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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 27

MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1996

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER

The Acting Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) was absent on parliamentary business overseas, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Nehl) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

3 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Taylor (Chair) presented the following paper:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—First report, August 1996.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Taylor, Mr McClelland, Mr Truss and Mr L.D.T. Ferguson made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Taylor moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Taylor was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Mr Rocher moved—That the Member for Curtin be now heard.

The question being accordingly put and a division being called for—

In accordance with standing order 193 the division was deferred until after the conclusion of grievance debate.

4 EUTHANASIA LAWS BILL 1996

Mr K. J. Andrews, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act concerning euthanasia.

Mr K. J. Andrews made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Paper: Mr K. J. Andrews, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

5 AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN CROATIA

Mr Filing, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes that Australian citizens in Croatia have no easy access to an Australian embassy and the nearest Australian embassies are in Belgrade and Vienna, of which the former may be inappropriate for the use of some Australian visitors and the latter is an inconvenient distance away;
- (2) recognises that the establishment of an Australian embassy in Croatia would greatly enhance economic, cultural and business ties between Australia and Croatia; and
- (3) therefore calls on the Australian Government to establish an Australian embassy in Zagreb, Croatia.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 CYPRUS

Mr Brereton, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) deplores the recent tragic outbreak of communal violence in the UN buffer zone in Cyprus;
- (2) applauds the efforts of the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus, including officers of the Australian Federal Police who continue to make a vital contribution to its operations;
- (3) recognises the terrible humanitarian cost that the continued division of Cyprus imposes on the communities of the island;
- (4) deplores the fact that more than 22 years after the 1974 Turkish invasion of northern Cyprus, Cyprus remains artificially and tragically divided and that there is still no lasting political settlement in sight;
- (5) expresses its strong belief that the status quo on Cyprus is unacceptable and that the continued division of Cyprus, including the presence of Turkish troops in northern Cyprus, has no place in an international climate of reconciliation and cooperation;
- (6) reaffirms its total support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus as the only legitimate authority on the island;
- (7) reaffirms Australia's support for relevant UN Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 939 of 1994 which calls for a solution to be based upon a sovereign, independent and unified Cyprus comprised of a bi-communal and bi-zonal federal republic free of foreign interference;

- (8) reaffirms the position that all foreign troops should be withdrawn from the territory of the Republic of Cyprus;
- (9) commends the efforts of the UN Secretary-General to resolve the Cyprus dispute in a just and viable manner;
- (10) calls on the international community to take urgent action to overcome the deadlock in negotiations to restore justice for Cyprus and to bring about a long-term resolution to Cyprus' problems; and
- (11) urges the Government to take the lead in insisting that the international community, and members of the UN Security Council in particular, take immediate steps to promote a just resolution of the Cyprus dispute, based on relevant Security Council resolutions, including incentives to encourage progress in negotiations.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Zammit, by leave, presented the following paper:

Cyprus—Negotiated settlement—Letter from Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus to His Excellency Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Secretary-General, United Nations Organization, 17 December 1993.

Debate continued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day, and Mr R. A. Cameron was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services) presented the following paper:

Health insurance premiums—Copy of notice to HBA Health Insurance members published in the *Herald-Sun*, 27 July 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

9 PETITIONS AND MINISTERS' RESPONSES

The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Charles, Mr Costello, Mr Howard, Mr Jull, Dr Kemp, Mr McDougall, Mr McLachlan, Mr Marek, Mr Ruddock, Mr A. C. Smith, Mr Somlyay and Mrs West, from 18, 101, 22, 28, 135, 6, 40, 32, 177, 243, 8 and 144 petitioners, and Mr Slipper, from 339 electors of the Division of Fisher, respectively, praying that certain moves to tighten gun laws be supported.

Mr Albanese, Mr Causley, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Hicks and Mr Neville, from 64, 108, 11 310, 722 and 272 petitioners, respectively, praying that the SkillShare program be defended against funding cuts.

Mr Forrest, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur and Mr Nehl, from 199, 207, 39 and 18 petitioners, respectively, praying that the exclusiveness of marriage as being between one male and one female be preserved and that the Marriage Act be amended to prohibit certain marriages.

Mr Andren, Mr Billson and Mr Charles, from 30, 466 and 1565 petitioners, respectively, praying that Betaferon be made available as a subsidised drug.

Mr Brereton and Mr Marek, from 19 and 67 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken with respect to the portrayal of violence on television, video and video games.

Mr Causley and Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, from 14 and 106 petitioners, respectively, praying that the proposed removal of operational assistance from Family Day Care not be endorsed.

Mr Fischer, from 2806 petitioners, and Mr Reid, from 52 residents of Victoria, respectively, praying that the Australian Securities Commission rescind the registration of the company name Virgin Mary's Pty Ltd.

Mr Bevis, from 15 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Pyne and Mr Ronaldson, from 97 and 60 petitioners, respectively, praying that the recommendations of the Prices Surveillance Authority be effected to allow parallel importing of compact discs to reduce costs to consumers.

Mr Andren, from 1037 electors of the Division of Calare, praying that the Lithgow, NSW, Medicare Office remain open.

Mr Andren, from 403 residents of Bathurst and district, NSW, praying that funding be made available to continue ABC services to rural residents.

Mr Andren, from 202 residents of New South Wales, praying that the Treasurer be instructed to overturn the decision of the Commissioner of Taxation to close the Orange Regional Taxation Office.

Mr J. N. Andrew, from 2930 petitioners, praying that the Berri, SA, Medicare Office be retained and public sector cuts affecting the region be opposed.

Mr Bartlett, from 672 electors of the Division of Macquarie, praying that the Katoomba, NSW, Medicare Office remain open.

Mr Bevis, from 64 residents of Queensland, praying that the extra tertiary places and facilities previously announced for Queensland universities be delivered.

Mr Billson, from 296 petitioners, praying that Telstra restores the area code and charging zone of South Frankston, Vic., to that which existed on 1 May 1996.

Mrs Bishop, from 2622 petitioners, praying that the increase in the amount available to eligible borrowers under the Defence Home Owner Scheme be extended to serving Defence Service Homes Loan Scheme members.

Mr Bradford, from 1744 petitioners, praying that laws relating to access and custody, property settlement, child support and social welfare be changed to remove discrimination against men and their children.

Mr Bradford, from 576 petitioners, praying that screening of the film *The Craft* be disallowed.

Mr Cadman, from 1372 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to promote the recognition of human rights in Sudan.

Mr Entsch, from 423 electors of the Division of Leichhardt, Qld, praying that legislation that would impact upon existing quality, affordable childcare not be passed.

Mr Lindsay, from 65 residents of Queensland, in similar terms.

Mr R. D. C. Evans, from 617 petitioners, praying that inequity and discrimination in respect of payments to and taxation of parents with dependent children be recognised.

Mr Fischer, from 141 residents of Khancoban, NSW, praying that the establishment of another retail/refreshment provider at Murray One Power Station not proceed.

Mr Fitzgibbon, from 1007 residents of Singleton, NSW, praying that the Singleton SkillShare Program be retained.

Mr Fitzgibbon, from 326 residents of Singleton, NSW, praying that the services of the Singleton Commonwealth Employment Service office be retained.

Mr Fitzgibbon, from 220 electors of the Division of Hunter, praying that the operational subsidy remain for community based child care centres and certain other action be taken in relation to child care.

Mrs West, from 47 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Forrest, from 437 petitioners, praying that the multiple birth payment be extended to families with twins.

Mrs Gash, from 137 competitors at the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meeting 1996, praying that the Australian Rifle Club Regulations of the Defence Act 1903 be retained.

Mr Howard, from 207 petitioners, praying that national uniform gun control laws be established and sentences in relation to gun offences meet the expectations of citizens.

Mr Latham, from 604 residents of Campbelltown and Liverpool, NSW, praying that any plan to construct an airport at Horseworthy, NSW, be abandoned.

Mr Latham, from 67 petitioners, praying that the drug Betaferon be subsidised under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Mr Lindsay, from 63 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to prevent further activities which would threaten the Hinchinbrook, Qld, World Heritage area.

Mr Lindsay, from 29 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to promote environmental awareness and protection of World Heritage areas within Australia.

Mr Marek, from 720 petitioners, praying that certain reforms to the Child Support Scheme be implemented.

Mr McLachlan, from 1129 electors of the Division of Barker, praying that no action be taken to close the Medicare Office in Mt Gambier, SA, and other country areas.

Mr McLeay, from 9 petitioners, praying that the funding cuts to the SkillShare Program be opposed.

Mr McLeay, from 8 electors of the Division of Watson, praying that moves to close or reduce funding for the Commonwealth Employment Service office in Campsie, NSW, be opposed.

Mr McMullan, from 29 petitioners, praying that ABC services' funding arrangements be retained and that its services be free of commercial sponsorship and advertising.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 159 electors of the Division of Shortland, praying that the Belmont, NSW, Medicare Office remain open.

Mr Nehl, from 348 residents of New South Wales, praying that the current level of funding to the ABC be maintained.

Mr Nehl, from 98 electors of the Division of Cowper, praying that action be taken to solve the aged care crisis in the electoral division of Cowper.

Mr Neville, from 239 residents of West Bundaberg, Qld, praying that the Department of Social Security maintain a public contact presence in the West Bundaberg area.

Mr Neville, from 91 petitioners, praying that boisterous behaviour by Members be dealt with harshly.

Mr Reith, from 76 petitioners, praying that the national gun law measures be supported and expedited.

Mr Ronaldson, from 4959 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to tighten restrictions against violence in the media.

Mr Ronaldson, from 431 residents of Victoria, praying that the proposed closure of the Wendouree, Vic., office of the Department of Social Security, not be supported.

Mr W. L. Smith, from 1127 residents of Tasmania, praying that the Launceston Regional Taxation Office not be closed.

Mr K. J. Thomson, from 16 petitioners, praying that proposed cuts to labour market programs be rejected.

Mr Truss, from 147 petitioners, praying that tough uniform censorship laws be developed to restrict access to media containing excessive violence.

Mr M. A. J. Vaile, from 2744 electors of the Division of Lyne, praying that all resolutions of the Australian Police Ministers' Council Special Firearms Meeting, May 1996, be adopted.

Mrs West, from 232 petitioners, praying that the harm done to society by pornographic and X-rated videos be recognised.

Mrs West, from 121 electors of the Division of Bowman, praying that the decision to reduce to 50 percent the entitlement of families to Child Care Assistance during holidays be reversed.

Mrs West, from 64 petitioners, praying that proposed moves to tighten gun laws be opposed.

Mr Willis, from 29 petitioners, praying that cuts to the Aboriginal Affairs budget be rejected.

Petitions received.

The Acting Clerk announced that the following Ministers' responses to petitions previously presented to the House had been received, viz.:

From the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism relating to a petition lodged by Mr Dondas, on 24 June 1996, praying that certain action be taken to reduce the tax on fuel.

From the Minister for Family Services relating to a petition lodged by Mr Nehl, on 6 May 1996, praying that action be taken to solve the aged care crisis in the electoral division of Cowper.

10 CYPRUS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Brereton—That the House:

- (1) deplores the recent tragic outbreak of communal violence in the UN buffer zone in Cyprus;
- (2) applauds the efforts of the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus, including officers of the Australian Federal Police who continue to make a vital contribution to its operations;
- (3) recognises the terrible humanitarian cost that the continued division of Cyprus imposes on the communities of the island;
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- upon a sovereign, independent and unified Cyprus comprised of a bi-communal and bi-zonal federal republic free of foreign interference;
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 - (11) urges the Government to take the lead in insisting that the international community, and members of the UN Security Council in particular, take immediate steps to promote a just resolution of the Cyprus dispute, based on relevant Security Council resolutions, including incentives to encourage progress in negotiations—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 BURMA

Mr Sinclair, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) deplores the continuing neglect of basic human rights by the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) of Burma, including the use of forced labour, arbitrary arrest, the maltreatment of prisoners and the suppression of free speech and legitimate political activity;
- (2) condemns the large scale, arbitrary arrests of members of the National League for Democracy (NLD) which have occurred in Burma over the last week and calls for their immediate and unconditional release;
- (3) rejects the explanation of the Government of Burma that the proposed meeting of the NLD to mark the anniversary of the 1990 election represented a threat to national stability or security;
- (4) supports the moderate efforts of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to negotiate democratic change in line with the expressed will of the Burmese people at the last free and fair elections in Burma in 1990;
- (5) reminds the SLORC of the repeated international calls for dialogue between themselves and the NLD, the party which won a majority of the seats at the 1990 elections, as a prerequisite to full reinstatement of Burma within the international community; and
- (6) urges regional governments, in particular the Governments of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, to use their influence with the Government of Burma to effect the immediate release of those arrested, bring about dialogue between the SLORC and the NLD and encourage improvements in Burma's human rights record.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

13 DEFERRED DIVISION—WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION

The following question, on which a division had been called for and deferred earlier this day, was stated, viz.: That the Member for Curtin be now heard (*motion moved by Mr Rocher*—see entry No. 3).

Mr Rocher, by indulgence, having addressed the House—

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

14 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

28 August 1996—Message No. 37—Health and Other Services (Compensation) Amendment 1996.

4 September 1996—Message No. 38—National Firearms Program Implementation 1996.

15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Acting Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 5 of 1996-97—Performance audit—Accounting for aid—The management of funding to non-government organisations: Australian Agency for International Development.

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 5 of 1996-97; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

16 PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER

The Acting Speaker made a statement concerning the approval on 3 September 1996 by the Speaker for the production in the High Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns, of extracts from a submission made by the Australian Electoral Commission to the Joint Committee on Electoral Matters.

17 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1996-97—BUDGET DEBATE

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.

Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 notes that:

- (1) the Budget betrays the Australian promise of working towards a more fair, just, inclusive and united society;
- (2) the Budget is both mindless and heartless, and its prescriptions are not what the Australian economy needs at present;
- (3) the Budget will have a savagely contractionary impact on economic growth and make impossible the job creation necessary to reduce Australia’s still unacceptably high level of unemployment;
- (4) with stronger economic growth the Budget could be restored to underlying balance over the life of this Parliament through a much more moderate program of fiscal consolidation;
- (5) the spending cuts and tax increases contained in the Budget are, on the evidence of the Government’s own Budget Papers, not necessary to reduce the Commonwealth Government’s debt-to-GDP ratio and will not produce a significant improvement in the current account deficit;
- (6) the Budget not only offers no hope to the unemployed but actively harms their prospects of finding a job by cutting labour market programs and privatising the previously publicly provided employment service function of the CES;
- (7) the Budget will have unfair and unjust consequences for the struggling and disadvantaged in our midst—the poor, the old, the sick, indigenous Australians and newly-arrived migrants;
- (8) the many spending cuts concerned with education and training, research and development, trade development (including breaches of promise with respect to EMDG, ITES and IAMP), production bounties, and other business support, will be counter-productive in their longer term consequences;
- (9) there is deception involved in the family tax package contained in the Budget, whereby what the Prime Minister appears to be putting into one

- pocket is for most middle Australian families being taken right out of the other by the Treasurer in higher education fees, Austudy changes, higher nursing home charges, higher fees and charges;
- (10) there are many breaches of Coalition election promises contained in this Budget, which amount to over \$17 billion over four years, and which will cause hardship, insecurity and dismay for millions of Australians;
 - (11) the Budget involves a massive betrayal of regional Australia through the abolition of the \$150 million regional development program, large cuts to road funding, the closure of regional Government offices such as Medicare and CES offices, and the cuts to the ABC and university funding;
 - (12) the mean-spirited decision to introduce large, up-front entry fees and massively increased daily fees for nursing homes, and increase user-charges will harm elderly Australians;
 - (13) the abolition of Childcare Operational Subsidies will impact heavily upon community based child care centres;
 - (14) the reduction of \$800 million over four years in public hospital funding will cause longer waiting lists for the sick and reduce the quality of hospital and medical assistance for millions of people;
 - (15) the Budget involves a breaking of the Government's so called 'core' commitment to maintain Medicare in its entirety through cuts to rebates for numerous items under Medicare;
 - (16) the cruel decision to abolish the Commonwealth Dental Health Programme will cause serious problems for the less well off;
 - (17) harsh and promise-breaking decisions will force Australian families to pay substantially more for the cost of their prescription medicines;
 - (18) the massive funding cuts to education, the increased HECS charges and AUSTUDY changes will penalise the less well off;
 - (19) the Budget's comprehensive and ideological assault on the public sector will cost 10 500 jobs in 1996-97 alone;
 - (20) the Government has failed to honour its election commitment to maintain the environment budget and to provide an additional \$84 million in the 1996-97 Budget, instead cutting by 13 per cent the environmental budget and forward estimates;
 - (21) the reckless decision to reduce funding for the National Highway by \$622 million over four years, breaches a clear Coalition election commitment at the 1996 election, and with other decisions will reduce the level of public infrastructure investment, especially in regional Australia;
 - (22) the decision to impose a 500 per cent increase in the taxation arrangements for visits to the Great Barrier Reef will discourage tourism and cost jobs in Queensland;
 - (23) the Government has failed to honour its promise to not cut Australia's foreign aid beyond the election commitment to abolish the DIFF program,

and in doing so will allow the estimated ODA/GDP ratio for Australia in 1996-97 to fall to 0.29 per cent;

- (24) the Government has failed to honour its election promise that Defence expenditure would not be cut, whilst cutting \$165 million from the 1995 Defence Budget estimates for 1996-97, and reducing Defence expenditure as a percentage of GDP to its lowest level since 1939;
- (25) the mean-spirited and discriminatory approach to migrants and ethnic communities will harm outworkers, hurt newly-arrived migrants and refugees, cut humanitarian aid and penalise asylum seekers;
- (26) the substantial cuts to ATSIC and to indigenous-related Commonwealth programs represent a massive setback to the process of reconciliation in Australia;
- (27) the savage cuts to the ABC, of \$209 million over four years, are in complete breach of the Coalition's solemn election promise to maintain existing levels of Commonwealth funding to the ABC;
- (28) the Budget has failed to honour the promise to maintain levels of arts funding and spend an additional \$60 million over three years; and
- (29) the Government's plan to substantially increase Commonwealth court and tribunal fees, coupled with deep cuts to legal aid, will result in a severe curtailment of access to justice by many Australians".

Debate continued.

Mr Rocher moved—That the Member for Curtin be now heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Rocher
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	

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

* Tellers

And so it was negative.

Debate continued.

Mr Cobb addressing the House—

18 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 Acting Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 September 1996:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Rules—Regional Council Election (Amendment) (No. 1) 1996.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for the collection of information—1996 Nos. 11, 12.

Australian National University Act—Statutes Nos. 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253.

Bounty Acts—Returns for 1995-96 pursuant to the following Acts—
Bounty (Bed Sheetings).

Bounty (Books).

Bounty (Computer).

Bounty (Fuel Ethanol).

Bounty (Machine Tools and Robots).

Bounty (Printed Fabrics).

Bounty (Ships).

Bounty (Textile Yarns).

Child Support (Assessment) Act—Determination 1996 No. CSD 96/2.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Exemptions—1996 Nos. 171/FRS/183/1996, CASA 14/1996.

Instrument—1996 No. CASA 957/96.

Civil Aviation Orders—

Part 105—Amendments 1996 7, 15(4), 19, 23(2) August.

Part 106—Amendment 21 August 1996.

Part 107—Amendment 15 August 1996.

Corporations Act—Accounting standards—AASB 1010 (6/96), 1013 (6/96), 1021 (6/96).

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders 1996 No. 2.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Grants entry test under section 13K, 26 July 1996.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1996 Nos. 119, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 155, 156, 157, LES 19, LES 20, LES 22, LES 23.

Quarantine Act—Determination 1996 No. 2.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Determinations 1996 Nos. 9, 10.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1996 No. STD 96/9.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensations Nos. 1/96, 2/96, 3/96.

Taxation Administration Act—Determination 1996 No. TD 96/36.

Therapeutic Goods Act—Determinations—

No. MP1/1996.

Under section 19A, 13 August 1996.

World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Notice under section 13, 27 August 1996.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Griffin, Mr Halverson, Ms Hanson, Mr Langmore, Mr McLeay, Dr Theophanous, Mr Tuckey and Mr Wilton.

I. C. HARRIS
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives