND OFFICERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—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 Price—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 23 October 1995*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Officer education: The military after next—Report, October 1995—

Debate resumed.

Mr Price, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Dr Theophanous—Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING—REPORT ON LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS DEMOCRACY IN MYANMAR—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 Price—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 26 October 1995*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Human rights and progress towards democracy in Burma (Myanmar)—Report, October 1995—

Debate resumed.

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

7 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH THAILAND—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 Price—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 20 November 1995*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Australia's relations with Thailand—Report, October 1995—

Debate resumed.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Brown, the Main Committee adjourned at 2.33 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