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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 42

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1996

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mrs Sullivan (Chair) presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Bills—Consideration in detail: Review of the operation of standing order 226—

Report, October 1996.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mrs Sullivan made a statement in connection with the report.

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

Mrs Sullivan moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs Sullivan was granted leave to continue her 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.

3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Sinclair (Chair) presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Visit of the Defence Subcommittee to Queensland and the Northern Territory, 5 to 8 August 1996—

Report, October 1996.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Sinclair, Mr Price, Mr Taylor, Mr Dondas and Mr Bradford made statements in connection with the report.

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

Mr Sinclair 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.

#### 4 QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Campbell, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*.

Mr Campbell made a statement in relation to the Bill.

*Paper:* Mr Campbell, 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 HUMAN RIGHTS IN SUDAN

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

- (1) expresses its repugnance with the Government of Sudan's policies of genocide against Sudanese groups;
- (2) condemns the sustained and systematic attempt to enforce Sharia law on non-Islamic citizens; and
- (3) calls on the Australian Government and the international community, including the UN Security Council, to:
  - (a) impose an arms embargo on the Government of Sudan;
  - (b) establish air exclusion zones in Sudan;
  - (c) support the peace initiatives of the Inter-Governmental Authority for Drought and Desertification;
  - (d) engage in discussion with all officially banned democratic opposition groups;
  - (e) ensure the immediate access by the UN operation, Life-Line Sudan and other aid agencies into all areas; and
  - (f) provide teams to monitor human rights in the north, south and the Nuba Mountains of Sudan.

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 MEDIA OWNERSHIP**

Mr Langmore, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House expresses its concern about the high level of concentration of media ownership in Australia and current threats to what limited diversity remains, and urges the Government to resolutely oppose any changes which would narrow the structure of ownership even further.

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

Petition on media concentration—Copy of letter and attachment from Mr David Connolly, MP, and Mr Langmore to the Hon. R. J. L. Hawke, AC, MP, Prime Minister, 24 October 1991.

It being 1.45 p.m., the speech was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, and Mr Langmore was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

**7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**8 RETURN TO WRIT—LINDSAY DIVISION**

The Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ which the Acting Speaker had issued on 16 September 1996 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Lindsay, in the State of New South Wales, and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that Jacqueline Marie Kelly had been elected.

**9 OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER**

Jacqueline Marie Kelly was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.

**10 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers:* Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Downsizing of Australian Taxation Office in Dandenong—Copies of letters to Mr Costello from—

Damian Mannix for Gareth Evans, MP, 11 July 1996.

Gareth Evans, MP, 22 July 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

**11 CODES OF CONDUCT AND HARASSMENT OF MEMBER'S STAFF—STATEMENTS BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker made a statement in response to a question asked of him on 16 October 1996 concerning a code of conduct for Members and Senators and a code of conduct for Ministers and Presiding Officers.

The Speaker also made a statement in response to a question asked of him on 17 October 1996 concerning the alleged harassment of a member of the staff of Mr Hardgrave.

**12 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Request to use House records in court proceedings—Facsimile copies of letters from Arthur Robinson and Hedderwicks, Solicitors and Notary, to the Speaker, 25 and 28 October 1996.

**13 EUTHANASIA LAWS BILL 1996—COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER LEGISLATURES**

The Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory a remonstrance of the Legislative Assembly praying that the Commonwealth Parliament give consideration to the grievances set out in the remonstrance and not proceed further with the Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996.

The Speaker also informed the House that he had received from the Head of Government of Norfolk Island a letter and accompanying resolution adopted by the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly urging that the full democratic rights of the people of Norfolk Island be preserved and that the Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996 be not passed by the Parliament.

**14 PETITIONS**

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

Mr Andren, from 50 families and friends of Mitchell Child Care Association Inc., NSW; Mr P. J. Baldwin, from 31 families and friends of Frank Saywell Long Day Care Centre, NSW; Mr Brown, from 179 families and friends of Bolton Point Child Care Centre Inc., NSW; Mrs Crosio, from 67 families and friends of Villawood North Children's Centre, NSW; Mr E. L. Grace, from 76 families and friends of Buzz Bee Long Day Care Centre, NSW; Mr Hicks, from 162 families and friends of Dorothy Waide Centre for Early Learning, NSW; Mr Hicks, from 39 families and friends of Hampden Bridge Child Care Centre Inc., NSW; Mr Howard, from 216 families and friends of Camperdown Child Care Centre Inc., NSW; Mr Howard, from 49 families and friends of Eden Park Child Care Centre, NSW; Mr Lee, from 57 families and friends of Bay Village Care and Learning Centre, NSW and Mr Sinclair, from 67 families and friends of Hobbit New England Pre-School and Child Care Centre, NSW, respectively, praying that operational subsidies to community based long day care centres be retained.

Mrs Crosio from 114 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr P. J. Baldwin, Mr Brown and Mr Lloyd, from 94, 60 and 17 residents of New South Wales, respectively, praying that the practice of issuing provider numbers only to certain medical practitioners be opposed.

Ms Worth, from 4206 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Anthony and Mr Ruddock, from 21 and 20 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain moves to tighten gun laws be supported.

Ms Ellis, from 228 residents of the Australian Capital Territory, and Mr Quick, from 400 residents of Tasmania, respectively, praying that the outcomes of the 1996 Budget in relation to child care be reversed and certain other action be taken in relation to child care.

Mr Lindsay and Mrs Sullivan, from 14 and 33 residents of Queensland, respectively, praying that legislation that would impact upon existing quality, affordable child care not be passed.

Mr Adams, from 78 residents of the Derwent Valley, Tas., praying that the National Transmission Authority install a television translator on Mt. Wellington, Tas.

Mr Adams, from 4 residents of Tasmania, praying that the operational subsidy remain for community based child care centres and certain other action be taken in relation to child care.

Mr Andren, from 358 electors of the Division of Calare, praying that the Lithgow, NSW, Medicare Office remain open.

Mr Andren, from 40 residents of Bathurst and district, NSW, praying that funding be made available to continue ABC services to rural residents.

Mr P. J. Baldwin, from 211 petitioners, praying that proposed changes to the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement be opposed.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 5060 residents of Western Australia, praying that action be taken to stop the practice in China of extracting bile from caged bears for medical purposes.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 729 residents of Western Australia, praying that Medicare funding of D & X abortions be opposed.

Mr Entsch, from 10 petitioners, praying that the weekly pension be increased by ten dollars above the Consumer Price Index.

Mr M. J. Ferguson, from 462 petitioners, praying that the decision to withdraw Commonwealth funding to dental clinics be re-instated.

Mr Lieberman, from 462 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Jull, from 126 petitioners, praying that screening of the film *The Craft* be disallowed.

Mr Jull, from 32 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken in relation to the conflict in Sri Lanka.

Mr Jull, from 18 residents of Queensland, praying that the Euthanasia Laws Bill be supported.

Mr Lee, from 4729 petitioners, praying that The Entrance, NSW, Medicare Office not close.

Mr Lee, from 407 petitioners, praying that all resolutions of the Australian Police Ministers' Council Special Firearms Meeting, May 1996, be adopted.

Mr Lloyd, from 15 petitioners, praying that the proposed removal of operational assistance from Family Day Care not be endorsed.

Mr McLeay, from 622 residents of Canterbury City Council, NSW, praying that aircraft be stopped from flying over Canterbury City and certain other action be taken in relation to aircraft noise.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 417 electors of the Division of Shortland, praying that the Belmont, NSW, Medicare Office remain open.

Mr Quick, from 85 residents of Tasmania, praying that full funding to Ausmusic be reinstated.

Mr Williams, from 149 petitioners, praying that certain legislative action be taken to prevent the transmission of indecent or obscene material on the information superhighway.

Petitions received.

#### 15 MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Mr Langmore completed his speech on the motion—That this House expresses its concern about the high level of concentration of media ownership in Australia and current threats to what limited diversity remains, and urges the Government to resolutely oppose any changes which would narrow the structure of ownership even further.

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.

#### 16 ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR VETERANS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES

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

- (1) recognise that veterans with psychiatric disabilities have problems in accessing public transport;
- (2) vary the medical criteria that are set out in section 104 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* regarding the recreational transport allowance to include a category that would extend the allowance to veterans with psychiatric disabilities; and
- (3) develop specifically identified other categories where service related disability inhibits travel on public transport that will allow a lower rate to veterans.

Debate ensued.

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

#### 17 EUTHANASIA LAWS BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr K. J. Andrews moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

*Papers:* Mr Dondas, by leave, presented the following papers:

Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996—Copies of—

Brief to counsel to advise from Meredith Harrison, Solicitor for the Northern Territory, to Mr David Bennett, QC.

Legal opinion by Tom Pauling, QC, Solicitor-General of the Northern Territory, 16 September 1996.

Letters from Rex Wild, Director of Public Prosecutions, Northern Territory to the Hon. Denis Burke, MLA, Attorney-General, Northern Territory Government, 13 September and 28 October 1996.

Memorandum of advice by Mr David Bennett, QC, 12 September 1996.

*Northern Territory (Self Government) Act 1978*—Copy of letter from Jenny Blokland, Dean, Faculty of Law, Northern Territory University to Ms Meredith Harrison, Attorney-General's Department, Darwin, 16 September 1996.

*Northern Territory Rights of the Terminally Ill Act 1995*—Copy of letter from Clare Nairn, Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister to Ms Lynda F. Cracknell, President, NT Voluntary Euthanasia Society Inc., 9 February 1996.

Mr Dondas moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading as it is of the opinion that to do so would be inappropriate given the conventions of self government, the judicial finding that voluntary euthanasia is a matter within the legislative and executive powers of the self governing Northern Territory and that such legislation would be within the capacity of the States and other self governing Territories of Australia”.

Debate continued.

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

Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996—Impact on Northern Territory legislation—Copy of advice by T. E. F. Hughes, QC, 22 October 1996.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the remainder of the second reading stage up to but not including the putting of any questions at the conclusion of the debate was referred to the Main Committee in accordance with the resolution of the House of 8 October 1996.

## 18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Brough moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Longman 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 by omitting paragraphs (2) to (5) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- (2) at the conclusion of the proceedings on the bill in the House on Monday, 28 October 1996, the bill being referred to a select committee appointed by this resolution to consider the bill, to report to the House by Friday, 28 February 1997; and

- (3) other elements relating to the powers and proceedings of the select committee appointed by paragraph (2) being proposed in a subsequent resolution.

Debate ensued.

Mr S. F. Smith moved, as an amendment—That all words after “prevent” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Member for Perth from moving the following motion forthwith:

That those provisions of the resolution of the House of 8 October 1996 relating to the Euthanasia Laws Bill 1996 which have not yet had effect are to have no effect and all further proceedings on the Bill shall be conducted in the House for the reasons that the House recognises:

- (a) the need to ensure the issues raised by the Bill are the subject of national discussion led by the House of Representatives;
- (b) the public concern, especially among Territorians, that consideration of the Bill as currently proposed would substantially occur outside the House itself; and
- (c) the course of action proposed for the Bill which has not yet had effect is contrary to all established rules and practices covering the operation of the House and its Main Committee”.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 49

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



## NOES, 87

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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

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

## AYES, 35

Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Nehl
Mr Barresi	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Broadbent	Mrs Gallus	Mr Langmore	Mr Price
Mr Brough	Mrs Gash	Mr Latham*	Mr Prosser
Mr Brown	Mr Georgiou	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
Mr Dondas	Mr Hardgrave	Mr McMullan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Elson	Mr Hatton	Mr Moore	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Entsch	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tuckey
Mr G. J. Evans	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nairn*	

## NOES, 100

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ruddock
Mr Adams	Mrs Draper	Mr Lee	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Ms Ellis	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sercombe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr McDougall	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Beazley	Ms Gambaro	Mr McLeay	Mrs Stone
Mr Beddall	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Marek	Mr Tanner
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mr Griffin	Mr Miles	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Bishop	Ms Hanson	Mr Mossfield	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mr Hawker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman*	Mr Hicks	Mr Mutch	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mrs Johnston	Mr O'Connor	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Jones	Mr Pyne	Mr Wilton
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Crean	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mrs Crosio	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

## 19 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr A. C. Smith to be a member of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in place of Mr Broadbent, not Mrs Johnston in place of Mr Broadbent as the House was informed on 9 October 1996.

## 20 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.

## 21 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:

25 October 1996—Message—

No. 54—

Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding 1996.

Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Amendment 1996.

Cattle Export Charges Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

Cattle Transaction Levy Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

Laying Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

Live-stock Export Charge Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

Meat Chicken Levy Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment (AAHC) 1996.

No. 55—Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment 1996.

No. 56—Statute Law Revision 1996.

## 22 NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST OF AUSTRALIA BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Lawrence, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn and redrafted to provide, in the interest of certainty, for \$1 billion from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be credited upon enactment to the Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Reserve”—

Debate resumed.

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, 80

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

## NOES, 40

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

## AYES, 80

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

## NOES, 41

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

\* Tellers

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 53, dated 24 June 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Dr Lawrence, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 3, omit the second dot point of the simplified outline.

Page 3, line 11, omit “Australia’s natural capital infrastructure”, substitute “Australia’s natural environment”.

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## 23 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

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

The Grand Plan—Asianisation of Australia: Race, place and power—Copy of paper by Denis McCormack, political researcher, Australians Against Further Immigration, 25 June 1996.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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## PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 October 1996:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Australian Space Council—Report for 1994-95.

Christmas Island Act—Casino Control Ordinance—Application for approval of a Casino Operation Agreement.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Exemptions—1996 Nos. CASA 18/1996, CASA 19/1996.

Part 105—Amendments 10, 11(2), 14, 15, 17(2) October 1996.

Part 106—Amendment 16 October 1996.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Utilities and Services Ordinance—Determination, 4 October 1996.

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1996 Nos. 22, 23.

Health Insurance Act—Health Insurance (Pathology—Licensed Collection Centres) Determination (No. 7).

Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Orders Nos. M76/96, MQ69/96.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1996 Nos. 176, 181, 188, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, LES 30, LES 31, LES 32.

Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act—Determination 1996 No. 1.

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determination 1996 No. 1.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mrs D. A. Kelly, Mr Reid, Dr Southcott and Mr Willis.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives