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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 93

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 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—BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent a Minister making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of the Aged Care Bill 1997, the Aged Care (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1997 and the Aged Care (Compensation Amendments) Bill 1997.

Debate ensued.

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 9.54 a.m. the Member for Prospect (Mrs Crosio) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 83

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

## NOES, 45

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

### 3 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government) declared that the Aged Care Bill 1997, the Aged Care (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1997 and the Aged Care (Compensation Amendments) Bill 1997 were urgent Bills.

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

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

## AYES, 71

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Mutch	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Ms Worth*
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Zammit
Mr Charles	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 44

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Allotment of time*

Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services) moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) Aged Care Bill 1997—
  - (a) For the second reading, until noon this day.
  - (b) For the consideration in detail stage, until 4.30 p.m. this day.
  - (c) For the remaining stages, until 4.40 p.m. this day.
- (2) Aged Care (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1997—For the remaining stages, until 5 p.m. this day.
- (3) Aged Care (Compensation Amendments) Bill 1997—For the remaining stages, until 5.20 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

#### 4 AGED CARE BILL 1997

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.

##### *Limitation of debate*

At noon, the time allotted for the second reading having expired—

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

##### *Messages from the Governor-General*

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 147, dated 30 April 1997, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 148, dated 28 May 1997, recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments to the Bill.

##### *Consideration in detail*

Clauses 1-1 to 4-1, by leave, taken together.

Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 1-2—

Page 2 (line 2), omit subclause (1).

Page 2 (lines 5 and 6), omit “if this Act does not receive the Royal Assent before 1 July 1997;”.

##### *Paper*

Mrs Moylan presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Amendments agreed to.

Ms Macklin moved the following amendment: Clause 1-2, page 2 (lines 7 and 8), omit “on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation”, substitute “on 1 January 1998”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Ms Macklin, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 2-1—

Page 4 (lines 5 to 13), omit paragraph (a), substitute:

- (a) to provide for funding of \*aged care that ensures that the care provided:
  - (i) is of a high quality;

- (ii) is of a type and level appropriate to the needs of the people who require care;
- (iii) is available to the people who require care, irrespective of their capacity to pay for that care;
- (iv) results in appropriate outcomes for the people receiving the care;

Page 4 (line 14), omit “a high quality of care”, substitute “a high quality of nursing and personal care”.

Page 5 (after line 14), after paragraph (j), insert:

- ;(k) to ensure that providers of care are accountable for the funding they receive and for the outcomes of the people who receive aged care services.

Page 5 (lines 15 to 19), omit subclause (2).

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.

## 5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 2.38 p.m. the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 2.57 p.m. the Member for Newcastle (Mr A. A. Morris) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for refusing to resume his seat when directed to do so by the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

## 6 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 36 of 1996-97—Performance audit—Commonwealth natural resource management and environment programs: Australia's land, water and vegetation resources.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 36 of 1996-97; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

## 7 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 16 June 1997, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

## 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MANUFACTURING JOBS

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to protect manufacturing jobs particularly in regional Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## 9 AGED CARE BILL 1997

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

Clauses 1-1 to 4-1—

Debate resumed on the clauses and on the amendments moved together by Ms Macklin, viz.:

Clause 2-1—

Page 4 (lines 5 to 13), omit paragraph (a), substitute:

- (a) to provide for funding of \*aged care that ensures that the care provided:
  - (i) is of a high quality;
  - (ii) is of a type and level appropriate to the needs of the people who require care;
  - (iii) is available to the people who require care, irrespective of their capacity to pay for that care;
  - (iv) results in appropriate outcomes for the people receiving the care;

Page 4 (line 14), omit “a high quality of care”, substitute “a high quality of nursing and personal care”.

Page 5 (after line 14), after paragraph (j), insert:

- ;(k) to ensure that providers of care are accountable for the funding they receive and for the outcomes of the people who receive aged care services.

Page 5 (lines 15 to 19), omit subclause (2).

Amendments negatived.

Ms Macklin moved the following amendment: Clause 4-1, page 9, (lines 4 and 5), omit “except as provided in an agreement under section 4-2”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4-2 and 4-3, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as whole—

On the motion of Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 23-1, page 84 (line 4), omit “or community care”, substitute “, community care or flexible care”.

Clause 23-3, page 84 (after line 26), at the end of the clause, add:

- (3) A person’s approval lapses if the person ceases, in the circumstances specified in the Approval of Care Recipients Principles, to be provided with the care in respect of which he or she is approved.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a person is not taken to cease to be provided with residential care merely because he or she is on \*leave under section 42-2.

Clause 29-2, page 101 (lines 22 to 24), omit the clause, substitute:

**29-2 Date of effect of change**

A change of a classification is taken to have had effect:

- (a) if the classification took effect less than 6 months before the Secretary gives written notice of the change to the approved provider—from the day on which the classification took effect; or
- (b) in any other case—from the day that occurred 6 months before the day on which the Secretary gives the notice.

Clause 42-1—

Page 141 (line 27), omit “subject to subsection (3)”, substitute “subject to subsections (3) and (4)”.

Page 142 (after line 3), insert:

- (4) Paragraph (2)(c) does not apply if:
  - (a) the care recipient is on \*leave under section 42-2 from the residential care service through which the approved provider provides residential care to the care recipient at a level that is not a \*high level of residential care; and

- (b) the care recipient's approval under Part 2.3 is not limited under subsection 22-2(3) so as to preclude any high level of residential care; and
- (c) the other approved provider is providing to the care recipient, on a temporary basis, a high level of residential care; and
- (d) the approved provider referred to in paragraph (a) is unable to provide that high level of residential care.

Clause 44-7, page 161 (line 6), after "residential care" (first occurring), insert "(other than \*respite care)".

Clause 44-8, page 162 (line 11), after "residential care" (first occurring), insert "(other than \*respite care)".

Clause 44-20—

Page 173 (line 21), omit "cost", substitute "future costs".

Page 174 (line 4), omit "cost", substitute "future costs".

Page 174 (line 7), omit "cost", substitute "future costs".

#### *Limitation of debate*

At 4.30 p.m., the time allotted for the consideration in detail stage having expired—

Question—That the remainder of the Bill, as amended, and the remaining amendments and new clause circulated by the Government be agreed to—put and passed.

The remaining amendments and new clause circulated by the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows:

#### *Amendments*

Clause 44-22, page 177 (lines 11 to 14), omit subclause (6), substitute:

- (6) The Secretary must notify the care recipient and the approved provider, in writing, of the Secretary's decision on whether to make the determination. The notice must be given:
  - (a) if an application for a determination was made under subsection (5)—within 28 days after the application was made, or, if the Secretary requested further information in relation to the application, within 28 days after receiving the information; or
  - (b) if such an application was not made—within 28 days after the decision is made.

Clause 44-28, page 182 (after line 8), after paragraph (b), insert:

- (ba) was provided with \*respite care; or

Clause 44-29, page 185 (lines 1 to 3), omit subclause (7), substitute:

- (7) The Secretary must notify the person, in writing, of the Secretary's decision on whether to make the determination. The notice must be given:



- (a) if an application for a determination was made under subsection (4)—within 28 days after the application was made, or, if the Secretary requested further information under subsection (5), within 28 days after receiving the information; or
- (b) if such an application was not made—within 28 days after the decision is made.

Clause 57-2, page 218 (after line 30), after paragraph (j), insert:

- (ja) the approved provider must not use the accommodation bond for a purpose that is not related to providing \*aged care to care recipients, or that does not comply with the prudential requirements (see section 57-3);

Clause 57-3, page 219 (lines 16 and 17), omit “the approved provider”, substitute “an organisation operating a specific prudential arrangement”.

Clause 57-4, page 219 (lines 18 to 24), omit the clause, substitute:

#### **57-4 General prudential requirements**

- (1) The User Rights Principles may specify the general prudential requirements for the purpose of:
  - (a) protecting the \*accommodation bond balances of care recipients; and
  - (b) enabling accommodation bond balances owed to care recipients and former care recipients to be refunded in a timely way.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the general prudential requirements may deal with all or any or the following matters:
  - (a) requiring approved providers to maintain a specified proportion of \*accommodation bond balances in a liquid and secure form;
  - (b) creation of a contributory fund for holding accommodation bond balances, and the appointment of people or organisations to operate the fund;
  - (c) requiring approved providers to maintain a specified proportion of accommodation bond balances in the contributory fund;
  - (d) ensuring the viability of the contributory fund through insurance or other arrangements;
  - (e) requiring approved providers to provide information of specified kinds to the contributory fund as required by the fund;
  - (f) requiring approved providers and the fund to provide information about the general prudential requirements to care recipients.

## Clause 57-5—

Page 219 (line 26) to page 220 (line 11), omit subclause (1), substitute:

- (1) The User Rights Principles may specify the criteria for the approval of prudential requirements relating to specific prudential arrangements.
- (1A) The Secretary must, on an organisation seeking to operate a specific prudential arrangement making an application under section 57-6, approve prudential requirements proposed by the organisation if the Secretary is satisfied that the prudential requirements meet the criteria specified in the User Rights Principles for the purposes of subsection (1).

Note: Rejections of applications are reviewable under Part 6.1.

Page 220 (lines 15 to 17), omit subclause (3), substitute:

- (3) In considering whether to approve the application, the Secretary must:
  - (a) have regard to the purposes referred to in subsection 57-4(1) in relation to the general prudential requirements; and
  - (b) comply with any requirements specified in the User Rights Principles.

Clause 57-6, page 220 (line 19), omit “An approved provider”, substitute “An organisation seeking to operate a specific prudential arrangement”.

## Clause 57-7—

Page 221 (line 7), omit “approved provider”, substitute “organisation”.

Page 221 (line 8), omit “approved provider”, substitute “organisation”.

Page 221 (line 11), omit “approved provider”, substitute “organisation”.

Page 221 (line 14), omit “approved provider”, substitute “organisation”.

Clause 57-8, page 221 (line 20), omit “approved provider”, substitute “organisation”.

Clause 58-3, page 238 (lines 7 to 9), omit subclause (2), substitute:

- (2) However, the *standard resident contribution* for a care recipient who:
  - (a) has a \*dependent child; or
  - (b) is being provided with \*respite care;
 is an amount equal to the \*standard pensioner contribution.

Clause 86-7, page 317 (line 26), omit “is guilty of an offence if the officer”, substitute “, the \*CEO or an \*employee of the \*Services Delivery Agency is guilty of an offence if he or she”.

## Clause 96-2—

Page 353 (line 6), at the end of subclause (1), add “, the regulations or any Principles made under section 96-1”.

Page 353 (line 13), omit paragraph (b), substitute:

- (b) the \*Repatriation Commission;

Page 354 (lines 6 and 7), omit “the Secretary to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs”, substitute “the \*Repatriation Commission”.

Page 354 (lines 14 to 19), omit subclause (7), substitute:

- (7) If, under paragraph (3)(a), the Secretary delegates a power mentioned in subsection (3) to the Secretary to the Department of Social Security, the Secretary to the Department of Social Security may, by writing, sub-delegate the power to all or any of the following:

- (a) an \*officer of that Department; or  
 (b) the \*CEO; or  
 (c) an \*employee of the \*Services Delivery Agency.

- (7A) If, under paragraph (3)(b) or subsection (4), the Secretary delegates a power mentioned in subsection (3) or (4) to the \*Repatriation Commission, the \*Repatriation Commission may, by writing, sub-delegate the power to any person to whom it may delegate powers under section 213 of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*.

*New clause*

Page 356 (after line 3), after clause 96-5, insert:

**96-5A Applications etc. on behalf of care recipients**

If this Act provides for a care recipient to make an application or give information, the application may be made or the information given by a person authorised to act on the care recipient’s behalf.

*Amendments*

Clause 96-9—

Page 357 (line 5), omit “Subsidies”, substitute “Subject to subsection (2), subsidies”.

Page 357 (after line 6), at the end of the clause, add:

- (2) This section does not apply to any amount payable in respect of treatment (within the meaning of Part V of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*) that the \*Repatriation Commission has arranged under section 84 of that Act.

Note: Under Part V of the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986*, the treatments that the \*Repatriation Commission can arrange could include the provision of \*aged care for which subsidy is payable under Chapter 3 of this Act.

Clause 96-10, page 357 (after line 11), insert:

- (1A) Subsection (1) applies to the performance of the Secretary’s functions, or the exercise of the Secretary’s powers, by the Secretary or by any person or body to whom functions or powers of

the Secretary have been delegated or sub-delegated under this or any other Act.

Schedule 1—

Page 360 (lines 1 to 5), omit the definition of *adjusted subsidy place*, substitute:

*adjusted subsidy place* means a place included in a residential care service, or a part of a residential care service, that the Minister has determined under paragraph 44-19(1)(b) to be an adjusted subsidy residential care service.

Page 361 (after line 10), after the definition of *care*, insert:

*CEO* means the Chief Executive Officer of the \*Services Delivery Agency.

Page 362 (after line 9), after the definition of *distinct part*, insert:

*employee*, in relation to the \*Services Delivery Agency, has the same meaning as in the *Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act 1997*.

Page 363 (after line 3), after the definition of *flexible care subsidy*, insert:

*high level of residential care* means a level of residential care corresponding to a \*classification level applicable to residential care (other than a classification level applicable only to \*respite care) that is not lower than the mid-point of all such classification levels that could apply to residential care.

Page 365 (after line 11), after the definition of *relinquish*, insert:

*Repatriation Commission* means the Repatriation Commission continued in existence by section 179 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

Page 365 (line 22), at the end of the definition of *respite care*, add “However, it does not include residential care provided through a residential care service while the care recipient in question is on \*leave under section 42-2 from another residential care service.”.

Page 366 (after line 2), after the definition of *service pension*, insert:

*Services Delivery Agency* means the Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency established by the *Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act 1997*.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 82

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

## NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	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	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

\* Tellers

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

## 10 AGED CARE (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1997

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

## AYES, 80

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

## NOES, 43

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	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	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
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Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	

\* Tellers

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 149, dated 21 May 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Limitation of debate*

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

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

**11 AGED CARE (COMPENSATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1997**

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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), the Bill was read a third time.

**12 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 16 June 1997, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fischer, Mr Kerr, Mr Lieberman, Mr McDougall, Mrs Sullivan, Mr A. P. Thomson and Mr Williams.

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**L. M. BARLIN**  
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No. 93

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 1997

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.45 a.m.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 9.45 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 9.50 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

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2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1997-98—BUDGET DEBATE**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House notes that the Budget:

- (1) does nothing for jobs—the nation’s most overwhelming current economic and social problem;
- (2) squanders, by breaking the promise to introduce superannuation contributions, an historic opportunity to build a massive new private savings pool, and does so in a way that undercuts decent retirement incomes for lower and middle income earners;
- (3) continues the assault on families, the elderly and the needy;
- (4) contains many mindless and counter-productive cuts affecting the quality and decency of life in Australia, and harming our international reputation;



- (5) for all its cuts and destructive impact, did not meet the exaggerated expectations the Government had created as to the size of its deficit reduction achievements and projected future surpluses; and
- (6) has been characterised by even the Government's best friends as lacking in shape, direction and vision"—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 9.56 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 10.18 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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

### 3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile, the Main Committee adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Monday, 16 June 1997, at 8 p.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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