

1996

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 25

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 1996

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That for the sitting on Thursday, 22 August 1996:

(1) so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Members' statements.
2. Grievance debate (at 9.45 a.m.).
3. Reports from committees and delegations (at 11.05 a.m.).
4. Notices and other orders of the day, government business.
5. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.).
6. Presentation of papers.
7. Ministerial statements, by leave.
8. Matter of public importance.
9. Notices and orders of the day, government business; and

(2) standing order 48A (adjournment and next sitting) be suspended.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**3 NATIONAL FIREARMS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 34, dated 20 August 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time.

#### 4 DEFENCE LEGISLATION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 35, dated 9 July 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bevis, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 2—

Page 1 (line 8), omit “subsection (2)”, substitute “subsections (2) and (3)”.

Page 1 (after line 11), at the end of the clause, add:

- (3) Items 5 to 44 of Schedule 1 to this Act are taken to have commenced on 1 July 1996.

Schedule 1, page 10, omit item 44, substitute:

#### **44 Application**

- (1) The amendments made by items 5 to 13, 15, 16, 17 and 41 do not apply to a person who is a subsidised borrower on the day this item was taken to have commenced.
- (2) The amendments made by items 29 to 40 only apply in relation to the statutory training obligation of a person, who is a subsidised borrower on the day this item was taken to have commenced, that is commenced after that day.

Debate continued.

*Paper:* Mrs Bishop (Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel), by leave, presented the following paper:

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 1996—Possible retrospective operation of home loans amendments—Minute from S. P. K. Brown, Assistant Secretary, Legal Services Branch, Department of Defence to the Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel, 20 August 1996.

Debate continued.

Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs Bishop, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**5 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS) 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.

**6 SALES TAX LAWS 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—

Debate resumed by Mr Latham who 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:

- (1) notes that its provisions are part of a series of broken tax promises by the Howard Government;
- (2) notes that the Bill is part of Government policy to reduce the financial capacity of the States, contrary to Coalition election promises, which has led to increased State taxes;
- (3) notes that the Bill is part of Government policy to reduce the financial capacity and resources of local government, contrary to election commitments; and
- (4) condemns the Government’s mishandling of the 1996 Premier’s Conference and its betrayal of election promises”.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**7 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade) would answer questions on his behalf.

Mr Howard also informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs), Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology) would answer questions on his behalf.

**8 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**9 PROTEST RALLY AT OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker made a statement in response to a question asked of him earlier by Mr Sinclair concerning a protest rally at old Parliament House on Tuesday, 20 August 1996.

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) also made a statement in relation to the matter.

**10 MR JOHN BRUDENALL—RETIREMENT—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker referred to the retirement of Mr John Brudenall from the Department of the Parliamentary Library and paid tribute to his service.

**11 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 3 of 1996-97—Follow-up audit—Compensation pensions to veterans and war widows: Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 3 of 1996-97; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

**12 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance for 1995-96—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*.

Australian Land Transport Development Act—Australian Land Transport Development Program—Progress report for 1994-95.

Avalon Airport Geelong Limited and its controlling entities—Financial statements and reports for period 1 June to 31 October 1995.

Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report for period 30 January 1995 to 29 January 1996.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1995.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Australian Defence Industries Ltd (ADI)—Reports—  
1993-94.  
1994-95.

Financing Jervis Bay Territory—Report by Don Nicholls AM, December 1995.

**13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOSPITAL FUNDING, MEDICATION COSTS, CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AND NURSING HOME CHARGES**

The House was informed that Mr Lee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The betrayal of Australian families by the Howard Government’s decision to slash public hospital funding, increase the cost of medication for the chronically ill, cut child care assistance and to impose up to \$34 a day in higher charges on nursing home residents”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**14 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996**

Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Air Force Act 1923*, the *Defence Act 1903* and the *Naval Defence Act 1910*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McLachlan moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

**15 AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Australian Law Reform Commission Bill 1996 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 Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**16 AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION (REPEAL, TRANSITIONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Australian Law Reform Commission (Repeal, Transitional and Miscellaneous) Bill 1996 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 Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**17 MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 1996 had been considered by the Main Committee and was returned with an unresolved question (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of the unresolved question.

Unresolved question proposed—That schedule 1 be agreed to—

Mr Filing moved, as an amendment: Item 41, page 14 (lines 11 to 17), omit proposed subsection 8(1A).

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule 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 Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**18 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 1996 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 with amendments (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**19 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING**

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 11 September 1996, at 10 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

**20 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CSIRO RESEARCH INTERACTION CENTRE AND BIOMOLECULAR RESEARCH FACILITIES, BLACK MOUNTAIN, ACT**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: CSIRO Research

Interaction Centre and Biomolecular Research Facilities, Black Mountain, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

**21 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR 5 AVIATION REGIMENT AT RAAF BASE TOWNSVILLE**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of facilities for 5 Aviation Regiment at RAAF Base Townsville.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**22 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE ON TOWNSVILLE FIELD TRAINING AREA, TOWNSVILLE**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of infrastructure on the Townsville Field Training Area, Townsville.

Question—put and passed.

**23 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL FACILITIES AT RAAF BASE DARWIN**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Darwin.

Question—put and passed.

**24 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL FACILITIES AT RAAF BASE TINDAL, NT**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Tindal, NT.

Question—put and passed.

**25 NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

Mr Causley presented the following papers:

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Parliamentary Joint Committee—

National Native Title Tribunal annual report 1994-95—Fourth report, July 1996.

Annual reports for 1994-95 prepared pursuant to Part 4A of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*—Fifth report, July 1996.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Causley, by leave, moved—That the House take note of each report.

Mr Causley 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.

**26 SALES TAX LAWS 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 Latham, 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:

- (1) notes that its provisions are part of a series of broken tax promises by the Howard Government;
- (2) notes that the Bill is part of Government policy to reduce the financial capacity of the States, contrary to Coalition election promises, which has led to increased State taxes;
- (3) notes that the Bill is part of Government policy to reduce the financial capacity and resources of local government, contrary to election commitments; and
- (4) condemns the Government’s mishandling of the 1996 Premier’s Conference and its betrayal of election promises”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

## AYES, 83

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

## NOES, 41

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr McMullan	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Melham	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.

## 27 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996

Debate resumed by Mr Latham who 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 condemns the Government’s betrayal of election promises by its decision to:

- (1) change the tariff concession system so that businesses will have to pay higher taxes on a greater range of their inputs (raising \$300 million in revenue);
- (2) increase the Medicare levy;
- (3) limit the reduction in the uplift factor on provisional tax to 1996-97 alone;
- (4) levy a 15% superannuation surcharge;
- (5) increase tax collections in 1996-97 by \$8.6 billion or 4.5% in real terms and then a further \$7.8 billion or 3.4% in real terms in 1997-98; increase income tax on individuals by \$5,526 million or 9.1% (approximately 6.4% in real terms); increase tax revenue from 23.9% GDP in 1995-96 to 24.3% GDP in 1996-97; and
- (6) introduce major revenue measures in the 1996-97 Budget with net impact of \$979 million and further net impact of \$1,955 million in 1997-98 (costing each Australian taxpayer more than \$260)".

Debate continued.

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

## 28 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—  
That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Alleged actions by Mr R. C. Baldwin, MP—Statutory declaration by Darren Barrett, 29 July 1996.

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 21 August 1996:  
Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for the collection of information—1996 Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Migration Act—Statement under section 91D.

Native Title Act—Determination 1996 No. 1 (Amendment).

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1996 No. STD 96/8

Taxation Administration Act—Determination 1996 No. TD 96/35

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments under section 196B 1996 Nos. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Downer, Mr Nugent, Mr Price, Mr Prosser and Mr Sercombe.

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**L. M. BARLIN**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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**MAIN COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 1996

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1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**3 AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION (REPEAL, TRANSITIONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**4 MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Consideration in detail*

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Schedule 1—

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

Question unresolved.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with an unresolved question.

**5 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 36, dated 27 May 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Schedule 1—

Item 7, page 13 (lines 2 to 13), omit subitems (1) and (2), substitute:

(1) Item 5 commences, or is taken to have commenced, on:

(a) 1 November 1996; or

(b) if the Consumer Credit Codes commencing day is after 1 November 1996—the Consumer Credit Codes commencing day.

(2) Despite subitem (1) and anything in a Consumer Credit Code of a State or Territory, the Bank is taken, at all times before 1 June 1997, to have been entitled to calculate and charge interest in respect of subsidised advances, and amounts owed under loans secured by specified portfolio assets, in the manner prescribed by the agreement as in force immediately before the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

(2A) If, during a period:

(a) beginning on or after the day on which item 5 commences or is taken to have commenced; and

(b) ending before 1 June 1997;

the Bank calculates and charges interest in respect of subsidised advances and amounts owed under loans secured by specified portfolio agreements as permitted by subitem (2), the agreement applies, in respect of that period in relation to those subsidised advances and loans:

- (c) as in force immediately before the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent; and
- (d) as if section 35A of the *Defence Service Homes Act 1918* had not been enacted.

Item 7, page 13 (line 16), omit “effective day”, substitute “day on which item 5 commences or is taken to have commenced”.

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

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments.

#### 6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Main Committee adjourned at 12.52 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the Main Committee