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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 1997

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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House calls on the Prime Minister to come into the House to clear the record on when he became aware that he had misled the public on Tuesday's Ray Martin program.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr McDougall	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Gallus	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
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Mrs Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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## NOES, 43

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Thephanous
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Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Crean (seconder) addressing the House—

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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And so it was negatived.

### 3 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 5 February 1997, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 11.05 a.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 5 February 1997.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

### 4 STANDING ORDERS—AMENDMENTS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following amendments to the standing orders be made:

(1) Omit standing order 226 and substitute the following standing order:

*Order in considering bill*

**226.** The following order shall be observed in considering a bill in detail:

1. Clauses as printed and new clauses, in their numerical order.
2. Schedules as printed and new schedules, in their numerical order.
3. Postponed clauses (not having been specially postponed until after certain other clauses).
4. Preamble.

5. Title.

Provided that—

- (a) in considering an Appropriation or Supply Bill, any schedule expressing the services for which the appropriation is to be made shall be considered before the clauses and, unless the House otherwise orders, that schedule shall be considered by proposed expenditures in the order in which they are shown;
- (b) in considering a bill to impose taxation, any schedule shall be considered before the clauses; and
- (c) in considering an amending bill, the schedules shall be considered in their numerical order before the clauses. When such a schedule is considered, items within the schedule shall be considered in their numerical order. Consecutive items which amend the same section of an Act shall, unless the House otherwise orders, be considered together. For the purpose of this paragraph an amending bill is one whose principal purpose is to amend an existing Act or Acts.

In reconsidering any bill the order set out above shall be followed.

- (2) Standing order 65 (Member not to speak twice):

Add at the end: “or consideration of amendments to a bill made or requested by the Senate.”.

- (3) Standing order 68 (reply closes debate):

Add at the end: “or consideration of amendments to a bill made or requested by the Senate.”.

- (4) Standing order 86 (matters not open to debate):

Omit paragraph (j).

- (5) Standing order 232 (motions need not be seconded):

After “detail” insert “, or during consideration of amendments to a bill made or requested by the Senate,”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**5 CHARTER OF BUDGET HONESTY 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.

**6 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**7 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Copyright Act—Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner—Report—State of the nation: People of non-English speaking backgrounds, 1996.

**8 FEDERAL RACE DISCRIMINATION COMMISSIONER—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

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

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner—Report—State of the nation: People of non-English speaking backgrounds, 1996.

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

**9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA'S SHARE OF WORLD TRADE IN MANUFACTURED AND VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS**

The House was informed that Mr S. F. Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The importance to economic and employment growth of Australia increasing its share of world trade in manufactured and value added products".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

6 February 1997—Message No. 129—Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1996.

**11 SYDNEY 2000 GAMES (INDICIA AND IMAGES) PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Sydney 2000 Games (Indicia and Images) Protection 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 Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MARINE PERSONNEL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996**

Message No. 128, dated 6 February 1997, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation relating to transport, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**13 CHARTER OF BUDGET HONESTY 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.

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

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 130, dated 6 February 1997, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Bourne had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, and Senator Murray had been appointed a member of the committee.

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5.58 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

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**PAPER**

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 6 February 1997:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section 40.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cobb, Mr Downer, Mr Fahey, Mr Forrest, Miss J. M. Kelly, Mr Quick and Mrs West.

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**L. M. BARLIN**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives



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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 1997**

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1 The Main Committee met at 10.01 a.m.

**2 SYDNEY 2000 GAMES (INDICIA AND IMAGES) PROTECTION 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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**3 ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (DANGEROUS GOODS) 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.

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

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Sinclair, the Main Committee adjourned at 1 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 12 February 1997, at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the Main Committee