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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1996

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

2 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

3 IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES BILL 1996

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose import processing charges in respect of certain goods imported into Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

4 CUSTOMS DEPOT LICENSING CHARGES BILL 1996

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose charges in relation to the licensing of depots under the *Customs Act 1901*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

5 STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT (WAITING PERIOD) BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 88

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

NOES, 42

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

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

6 HINDMARSH ISLAND BRIDGE BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the Bill—

Clauses 1 and 2 together further debated, and agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Melham moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

2A Racial Discrimination Act to prevail

- (1) For the avoidance of doubt, it is expressly declared to be the intention of the Parliament that the terms of the Racial Discrimination Act shall prevail over the provisions of this Act.
- (2) Nothing in this Act shall be taken to authorise any conduct, whether legislative, executive or judicial, that is inconsistent with the operation of the Racial Discrimination Act.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the new clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

AYES, 43

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

NOES, 86

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause 3 agreed to, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7 BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House rejects outright the Government’s failure to develop and implement a policy for Australian manufacturing industry, and is of the view that because of the inevitable impact this bill will have on employment the bill would be more appropriately referred to as the Bounty Legislation (Export of Australian Jobs) Amendment Bill”.

Debate continued.

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.

8 MR ALBERT (TED) MATTHEWS—100TH BIRTHDAY

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, referred to the 100th birthday on 11 November 1996 of Mr Albert (Ted) Matthews, the last survivor of the original landing on the beaches at Gallipoli. Mr Howard stated that he would convey the good wishes, thanks, affection and gratitude of all Members to Mr Matthews when he calls on him.

Mr G. J. Evans (Acting Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.

9 PAPERS

Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by indulgence, added to an answer given during question time on 6 November 1996 and presented the following papers:

Airline industry—Small operations—Copies of letters from—

Mrs Jill Ingles to Mr Sharp, 10 April 1996.

Mr John Wallis, Senior Adviser, Office of the Minister for Transport and Regional Development to Mrs Ingles, 12 July 1996.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker referred to the matter raised on 6 November 1996 by Dr Theophanous concerning a letter which Dr Theophanous had received on immigration and related matters and which contained a threat against him.

The Speaker stated that he had met with Dr Theophanous, that he had examined the letter, which was irrational and offensive, but it was anonymous and in the circumstances he would not allow precedence to a motion on the matter.

The Speaker further stated that Dr Theophanous informed him that other Members had received similar letters and telephone calls and this may pose a challenge to Members in the performance of their duties. The Speaker asked Members who had received such letters or calls to contact his office and said he would then decide whether to recommend further action.

12 PAPERS

Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by indulgence, added to an answer given during question time on 6 November 1996 and presented the following papers:

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Alleged action of Mr Marek, MP—Copies of—

Notes on counselling session held in Rockhampton, 30 September 1996.

Letters from—

George Ivory, District Airworthiness Manager to Mr Marek, 30 October 1996.

Mr Marek to Mr Ivory, 30 September 1996.

Memoranda from—

Peter Bryant to George Ivory, 29 July and 7 October 1996.

John Pike to Johnathan Aleck, 20 June 1996.

Note for file by DAM, 3 September 1996.

Questions without notice—Minister's briefing paper, 7 November 1996.

13 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—PERFORMANCE AUDIT—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Performance audit—Human resource management in the Australian National Audit Office—Report of the independent auditor, October 1996.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the performance audit report of the independent auditor on human resource management in the Australian National Audit Office; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

14 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

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

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during September 1996.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Australian Securities Commission—Report—For 1995-96.

Investigation into the affairs of the New South Wales Aboriginal Legal Service, 11 October 1996.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1995-96—Errata.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for 1995-96.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Social Security and the Data-matching Agency—Report on progress, 1995-96.

Development Allowance Authority Act—Development Allowance Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Industrial Relations Act—Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 1995-96.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—8th report, for 1995-96.

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Warehouse to wharf: Efficiency of the interface between seaports and land

transport—Final report, 20 November 1995—Government response, October 1996.

Wool International Act—Wool International—Report for 1995-96.

15 AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House authorises the publication of the report by the Australian Securities Commission under section 17 of the ASC law about its investigation into the affairs of the New South Wales Aboriginal Legal Service.

Question—put and passed.

16 PAPERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—

Opposition to uranium mining (Mr E. H. Cameron, 3012 petitioners).

Opposition to closure of The Entrance Medicare office (Mr Lee, 10 petitioners).

Opposition to closure of Medicare offices, in particular the office in Kingaroy and other rural communities (Mr Slipper, 3349 petitioners).

Opposition to closure of Medicare offices (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, 1099 petitioners).

Support for gun control (Mr Billson, 27 petitioners).

Request for maintenance of direct public funding for early childhood centres (Mr Anthony, 115 petitioners).

Support for the fight for international human rights and freedom for soldiers missing in action (Mr Jull, 387 petitioners).

Support for triennial funding and services of the ABC (Mr Nehl, 3715 petitioners).

Support for maintenance of the current ABC charter, funding and staffing levels (Mr Lee, 20 petitioners).

Opposition to the removal of operational assistance from children's services (Mr Lee, 45 petitioners).

17 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 18 November 1996, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

18 NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—60TH ANNIVERSARY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the 60th anniversary of the National Health and Medical Research Council.

Mr Lee, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY AND JOBS OUTLOOK

The House was informed that Mr G. J. Evans (Acting Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The deterioration of the Australian economy, and particularly the outlook for jobs, under Coalition management".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr G. J. Evans addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that Senator Bolkus had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority, and that Senator Gibbs had been appointed a member of the committee—6 November 1996—Message No. 88.
- (b) acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed with the resolution of the House relating to an amendment to the procedures for the meetings of the two houses on 20 November 1996 to receive an address by the President of the United States of America—7 November 1996—Message No. 89.
- (c) returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 7 November 1996—Message—
 - No. 90—Social Security Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1996.
 - No. 91—CFM Sale 1996.

21 WOOL INTERNATIONAL AMENDMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Second Deputy Speaker reported that the Wool International Amendment 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 Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—4TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 4TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 15 October 1996, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1995-96.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Reports for 1995-96—

Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Administrative Review Council.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1995 to 31 May 1996.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act—National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 1995-96.

Air Services Act—Airservices Australia—Report for period 6 July 1995 to 30 June 1996.

ANL Act—ANL Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1995-96.

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report for 1995-96.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Antarctic Foundation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Reports for 1995-96—

Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council.

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Planning Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Film Commission Act—Australian Film Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1995-96.

Report for 1995-96—Errata.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act—Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 1995-96.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—Report for 1995—Volumes 1, 2 and 3.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Space Council Act—Australian Space Council—Report for 1994-95.

Report for 1995-96.

Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 1995-96.

Australian War Memorial Act—Australian War Memorial—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Act—Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation—Report for 1995-96.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1995-96.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1995-96—Erratum.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1995-96.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for period 6 July 1995 to 30 June 1996.

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Report for 1995-96.

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 1995-96, incorporating a report on the administration and operation of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Commonwealth Funds Management Limited Act—Commonwealth Funds Management Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board—Report for 1995-96.

Copyright Act—Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1995-96.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1995-96.

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Report for 1995-96 [24th].

Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1995-96.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Data-matching program—Reports for 1995-96—

Commissioner of Taxation.

Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Department of Housing and Regional Development—Financial statements for period 1 July 1995 to 10 March 1996.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1995-96.

Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist—Report for 1995-96.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Family Law Act—Reports for 1995-96—

Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Family Court of Australia.

Family Law Council.

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 1995-96.

- Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1995-96.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1995-96.
- Health Insurance Act—Professional Services Review—Report for 1995-96.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1995-96.
- Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1995-96.
- Housing Assistance Act—Report for 1995-96 on the operation of the 1989 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 1995-96.
- Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- Industry Research and Development Act—Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1995-96.
- Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Reports for 1995-96—
Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation.
Meat Industry Council.
- Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No. 1—Report for 1995-96.
- National Food Authority Act—National Food Authority—Report for 1995-96.
- National Health Act—Private Health Insurance Complaints Commissioner—
Report for period 1 October 1995 to 30 June 1996.
- National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1995.
- National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1995-96.
- National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Worksafe Australia)—Report for 1995-96.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian Nature Conservation Agency—Report for 1995-96.
- National Residue Survey Administration Act—National Residue Survey—
Report for 1995-96.
- National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Report for 1995-96.

- Native Title Act—National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 1995-96.
- Pig Industry Act—Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 1995-96.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Reports for 1995-96—
- Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- Dairy Research and Development Corporation.
- Dried Fruits Research and Development Council and Dried Fruits Research and Development Council Selection Committee.
- Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation.
- Grains Research and Development Corporation and Grains Research and Development Corporation Committee.
- Grains Research and Development Corporation and Grains Research and Development Corporation Committee—Addendum.
- Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation and Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- Pig Research and Development Corporation and Pig Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation and Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- Sugar Research and Development Corporation and Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Reports for 1995-96 on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund.
- Public Lending Right Act—Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 1995-96.
- Public Service Act—Reports for 1995-96—
- Defence.
- Department of Administrative Services.
- Department of Communications and the Arts.
- Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
- Department of Finance.
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
- Department of Health and Family Services, including report on the administration and operation of the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service, the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Australian Government Health Service.
- Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, including a report on the Adult Migrant English Program under the Immigration (Education) Act and a statement under the Australian Citizenship Act.
- Department of Industrial Relations, incorporating a report on the operation of Part V of the Industrial Relations Act.

Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

Department of Social Security.

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories, including reports on the operation of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act and the Ozone Protection Act.

Department of the Parliamentary Library.

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

Department of the Treasury.

Department of Transport and Regional Development.

Joint House Department.

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1995-96.

Public Service and Merit Protection Commission—Reports for 1995-96, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection and Review Agency in accord with the Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act.

Royal Australian Mint—Report for 1995-96.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report for 1995-96, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Comcare Australia, including the reports of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and QWL Corporation Pty Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 1995-96.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1995-96.

Special Broadcasting Service Act—Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 1995-96.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act—Reports on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1995.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 1995-96.

Superannuation Act 1976—CSS Board—Report for 1995-96.

Superannuation Act 1990—PSS Board—Report for 1995-96.

Taxation—Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1995-96.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Report for 1995-96.

Telstra Corporation Act—Telstra—Report for 1995-96.

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Marketing Advisory Committee—Report for period 1 January to 3 July 1996.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 1995-96.

War Crimes Act—Report for 1995-96.

Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1995-96.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

7 November 1996

Mr Lieberman, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

23 BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Crean, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House rejects outright the Government’s failure to develop and implement a policy for Australian manufacturing industry, and is of the view that because of the inevitable impact this bill will have on employment the bill would be more appropriately referred to as the Bounty Legislation (Export of Australian Jobs) Amendment Bill”—

Debate resumed.

Mr M. J. Evans addressing the House—

24 ADJOURNMENT

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 18 November 1996, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 November 1996:

Australian War Memorial Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 243.

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 242.

- Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 240.
- Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 228.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 Nos. 224, 225, 226.
- Extradition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 227.
- Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 Nos. 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236.
- International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 229.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section 125.
- Prawn Boat Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 238.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 239.
- Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 244.
- Public Service Act—Determinations 1996 Nos. 203, 204, 208, 209.
- Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1996 Nos. 13, 14.
- Sales Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 241.
- Student and Youth Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 245.
- Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 237.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Brereton, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mr Fischer, Mr Jones, Mr Reid* and Mr Willis*.

* On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives

1996

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 49

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1996

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 WOOL INTERNATIONAL AMENDMENT BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 10.59 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 11.12 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: At 11.52 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 12.11 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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 EUTHANASIA LAWS BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Dondas, viz.*—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 resumed.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Charles, the Main Committee adjourned at 1.04 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Thursday, 21 November 1996, at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee