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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 1996

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Motion of censure of Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House censures the Minister for Foreign Affairs for:

- (1) repeated failure, in responses to questions on the status of regional opinion about the abolition of the DIFF program, to inform the House of his discussions with two senior Indonesian Economic Development Ministers;
- (2) for misleading an important regional neighbour and trading partner, and the Australian public, about the reasons for abolishing DIFF; and
- (3) for gross incompetence in his mishandling of his portfolio and Australia's relationship with our Asian neighbours.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Minister for Foreign Affairs—Motion of censure

Mr Beazley moved—That this House censures the Minister for Foreign Affairs for:

- (1) repeated failure, in responses to questions on the status of regional opinion about the abolition of the DIFF program, to inform the House of his discussions with two senior Indonesian Economic Development Ministers;
- (2) for misleading an important regional neighbour and trading partner, and the Australian public, about the reasons for abolishing DIFF; and

- (3) for gross incompetence in his mishandling of his portfolio and Australia's relationship with our Asian neighbours.

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House censures the Member for Kingsford-Smith for his allegations yesterday that the Chinese Embassy and the Chinese Government had deliberately leaked correspondence sent to the Minister for Foreign Affairs from a Chinese Vice-Minister, Mr Sun Zhenyu, which have the potential to damage Australia's relations with the People's Republic of China”.

Debate continued.

Mr Beazley rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 90

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Filing	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Mr Zammit
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield
Mr Albanese	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 90

Mr Abbott	Ms Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Filing	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Mr Zammit
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield
Mr Albanese	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Questions without notice concluded.

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

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 32 of 1995-96—Performance audit—Commonwealth fisheries management: Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Volumes 1 and 2.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 32 of 1995-96—Volumes 1 and 2;
- (2) the report be printed; and
- (3) the report be referred to the Standing Committee on Primary Industries, Resources and Rural and Regional Affairs.

Question—put and passed.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—
Statement for May 1996.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advances during May 1996.

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report by the Hon. Peter Costello, MP, Treasurer, for period 1 January 1994 to 30 June 1995.

Australia-Korea Foundation—Report for 1994-95.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Reports, including the Board's comments—
Australian Language and Literacy Council—

Literacy at work: Incorporating English language and literacy competencies into Industry/Enterprise standards, June 1996.

Putting it plainly: Current developments and needs in plain English and accessible reading materials, June 1996.

Employment and Skills Council—The good, the bad and everything in-between: The quality and relevance of Working Nation training, June 1996.

International Monetary Agreements Act—Australia and the IMF—Report for period 1 May 1994 to 30 April 1995.

International Monetary Agreements Act and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (General Capital Increase) Act—Australia and the World Bank—Report for 1994-95.

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report for 1995.

National Road Trauma Advisory Council—Report for 1994-95.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1995.

United Nations General Assembly—49th session, 1994—Report of the Australian Delegation.

University of Canberra Act—Council of the University of Canberra—Report for 1995.

5 AVIATION SAFETY REGULATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by leave, made a ministerial statement on aviation safety regulation and presented the following paper:

Aviation safety regulation—Ministerial statement, 25 June 1996.

Mr Tanner, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

6 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LABOUR MARKET PROGRAMS

The House was informed that Mr M. J. Ferguson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The widespread concern and confusion caused by the Government’s failure to fully commit itself to the future of successful labour market programs such as SkillShare, Job Clubs and LEAP and the impact of this decision on unemployment”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr M. J. Ferguson rising to address the House—

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

24 June 1996—Message No. 42—Migration Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1996.

8 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPERS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Reid (Chair) presented the following papers:

Committee of Members' Interests—

Register of Members' Interests for the 38th Parliament—

Register, incorporating notifications of alterations of interests to 17 June 1996—

Volume 1—A-F.

Volume 2—G-M.

Volume 3—N-Z.

Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 18 June to 24 June 1996.

Report on operations of the committee for 1995, 19 June 1996.

Mr McLeay, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.

9 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1996

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr S. F. Smith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) is of the opinion that the Export Market Development Grants Scheme is:
 - (a) a successful scheme which enhances Australia's export performance,
 - (b) a source of job creation and benefits Australia's balance of payments, and
 - (c) a successful export incentive for small and medium sized enterprises;
- (2) expresses grave concern at the Government's mooted abolition of the Scheme which would be:
 - (a) a cynical and blatant breach of an express election commitment to retain and expand the Scheme, and
 - (b) counter to any reasonable assessment of the evidence given to the Senate Legislative Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in the course of the Committee's consideration of the Bill; and

- (3) condemns the Government for its failure to meet its election commitment to extend the Scheme by making full export market development grants of 50% available to the tourism industry”—

Debate resumed.

Declaration of Bill as urgent Bill: Mr Reith (Leader of the House) declared that the Bill was an urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—put.

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

AYES, 84

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mrs Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock	Mr Zammit

NOES, 40

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr Rocher
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Willis
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of time: Mr Reith then moved—That the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill be until 10 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 86

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hokey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Mr Filing	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr Lee	Mr Rocher
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Griffin	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Ms Hanson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the original question and the amendment continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Martin moved the following amendment:

After Schedule 1, page 3 (after line 11), insert:

Schedule 1A—Amount of grant

1 Paragraph 16(3)(a) (definition of *Adjusted eligible expenditure*)

Omit the definition, substitute:

Adjusted eligible expenditure means the eligible expenditure incurred by the claimant during the claim period, reduced by \$15,000.

2 Paragraph 16(3)(b) (definition of *Adjusted eligible expenditure*)

Omit the definition, substitute:

Adjusted eligible expenditure means the eligible expenditure in respect of new markets incurred by the claimant during the claim period, reduced by \$15,000.

3 Subsection 16(4) (definition of *Adjusted eligible expenditure*)

Omit the definition, substitute:

Adjusted eligible expenditure means the eligible expenditure incurred by the claimant as mentioned in paragraph 14(1)(c), reduced by \$30,000.

4 Application of amendments

The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to a claim for grant in relation to a period beginning on or after 1 July 1996.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 10 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Campbell	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

NOES, 85

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

25 June 1996—Message No. 44—Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1996.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Message No. 43, dated 24 June 1996, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Development Allowance Authority Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

12 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McMullan, viz.*—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 the Bill should not be proceeded with, for the following reasons:

- (1) it breaches the Prime Minister’s ‘rock solid guarantee’ that no-one will be worse off;
- (2) it opens the door to cutting youth wages and introducing a \$3.00 per hour youth wage;
- (3) it removes the fairness which is entrenched in the existing industrial relations system;
- (4) it does not recognise the legitimacy and desirability of employees organising and bargaining collectively;
- (5) it proceeds from a fundamentally flawed assumption that the parties to the employment relationship have equal bargaining power;
- (6) it severely restricts the central role of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission in the industrial relations system;
- (7) it undermines the award system as the dynamic framework for the protection and advancement of wages and conditions;
- (8) it removes workplace and enterprise bargaining from the protections of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission;
- (9) it will aggravate problems of inequality for women, young people and those most vulnerable in the labour market;
- (10) it fails to provide a core framework for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes;
- (11) it emphasises the punishment of industrial action rather than its resolution; and
- (12) it fails to ensure that Australia’s labour standards meet our international obligations”—

Debate resumed.

13 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 25 June 1996:
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Statement 1996 No. 2.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradford, Mrs Gallus, Mr Jones, Mr McLachlan and Mr O'Connor.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives