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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 145

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 1998

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- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Right Honourable Ian Sinclair) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1998**
Mr Costello (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Monetary Agreements Act 1947*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Costello moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr M. J. Evans), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HEALTH CARE AGREEMENTS) BILL 1998**
Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
Dr Wooldridge presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr M. J. Evans), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**
Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to child support, 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. Evans), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Charles (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 356—Advisory report on the Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997, March 1998.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, Mr Beddall and Mr Griffin, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

6 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—ADDITIONAL DRINKING FOUNTAINS IN PUBLIC GARDENS AND ON TENNIS COURT PAVILIONS OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Somlyay (Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government), 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 March 1998, namely: Additional drinking fountains in the public gardens and on the tennis court pavilions of Parliament House.

Question—put and passed.

7 ANL SALE 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, 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 declines to give the Bill any further consideration until the Government provides guarantees to the Parliament that the sale of ANL will proceed on the basis that the company will continue to employ Australians in its operations”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 87

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

NOES, 44

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 87

Mr Andren	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sharp
Mr Anthony*	Mr Filing	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper*
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
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Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brown	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffin*	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Dargavel	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 241, 8 December 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (9) as circulated, together.

Paper

Mr Fahey presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Fahey, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8 CHILD CARE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998

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 Ms Macklin 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) its cuts to child care (\$820 million over two budgets, leading to increased fees and reduced childcare assistance, lower quality care, and closure of services);
- (2) the chaos it has brought on the industry (particularly outside school hours care) by its mismanagement of the payments arrangements, despite many warnings from the industry; and
- (3) in particular, the uncertainty it has caused the industry, first by changing its mind on the payment arrangements, and then by bringing forward an interim measure, so that the only certainty is that the system will change again within 30 months”.

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.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Crean, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Howard (Prime Minister)—

Mr Howard presented the following paper:

Standard and Poors—Comment on Australia—Question time brief.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr Crean, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Howard—

Mr Howard presented the following paper:

Parer Family Trust—Extract from letter addressed to Mr Howard from Senator Parer, 17 October 1997.

Questions without notice continued.

10 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House:

- (1) censures the Prime Minister:
 - (a) for his unwillingness to enforce proper standards in relation to his Resources and Energy Minister, who has breached the requirements of both the Prime Minister's Guidelines on Ministerial Conduct and the Senate's Register of Senators' Interests;
 - (b) for his approval of the arrangement whereby Senator Parer was allowed to continue to own—through a company of which he and his wife are the sole directors and owners—coal-mining shares worth in excess of \$2 million, despite the fact that this is likely to conflict with his public duty as Minister for Resources and Energy;
 - (c) for his approval of Senator Parer's failure to divest himself of shares, owned personally in QCMM Group (ESP) Pty Ltd, and through Investment Management Pty Ltd (IMPL) in Queensland Coal Mine Management Pty Ltd (and through that entity in a number of other companies in the area of his portfolio responsibility); and
 - (d) for his sweeping aside Senator Parer's failure to comply with the requirements of the Senate's Register of Senators' Interests, in that Senator Parer's Register of Interests statement:
 - (i) fails to list shares held by IMPL;
 - (ii) fails to list shares held personally by the Minister in QCMM Group (ESP) Pty Ltd; and
 - (iii) fails to identify his coal mining investments as a potential conflict of interest;
- (2) condemns the Prime Minister for not dismissing the Minister for Resources and Energy for his clear breaches both of the guidelines on the conduct of ministers and of the requirements of the Senate's Register of Senators' Interests; and
- (3) further condemns the Prime Minister for failing to disclose in detail the basis for his departmental Secretary's concluding that there is no conflict of interest involved in the Minister's ownership of significant coal mining interests.

Debate ensued.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "this House censures the Leader of the Opposition for his failure to dismiss Senator Bolkus for his clear lack of the standards required to be the shadow Attorney-General".

Debate continued.

Closure

Mr Costello (Treasurer) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 85

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

NOES, 46

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 85

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

NOES, 46

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11 PAPERS

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

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

Request for a comprehensive review of the child support legislation and that a body be formed to consider appeals of Review Office decisions (Mr Campbell, 698 petitioners).

Opposition to the closure of the Heidelberg, Vic., Medicare office (Ms Macklin, 2534 petitioners).

12 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 23 March 1998, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

13 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC HOSPITAL FUNDING

The House was informed that Mr Lee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The widespread community concern about the federal Government’s inadequate funding of public hospitals”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee rising to address the House—

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 45

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 12 March 1998, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 438—NRS Levy Imposition 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 439—Telecommunications Amendment (No. 2) 1997.

15 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS BILL 1996 [NO. 2]—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been considered by the Main Committee and was returned with an unresolved question (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of the unresolved question.

Unresolved question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	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	Mrs Stone
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
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Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Willis
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

16 CHEMICAL WEAPONS (PROHIBITION) AMENDMENT BILL 1997—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill 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 Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 COMMONWEALTH PLACES (MIRROR TAXES) BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 COMMONWEALTH PLACES WINDFALL TAX (COLLECTION) BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 COMMONWEALTH PLACES WINDFALL TAX (IMPOSITION) BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill 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 Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 COMMONWEALTH PLACES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill 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 Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—17TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 17TH 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 5 December 1997, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1996-97—Erratum.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Reports for 1996-97—Anindilyakwa Land Council.

Central Land Council.

Northern Land Council.

Tiwi Land Council.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the Audit Act 1901 for the year ended 30 June 1997.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—

1997 Redistribution into electoral divisions—Reports—

Australian Capital Territory.

Queensland.

Australian Electoral Commission—Election 1996—Funding and disclosure report following the federal election held on 2 March 1996.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—General revenue grants relativities 1998 update.

Copyright Act—Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1996-97.

Department of Health and Family Services—Report for 1996-97, including information on the administration and operation of the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service, Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Australian Government Health Service—Corrigendum.

Fisheries Management Act—Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—

Report for period 1 January to 30 June 1995

Report for 1995-96.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1996-97.

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Report for 1996-97.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report—No. 55—State, Territory and local government assistance to industry, 29 October 1996.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Energy Research and Development Corporation and the Energy Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Report for 1996-97.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act—Reports on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1996.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

12 March 1998

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

Question—put and passed.

22 CHILD CARE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998

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- (1) its cuts to child care (\$820 million over two budgets, leading to increased fees and reduced Childcare Assistance, lower quality care, and closure of services);
- (2) the chaos it has brought on the industry (particularly outside school hours care) by its mismanagement of the payments arrangements, despite many warnings from the industry; and
- (3) in particular, the uncertainty it has caused the industry, first by changing its mind on the payment arrangements, and then by bringing forward an interim measure, so that the only certainty is that the system will change again within 30 months”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper*
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Cobb	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr W. L. Smith (Minister for Family Services), the Bill was read a third time.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) 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, 23 March 1998, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 March 1998:

Civil Aviation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 Nos. 31, 32.

Coarse Grains Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 28.

Employment Services Act—Employment Services (Case Management Documents) Determination 1998 No. 1.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—Export Meat 1998 No. 1.

Prescribed Goods (General) 1998 No. 1.

Extradition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 27.

Judges' Pensions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 25.

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 26.

National Residue Survey Administration Act and National Residue Survey (Aquatic Animal Export) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 29.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act and National Residue Survey (Aquatic Animal Export) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 30.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. SESROB 10, SESROB 11, SESROB 12, SESROB 13, SESROB 14, SESROB 15, SESROB 16, SESROB 17, SESROB 18, SESROB 19.

Taxation Administration Act—Determination 1998 No. TD4.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Bevis, Mr Halverson, Mr McLachlan and Mr P. F. Morris.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 1998

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS BILL 1996 [NO. 2]**

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 not being resolved—Bill to be returned to the House.

4 **CHEMICAL WEAPONS (PROHIBITION) 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.52 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.09 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

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

5 COMMONWEALTH PLACES (MIRROR TAXES) BILL 1998

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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 239, 11 March 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

6 COMMONWEALTH PLACES WINDFALL TAX (COLLECTION) BILL 1998

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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 240, 11 March 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

7 COMMONWEALTH PLACES WINDFALL TAX (IMPOSITION) BILL 1998

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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

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

8 COMMONWEALTH PLACES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998

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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

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

9 **ADJOURNMENT**

It being 12.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the Main Committee, at 12.59 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 25 March 1998, at 10 a.m.



B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee