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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 109

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 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 **DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE ON BRADSHAW FIELD TRAINING AREA, NEAR TIMBER CREEK, NT—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of infrastructure on the Bradshaw Field Training Area, near Timber Creek, NT.

Question—put and passed.

3 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—INSTALLATION OF GLASS SAFETY BARRIERS TO VIEWING PORTS IN CURVED WALLS ON ROOF OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL**

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 2 September 1997, namely: Installation of glass safety barriers to the viewing ports in the curved walls on the roof of Parliament House.

Question—put and passed.

4 **SPEAKER'S RULING—DISSENT FROM RULING MOVED**

Mr Crean moving to suspend standing and sessional orders—

*Speaker's ruling*

The Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order as it was unnecessarily long and not a concise proposition for determination by the House.

*Dissent from ruling moved*

Mr Crean moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Mr McLeay rising to address the House—

*Closure*

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 82

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

NOES, 42

Mr Albanese	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 41

Mr Albanese	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Beddall	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Jones	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mr Dargavel	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Price	

## NOES, 84

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

## 5 STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE (SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT) 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.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Latham moved the following amendment: Schedule 1, item 1, page 3 (line 6), omit “Nothing”, substitute “For the period of 3 years beginning on the commencement of this subsection, nothing”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

## 6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Crean moved—That, in view of the urgency arising from the meeting of mayors convened today by the Prime Minister, to discuss the textiles, clothing and footwear industries, so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent calling on forthwith, order of the day No. 29, private Members' business, concerning the resumption of the debate on the Member for Indi's motion on the textile, clothing and footwear industries, in order that:

(1) the Member for Hotham may move to amend the motion by adding:

“the issue in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industries is not just about the tariff freeze—growing an export base depends on the continuation of the Import Credit Scheme or an equivalent; and

the Industry Commission's recommendations to end the Import Credit Scheme would be disastrous for new investment, new export opportunities and new jobs.”; and

(2) the House might come to a substantive decision on the matter today.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 77

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

## NOES, 41

Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Beddall	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Bevis	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Dargavel	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr O'Connor (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

Mr Jull moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper*
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Mr Taylor
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Barresi	Ms Gash	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile*
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	Mrs West
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Mr Bevis	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Dargavel	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Fitzgibbon rising to address the House—

*Closure*

Mr Jull moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper*
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Mr Taylor
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Naim	Mr Tuckey
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile*
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	Mrs West
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
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Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
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Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	
Mr Dargavel	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 42

Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Beddall	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
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Mr Crean	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
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Mr Dargavel	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
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Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper*
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Mr Taylor
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr Tuckey
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile*
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
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Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
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Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

## 7 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT 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 by Mr Latham who moved, as an amendment—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:

- (1) is of the opinion that TAFE has a vital role to play in providing employment skills and opportunities for lifelong learning; and
- (2) condemns the Government:
  - (a) for failing to properly support and resource TAFE in this important role, in direct contravention of its promises before the 1996 election;

- (b) for failing to meet its responsibility under the ANTA Agreement to fund vocational education and training growth on a continuing basis;
- (c) for cutting funding to vocational education and training at a time when demand already cannot be met; and
- (d) for imposing savage and unreasonable cost cutting on the TAFE sector in the name of efficiency”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 177, dated 4 June 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), Senator Vanstone (Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs) would be Acting Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) would answer questions on Mr Ruddock's behalf.

## 9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

## 10 PAPER

The following paper was presented:

Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and office holders—Travel expenditure 1996-97.

## 11 PAPER

The Deputy Speaker presented the following paper:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—A right to protest, May 1997—Presiding Officers' response.

## 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

The House was informed that Mr Latham had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to provide sufficient post-secondary education opportunities for young Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## 13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Dr Southcott to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in place of Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services).

## 14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 4 September 1997, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 302—States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment 1997.

No. 303—Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Collection) 1997.

No. 304—Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Imposition) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 305—Franchise Fees Windfall Tax (Consequential Amendments) 1997.

No. 306—Sales Tax (Customs) (Alcoholic Beverages) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 307—Sales Tax (Excise) (Alcoholic Beverages) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 308—Sales Tax (General) (Alcoholic Beverages) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 309—Sales Tax Assessment Amendment 1997.

No. 310—Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 311—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 312—Transport Legislation Amendment (Search and Rescue Service) 1997.

No. 314—Health Insurance (Pathology Services) Amendment 1997.

(b) acquainting the House of the following resolution agreed to by the Senate:

That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the Joint House Department for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the installation of glass safety barriers to the viewing ports in the curved walls on the roof of Parliament House, approved by the Presiding Officers on 28 April 1997 and presented to the Senate on 3 September 1997—Message No. 301.

**15 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—12TH REPORT**

Mr R. D. C. Evans presented the following paper:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 12TH 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 25 June 1997, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science, Technology and Engineering Council—Foundations for Australia's future: Science and technology in primary schools.

Christmas Island Act—Casino Control Ordinance—Casino Surveillance Authority and Casino Controller—Reports for 1995-96.

Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report for period 30 January 1996 to 29 January 1997.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—In the national interest: Australia's foreign and trade policy—White paper.

Fisheries Management Act—Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1995-96.

*Higher Education Funding Act 1988*—Determinations made under the Act—Report for 1996.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Reports—  
No. 52—The machine tools and robotics industries, 13 August 1996.

No. 54—Book printing, 23 October 1996.

No. 56—Medical and scientific equipment industries, 20 December 1996.

Managing the Parliament: The way ahead—Report by a working party to the heads of the parliamentary departments, 17 March 1997.

National Rail Corporation Agreement Act—National Rail Corporation Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act 1965—Report for 1996-97 on the operation of the Act.

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1996-97 of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

**LOU LIEBERMAN**

Chair

4 September 1997

Mr R. D. C. Evans, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

**16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**17 NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 1997**

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Native Title Act 1993*, 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 Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**18 NATIVE TITLE ACT—PROPOSED CHANGES—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE**

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That:

- (a) the proposed changes to the *Native Title Act 1993* and other Acts contained in the Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 presented to the House this day be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund for consideration and report to the House by 27 October 1997; and
- (b) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.

(2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this reference to the committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1997**

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 313

Mr Speaker

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for **An Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes**, and

acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MARGARET REID

President

The Senate

4 September 1997

Ordered—That the amendment be considered at the next sitting.

**20 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FOREIGN INCOME MEASURES) BILL 1997**

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

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

**21 ADJOURNMENT**

It being past 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, 22 September 1997, at 12.30 p.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 September 1997:

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 217, 218.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance 1997 No. 3.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 40—Amendment 29 August 1997.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 220.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance 1997 No.3.

Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 224.

Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 225.

- Insurance Contracts Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 226.  
Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 216.  
Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 227.  
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act and Wine Export Charge  
Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 219.  
*Superannuation Act 1976*—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 215.  
Superannuation Industry Supervision Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997  
No. 221.  
Tobacco Charges Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No.  
223.  
Wool Tax (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 222.
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#### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adams, Mrs Bishop, Mr R. A. Cameron, Mr G. J. Evans, Mr Hicks, Mr Nugent, Mr Ruddock, Mr W. L. Smith and Mrs Sullivan.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1996-97

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 109

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 1997**

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1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE—  
REPORT ON BUSINESS CONDUCT ISSUES ARISING OUT OF COMMERCIAL  
DEALINGS BETWEEN FIRMS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Reid—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 26 May 1997*), viz.:

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Finding a balance: Towards fair trading in Australia—Report, May 1997—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting:* At 10.13 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 10.28 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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*Suspension of sitting:* At 11.11 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 11.32 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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

**3 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE SEMINAR INTO ASPECTS OF YOUTH SUICIDE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 2 June 1997*), viz.:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Aspects of youth suicide—Summary report of a seminar, May 1997—

Debate resumed.

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

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee