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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 159

THURSDAY, 14 MAY 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 **WHEAT MARKETING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to wheat marketing, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Anderson 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 **FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY BILL 1998**

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, the Information Economy and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the film licensed investment company scheme, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr W. L. Smith 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 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY) BILL 1998**

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, the Information Economy and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to provide

income tax deductions for investment in film licensed investment companies, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr W. L. Smith 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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICES**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notices Nos. 24, 23 and 28, private Members' business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

**6 THERAPEUTIC GOODS REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE**

Mr Campbell, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Therapeutic Goods Regulations (Amendment), as contained in Statutory Rules 1997, Nos. 400 and 401, made under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

*Closure*

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

**7 CARRIER LICENCE CONDITIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE**

Mr Campbell, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Carrier Licence Conditions (Optus Mobile Pty Ltd) Declaration 1997 (Amendment No. 1 of 1997), made under subsection 63(5) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

**8 CARRIER LICENCE CONDITIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE**

Mr Campbell, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Carrier Licence Conditions (Spectrum re-allocation) Declaration 1998, made under subsection 63(2) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

**9 STEVEDORING LEVY (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—*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: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading because the Government’s proposals in their present form contain major defects, in particular:

- (1) they fail to ensure payments are not to be made, either directly or indirectly, for redundancies of people dismissed unlawfully;
- (2) they fail to ensure that payments are not to be made, either directly or indirectly for redundancies of people whose employment is terminated in a way which is inconsistent with the provisions of the Stevedoring Industry Award or other industrial agreements;
- (3) they fail to ensure that payments are not to be made, either directly or indirectly, for redundancies of people whose employment is terminated as a result of artificial corporate restructuring designed to enable employers to avoid their legal responsibilities to their employees;
- (4) they fail to ensure that payments under the proposals are neither directly nor indirectly a substitute for appropriate redundancy provisions by employers of stevedoring labour;
- (5) they fail to ensure that no levies are place on stevedoring companies who do not wish to access payments made under any scheme related to the package;
- (6) there is no provision to ensure that no levies are placed on cargo and vehicles not handled by major stevedoring service providers or cargo or vehicles handled for official purposes;
- (7) there is no means by which Parliament can properly scrutinise payments made under the scheme and, in particular, there is no effective Parliamentary oversight of the Maritime Industry Finance Company; and
- (8) there is no guarantee that trade on Bass Strait will not be adversely affected”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Crean addressing 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 Deputy Speaker, Mrs D. M. Kelly, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 79

Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith
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 Forrest	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	

## NOES, 50

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs D. M. Kelly, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 84

Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	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 W. L. Smith
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Halverson	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit

## NOES, 46

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

\* 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, Mrs D. M. Kelly, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 84

Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	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 W. L. Smith
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Halverson	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit

## NOES, 46

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin*	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr Dargavel	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
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. 274, 8 April 1998, 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 Reith, by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (6) as circulated, together.

Debate continued.

*Paper*

Mr Reith presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

*Closure*

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—  
That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 83

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	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	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	

NOES, 43

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 84

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	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	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Mr Zammit

NOES, 42

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

**10 STEVEDORING LEVY (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.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) as circulated, were made, together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

#### 11 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.

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 271, 12 March 1998, 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.

Debate continued.

Mr A. C. Smith, by leave, moved amendments (1) to (5) 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.

#### 12 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

#### 13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

#### 14 ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE—70TH ANNIVERSARY—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, referred to the 70th anniversary of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also referred to the matter.

**15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1997-98—Performance audits—

No. 43—Life-cycle costing in the Department of Defence: Department of Defence.

No. 44—Australian Diplomatic Communications Network—Project management: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Severally ordered to be printed.

**16 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Finance—Budget 1998-99—Science and Technology Budget Statement 1998-99.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—7th Report—Australia's withdrawal from UNIDO and treaties tabled on 11 February 1997, March 1997—Government response.

**17 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET STATEMENT 1998-99—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

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

Finance—Budget 1998-99—Science and Technology Budget Statement 1998-99.

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

**18 PAPERS**

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

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

Opposition to closure of the National Australia Bank in Langwarrin (Mr Billson, 398 petitioners).

Opposition to the TGA Amendment to the advertising code relating to public information about natural health products (Mr Lee, 23 petitioners).

**19 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 25 May 1998, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

**20 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Bradford be discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the

National Crime Authority and that, in his place, Dr Southcott be appointed a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

**21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES**

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 inability of the Minister for Health to satisfactorily explain the details of his public hospital and private health insurance policies”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**22 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT 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 Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**23 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT 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 Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**24 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY BILL 1998—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. 5, 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 words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

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. 272, 14 April 1998, 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.

On the motion of Mr Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), the Bill was read a third time.

**25 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE CHARGES) BILL 1998—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. 6, 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), the Bill was read a third time.

**26 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998—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. 7, 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 and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), the Bill was read a third time.

**27 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION (ANTI-DUMPING AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998**

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation making provision relating to anti-dumping measures, 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 Tanner), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**28 CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975*.

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

**29 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL**

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1998).

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

**30 PAPER**

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Stevedoring Levy (Imposition) Bill 1998—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

**31 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that Senator Bolkus had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund, and that Senator Reynolds had been appointed a member of the committee—No. 480, 13 May 1998; and
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:
  - Student and Youth Assistance Amendment 1998—No. 482, 14 May 1998.
  - Law Officers Amendment 1997—No. 484, 14 May 1998.

**32 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—18TH REPORT**

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 18TH 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 8 April 1998, recommends that the following be printed:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—  
Report for 1996-97—Errata.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and  
Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Those who've come across the seas:  
Detention of unauthorised arrivals.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

14 May 1998

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

Question—put and passed.

**33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS BILL 1996  
[NO. 2]**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with  
amendments:

14 May 1998—Message No. 481—Legislative Instruments 1996 [No. 2].

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

**34 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CRIMES AMENDMENT (ENFORCEMENT OF  
FINES) BILL 1998**

Message No. 483, 14 May 1998, from the Senate was reported transmitting for  
the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914*,  
and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

**35 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

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

Bill, as a whole—

Debate resumed on the Bill and on amendments (1) to (5) moved together by  
Mr A. C. Smith.

Amendments negatived.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, moved amendments (1) to (9) as circulated,  
together.

Debate continued.

*Closure*

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—  
That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 65

Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ronaldson
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mrs Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gallus	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Causley	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Charles	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	
Mr Cobb	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	
Mr Dondas	Mr Lieberman	Mr Reith	

## NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese*	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bradford	Mr Griffin*	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	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 P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

## AYES, 42

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Albanese*	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin*	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

## NOES, 67

Mr Anderson	Mr Dondas	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Reith
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ronaldson
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Barresi	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr Bartlett	Mr Filing	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
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\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr Miles, by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (4) as circulated, together.

*Paper*

Mr Miles presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

**36 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**37 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1998-99—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—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Truss—Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**38 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.01 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 25 May 1998, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 May 1998:

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Act—Direction to the Australia New Zealand Food Authority, 30 March 1998.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Exemption 1998 No. CASA 18.

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1998 Nos. 13, 14.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination to establish component of the—

Commercial Activities Fund, 12 May 1998.

Reserved Money Fund, 12 May 1998.

Insurance Act—

Determinations—1998—

Insurance (Lloyd's Security Trust Fund Arrangements).

No. 1.

Rules 1998 Insurance (Designated Security Trust Funds).

Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act—1998—

Approval of form No. 1.

Approval of form (and manner) No. 2.

Migration Act—General direction under section 499 1998 No. 6.

Taxation Administration Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. TD 98/8, TD 98/9, TD 98/10.

*Telecommunications Act 1997*—Determination under subsection 7A(1).

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr E. L. Grace and Ms Hanson.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1996-97-98

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

No. 159

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 14 MAY 1998

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE 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.

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.

4 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT 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—

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 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY 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 Lee moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for the appointment by the Minister to the Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council of a representative of local government and a representative of affected community groups”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and not being resolved—Bill to be returned to the House.

**6 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE CHARGES) 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 not being resolved—Bill to be returned to the House.

**7 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (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 not being resolved—Bill to be returned to the House.

**8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) ACT—REPORT—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 Reith (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 27 November 1997*), viz.:

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—National Office of Local Government—Report for 1996-97—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 12.15 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 12.34 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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**9 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

At 1.04 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until Wednesday, 27 May 1998, at 10 a.m.

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