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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 37

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1996

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- 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 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**
Members' statements were made.
- 3 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE**
Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 October 1996, the order of the day having been read—
Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
Debate ensued.
Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 4 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—DEVELOPMENT OF NO. 6 SQUADRON FACILITIES AT RAAF BASE AMBERLEY, QLD**
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 works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of No. 6 Squadron facilities at RAAF Base Amberley, Qld.
Question—put and passed.
- 5 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDINGS AND SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE JOINT PROJECT 2043, HIGH FREQUENCY MODERNISATION PROJECT**
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 works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of

buildings and services in support of the Department of Defence Joint Project 2043, High Frequency Modernisation Project.

Question—put and passed.

6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Somlyay (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 346—Guarding the independence of the Auditor-General, October 1996.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Somlyay, Mr Georgiou, Mr Griffin and Mr M. A. J. Vaile, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

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

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

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

7 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

8 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 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 Program 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 resumed.

Paper: Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, presented the following paper:

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—Fees paid for cardiac rehabilitation services at Royal North Shore Hospital (429 petitioners).

Debate continued.

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

9 CHILD CARE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Care Act 1972* and the *Childcare Rebate Act 1993*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Moylan moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mrs Moylan presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

10 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr J. N. Andrew (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to implementation of rockfall risk reduction strategies on Christmas Island (1st report of 1996).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr J. N. Andrew, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

11 STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Statute Law Revision 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 Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 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:

9 October 1996—Message—

No. 46—Airports 1996.

No. 47—

Airports (Transitional) 1996.

Australian Law Reform Commission 1996.

Australian Law Reform Commission (Repeal, Transitional and Miscellaneous) 1996.

Taxation Laws Amendment (International Tax Agreements) 1996.

No. 48—Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment 1996.

No. 49—Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Amendment (No. 1) 1996.

13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Notice No. 1, private Members' business, given by Mr Tuckey and accorded priority for Monday, 14 October 1996, being moved in his absence by Mr Sinclair.

Question—put and passed.

14 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.

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.

15 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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:

- (1) censures the Prime Minister for his failure to ensure proper adherence to his Ministerial Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility because of the Assistant Treasurer, Senator Short's blatant conflict of interest in holding shares in a company directly involved in the area of his portfolio responsibilities; and
- (2) further censures the Prime Minister for his failure to ensure no interference from his private office in the duly constituted tender processes in the awarding of a contract for the National Gun Control Public Education Campaign.

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

17 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House:

- (1) censures the Prime Minister for his failure to ensure proper adherence to his Ministerial Guide on Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility because of the Assistant Treasurer, Senator Short's blatant conflict of

interest in holding shares in a company directly involved in the area of his portfolio responsibilities; and

- (2) further censures the Prime Minister for his failure to ensure no interference from his private office in the duly constituted tender processes in the awarding of a contract for the National Gun Control Public Education Campaign.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 42

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

NOES, 84

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

18 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report—Evaluation of the impact of Part VII of the *Family Law Reform Act 1995*: Public attitudes to parental responsibilities and children's rights after parental separation.

Banking, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Keeping the customer satisfied: Inquiry into the devolution of running costs flexibilities, 16 October 1995—Government response.

Civil Aviation Act—Air Services Australia—Corporate plan July 1996-June 2001.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 1995-96.

Law Reform Commission Act—Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 79—Making rights count: Services for people with a disability.

Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Final report for 1995-96 and July-August 1996.

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Operation of standing order 143: Questions to Members other than Ministers, 16 September 1996—Government response.

19 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report—Evaluation of the impact of Part VII of the *Family Law Reform Act 1995*: Public attitudes to parental responsibilities and children's rights after parental separation.

Law Reform Commission Act—Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 79—Making rights count: Services for people with a disability.

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

20 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT DATA

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 employment data released today by the ABS indicating that jobs growth has fallen because of the Government's budget strategy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

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

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 40

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

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

- (1) so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1996-97, the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1996-97 and the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1996-97; and
- (2) standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
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NOES, 39

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr Filing	Mr Lee	Mr O'Keefe
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

22 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) declared that the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1996-97, the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1996-97 and the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1996-97 were urgent Bills.

Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of time: Mr Reith then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1996-97—
 - (a) For the second reading, until 5 p.m. this day; and
 - (b) For the remaining stages, until 5.10 p.m. this day.
- (2) Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1996-97—For the remaining stages, until 5.15 p.m. this day.
- (3) Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1996-97—For the remaining stages, until 5.20 p.m. this day.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

23 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 notes that:

- (1) the Budget betrays the Australian promise of working towards a more fair, just, inclusive and united society;
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- (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"—

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the second reading having expired—

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

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

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 37

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

* 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.

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Nehl, in the Chair)—

AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Mr McDougall	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Marek	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Broadbent	Ms Hanson	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Causley	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mrs Johnston	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Scott	
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NOES, 37

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

24 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1996-97

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—

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

25 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1996-97

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—

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

26 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr S. F. Smith moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Perth from moving forthwith a motion to vary the resolution of the House of 8 October 1996 concerning the arrangements applying to the Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996 as follows: That all words after “Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996” in the resolution of the House of 8 October 1996 be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

- (1) the entire debate on the Bill being conducted in the House; and
- (2) the Leader of the House being required to report to the House within two sitting days on a recommended timetable for such proceedings for the reason that the House recognises:
 - (a) the public concern, especially among Territorians, that consideration of the Bill would substantially occur outside the main chamber of the House of Representatives;
 - (b) the course of action proposed for this Bill is contrary to all established rules and practice concerning the operation of the House of Representatives chamber and its Main Committee; and
 - (c) that more Government business time will now be lost than gained by pursuing the 8 October resolution.

Closure of Member: Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 39

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Latham (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Reith moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 38

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Kerr	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Langmore	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 38

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Kerr	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Langmore	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor	

NOES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
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Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Randall	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Scott	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Sharp	Mr Zammit

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

27 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.05 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 October 1996:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 105—Amendments 1996 23(6), 24(2), 25(2), 27(4) September, 1(3), 3 October.

Privacy Act—Tax file number guidelines—Amendments 1996 Nos. 1, 2.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Charles, Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hatton, Mr Jones, Mr McLachlan, Mr Miles, Mr Reid, Mr Ruddock, Mr Tanner, Mr A. P. Thomson and Mr Willis.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 37

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1996

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 **STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1996**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Main Committee adjourned at 10.13 a.m.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee