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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 153

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 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 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1998**
Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Transport and Regional Development) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
Mr M. A. J. Vaile presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 1998**
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Bill read a first time.
Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
Mr M. A. J. Vaile presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1998**
Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (MALE TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BENCHMARK) BILL 1998

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 198 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* to allow increases in the rate of pension payable under paragraph 30(1)(a) of that Act to the widow or widower of a deceased veteran to take account of Male Total Average Weekly Earnings.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Scott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1998

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 O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Entsch (Chair) presented the following papers:

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Parliamentary Joint Committee—11th report—*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, April 1998.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Entsch and Mr Melham, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Entsch, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Entsch was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

8 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 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 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 opposing the second reading of the Bill, the House notes that the Government in this legislation has:

- (1) broken its firm promise made before the last election to deliver the full amount of the superannuation co-contribution; and
- (2) instead proposed a much less valuable and much less equitable savings rebate and notes that the policy;
 - (a) only specifically actually rewards saving in the form of superannuation contributions;
 - (b) enables the full amount of the rebate to be received notwithstanding the taxpayer has actually engaged in dis-saving;
 - (c) will result in the level of national savings being significantly lower than if the superannuation co-contribution arrangements were implemented;
 - (d) is not means tested and is therefore inequitable in its impact; and
 - (e) is so unfair that the Prime Minister announced to this House that he would not claim his entitlement”—

Debate resumed.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, added the following words to the amendment moved by Mr G. J. Evans:

- “(3) put forward proposals for the choice of superannuation funds which are both impractical and inequitable and should be replaced by a model which:
- (a) allows for the provisions of industrial awards and agreements to be recognised;
 - (b) provides for more practical choices for employees and employers;
 - (c) provides greater protection for employees and employers;
 - (d) allows the Industrial Relations Commission to act as an independent arbitrator; and
 - (e) is accompanied by a Government-funded education program”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 80

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

NOES, 38

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

* 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (6) and (8) to (10) as circulated, together.

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 NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—PAPERS

The Speaker referred to photographs taken of the Prime Minister in the House yesterday and their publication with captions in the *Age* and the *Canberra Times* today and presented copies of the photographs.

The Speaker said that he intended to refer the matter to House members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Hotham (Mr Crean) for disorderly conduct.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Hotham be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 86

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

NOES, 41

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.59 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Batman (Mr M. J. Ferguson) for refusing to withdraw an objectionable remark when directed to do so by the Chair.

Mr Reith moved—That the Member for Batman be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 87

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

NOES, 40

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.11 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—APOLOGY FROM DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND MEMBER FOR BANKS

Mr Costello (Treasurer) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Melham apologising for trying to slur the Prime Minister with racism.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 84

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sharp
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper*
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cobb	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
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Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

12 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AGED AND DISABILITY CARERS

The House was informed that Ms Macklin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The heavy and unfair burden imposed by the Howard Government’s policies upon families caring for older relatives and children with disabilities”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin 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, 84

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

NOES, 35

Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr O'Connor
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin*	Ms Macklin	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr McMullan	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Dargavel	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Mossfield	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 6 April 1998, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

15 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION BILL 1998

Mr Moore (Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act for the protection of areas and objects of particular significance to Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Moore presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILL—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Moore (Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism moving a motion to refer the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill 1998 to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund for consideration and an advisory report.

Question—put and passed.

17 BILL—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Moore (Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism) moved—

- (1) That:
 - (a) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill 1998 be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund for consideration and an advisory report by 22 May 1998; 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.

Question—put and passed.

18 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 1 April 1998, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 459—Child Care Legislation Amendment 1998.

No. 460—International Monetary Agreements Amendment 1998.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

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

31 March 1998—Message No. 250—Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1998.

20 TELSTRA (TRANSITION TO FULL PRIVATE OWNERSHIP) 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.

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21 ADJOURNMENT

It being approximately 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

It being 6 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 6.07 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 6 April 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 2 April 1998:

Customs Act—Manufacturing in Bond (MiB)—Business plan outline.

Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 54.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 53.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. 7, 8, 9.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—

Determinations 1998 Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11.

Statement.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1998 No. STD 3.

Superannuation Act 1990—Twelfth amending deed to the deed to establish an occupational superannuation scheme for Commonwealth employees and certain other persons, pursuant to section 5, 25 March 1998.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adams, Mr Anderson, Mr Andren, Mr Brereton, Mr Broadbent, Mr Fischer, Mr Halverson, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr Martin, Mr Reid, Mr Sawford and Mr S. F. Smith.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 153

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 1998

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **CHILD SUPPORT 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.

Mr Entsch, who had already spoken, by leave, again addressed the Main Committee.

Debate continued.

Mr Katter addressing the Main Committee—

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

At 1 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until Wednesday, 8 April 1998, at 10 a.m.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee