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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 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 MOVEMENT BY MEMBER DURING DIVISION—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning the movement by Mr Nehl during a division on 19 November 1996.

Mr Crean, Mr Reith (Leader of the House), Mr Filing and Mr Price, by indulgence, also made statements in relation to the matter.

3 FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

4 PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Reith (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act 1922*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

5 COMMONWEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY AGENCY BILL 1996

Mr Ruddock (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an agency for the provision of certain Commonwealth services, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

6 TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION BILL 1996

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology), for Mr Moore (Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the recognition within Australia of regulatory standards adopted in New Zealand regarding goods and occupations.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

7 AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australia New Zealand Food Authority Act 1991*.

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

8 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 development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Tindal, NT (3rd report of 1996).

Ordered to be printed.

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

9 FAMILY LAW 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.

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.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr K. J. Thomson, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy)—

Mr Anderson presented the following papers:

Chicken meat imports—Copies of articles—

Chicken imports pressure heats up from *The Land*, 30 May 1996.

Member for Hunter by Joel Fitzgibbon from the *Quirindi Advocate*, 27 November 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

11 PAPERS AND TAPE RECORDING

Mr Costello (Treasurer), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Australian dollar—Evans says dollar fall is reason for interest rate cut—Copy of transcript from 2UE News, 4 December 1996.

Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented:

Australian dollar—Doorstop interview with Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Treasurer, Gareth Evans, 4 December 1996—

Transcript.

Tape recording.

12 MEMBER ORDERED TO WITHDRAW

At 3.26 p.m. the Member for Werriwa (Mr Latham) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for 1 hour for continuing to interject after having been requested not to do so, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1995-96.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Ltd—Report for 1995-96.

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—Opposition to the closure of Medicare offices (Mr M. A. J. Vaile, 811 petitioners).

Opposition to the proposed Medicare rebate changes for psychiatric patients (Mr Lee, 22 petitioners).

Opposition to the proposed Medicare rebate reductions for subsequent services to psychiatric patients (Mr Lee, 13 petitioners).

Request for Government financial assistance for the Bone Marrow Donor Institute Cord Blood Bank (Mr Reith, 19536 petitioners).

Request for maintenance of the Commonwealth Employment Service (Ms Macklin, 93 petitioners).

Support for gun control (Mr Billson, 78 petitioners).

Small business in Australia—Annual review by the Department of Industry, Science and Tourism, November 1996.

Treaties—List of multilateral treaty action under negotiation or consideration by the Australian Government.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NURSING HOME ENTRY FEES

The House was informed that Ms Macklin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The ongoing anxiety being caused to elderly Australians, including thousands of veterans, from the revelation by the Government that they will either have to sell their family homes or pay additional fees to obtain entry to nursing homes”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Paper: Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services) presented the following paper:

Innovation in aged and community care—Extract from *Australia's Health*.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Crean moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Hotham from moving the following motion forthwith—That the House orders that the *Votes and Proceedings* of the House of Representatives for Tuesday, 19 November 1996 be amended in respect of the division on the motion to suspend standing and sessional orders—closure of question moved by the Parliamentary Secretary

(Cabinet) to the Prime Minister, in which the Member for Cowper is recorded as purportedly voting with the “Ayes”, for the following reasons:

- (1) Standing order 202 clearly indicates that, after tellers have been appointed for a division, no Member may move from his or her place until the result of the division is announced.
- (2) The fact that the Member for Cowper moved from the area to the left of the Chair (voting with the “Noes”) to the area to the right of the Chair (voting with the “Ayes”) after tellers were appointed is clearly made out by:
 - (a) the video tape record of the division in question;
 - (b) observation of those in the Chamber at the time, including the Members for Hotham and Chifley, who raised points of order immediately;
 - (c) the Member for Cowper’s unreserved apology for the incident on 21 November 1996; and
 - (d) the Speaker’s comment on 4 December 1996 that “The honourable Member for Cowper has unreservedly apologised to the House for moving late in the piece”.
- (3) The fact that the Member for Cowper has unreservedly apologised does not bring the matter to a close as:
 - (a) the Member for Hotham has, on a number of occasions, asked for the provisions of standing order 202 to be enforced, and for an apology; only one aspect of the request has been met; and
 - (b) the admission of liability constituted by the apology leaves the question of standing order 202 and the record of proceedings undetermined.
- (4) The House expects exemplary behaviour in observance of the requirements of the standing and sessional orders by the Member for Cowper, who, as the Deputy Speaker, is a senior office-holder and consequently whose actions should be accurately recorded.
- (5) The *Votes and Proceedings* constitute the official record of proceedings of the House, and, if not amended to reflect events, they will remain as an inaccurate record of what occurred in the House on Tuesday, 19 November 1996.
- (6) At a time of professions of increased parliamentary probity, it is blatantly incongruous for the official record to be left to remain at variance with events in the House.

Closure of Member: Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 85

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

NOES, 40

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McLeay (seconder) addressing the House—

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 84

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

NOES, 41

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Pricé
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brown	Ms Hanson	Mr McMullan	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	

* 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 Second Deputy Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 41

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

NOES, 85

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

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

3 December 1996—Message No. 73—

Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 1) 1996.

States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment 1996.

18 ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (DANGEROUS GOODS) AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Latham moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Werriwa from moving the following motion forthwith—That the House agrees that the Hansard debates should record, as per the Hansard log book and advice of the Chief Hansard Reporter, that the correct interjection of the Member for Werriwa in debate on 5 November 1996 at page 6349 was “It’s not your role to speak for the Aboriginal people”.

Closure of Member: Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 80

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

NOES, 38

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Melham (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 80

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

NOES, 38

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

AYES, 37

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

NOES, 80

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

20 ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (HEAVY VEHICLES REGISTRATION) BILL 1996

Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for registration of heavy vehicles and for related matters as part of the system of nationally consistent road transport laws.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

21 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*.

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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to human rights, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

23 CRIMES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to crimes and other matters, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

24 FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

25 RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS BILL 1996

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for retirement savings accounts, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

26 RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1996

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts because of the enactment of the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

27 RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS SUPERVISORY LEVY BILL 1996

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on the lodgment of certain returns under the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1996*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

28 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION BILL 1996

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Productivity Commission, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

29 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION (REPEALS, TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1996

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Economic Planning Advisory Commission Act 1983* and the *Industry Commission Act 1989*, to deal with transitional and consequential matters arising from the repeals and from the enactment of the *Productivity Commission Act 1996*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

30 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Cadman (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform—Standing Committee—Report on an inquiry into Australia Post: Rural and remote letter service delivery—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate; and

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report—Guarding the independence of the Auditor-General—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

31 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1996

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

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

32 EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION CHARGES) BILL 1996

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

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

33 EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

34 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 December 1996:

Bankruptcy Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 252.

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 Nos. 257, 258, 259.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 251.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 253.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 254.

Industrial Relations Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 262.

Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 260.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination 1996 No. 2.

National Health Act—
Declaration 1996 No. PB 20.

Determination 1996 No. PB 19.

Rules 1996 No. PB 18.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1996 Nos. 191, 210, 213, 214, 215, 217, 218.

Student and Youth Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 255.

Wheat Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1996 No. 256.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fischer, Mr Holding, Dr Kemp, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Reid*, Mr S. F. Smith, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner and Mr Willis*.

* On leave

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 1996

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 **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.

Suspension of sitting: At 1.04 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At 4.32 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: At 4.42 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 5.12 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: At 5.13 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 5.48 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Worth, the Main Committee adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

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

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee