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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 170

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 1998

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 RURAL ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1998

Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Rural Adjustment Act 1992*, 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'Keefe), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1998

Dr Kemp (Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1998

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Family Law Act 1975*.

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

5 EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1998

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), for Dr Kemp (Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to extend the operation of the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Abbott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Charles (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 360—Internet commerce: To buy or not to buy?, 27 May 1998.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, Mr Beddall, Mr Anthony and Mrs Stone, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

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

Mr Charles 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.

7 NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Entsch (Chair) presented the following paper:

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Examination of 1996-97 annual reports in fulfilment of the Committee’s duties pursuant to paragraph 206(c) of the *Native Title Act 1993*—Thirteenth report, 24 June 1998.

Ordered to be printed.

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

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MANAGED INVESTMENTS BILL 1997

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

23 June 1998—Message No. 515—Managed Investments 1997.

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

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 514, 23 June 1998, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Carr had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, and Senator Crossin had been appointed a member of the committee.

10 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (GOLD CARD) 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.

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.

11 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence), Mrs Bishop (Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel) was acting as Minister for Defence.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

13 PAPERS

Mr Jones, by leave, after a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

Immigration and multiculturalism—Copies of—

Corrected transcript of speech to Australians for Ecologically Sustainable Population, 30 August 1997.

Letter from Mr Jones to Mr Paul Sheehan, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 8 June 1998.

Personal explanation, 24 June 1998.

14 PAPER

The following paper was presented:

Higher Education Funding Act—Report detailing determinations made in 1997.

15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—IMPACT OF GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ON SPORT

The House was informed that Mr Martin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The impact of the GST on sport”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Martin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

16 VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (GOLD CARD) 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. 284, 1 June 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 Scott (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

17 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr K. J. Thomson moved Opposition amendment (1), as circulated.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 45

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (2) to (15), as circulated, together.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
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 Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price	

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1998

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Scott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

It being 8 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 8.06 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 June 1998:

Child Care Act—

Determination 1998 Child Care (Breach of Conditions of Eligibility).

Directions—Childcare Assistance Immunisation Requirements Nos. IMCA/12G/98/1, IMCA/12G/98/2.

Guidelines—1998—

Childcare Assistance (Fee Relief) No. CA/12A/98/1.

Child Care (Eligible Child Care Centres) Amendment (No. 1).

Child Care (New Allocations).

Child Care (Other Places—Allocations).

Childcare Rebate Act—

Determination 1998 Childcare Rebate (Exempt Persons) Amendment (No. 1).

Directions—Childcare Rebate Immunisation Requirements Nos. IMCR/39A/98/1, IMCR/39A/98/2.

Corporations Act—Accounting standard No. AASB 1004.

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1998 Nos. 18, 19.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination to establish a component of the Reserved Money Fund 24 June 1998.

Fisheries Management Act—Plan of management No. SET 01.

National Health Act—Declarations 1998 Nos. PB 10, PB 11, PB 12.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Pulu Keeling National Park—Comments on representations received by Parks Australia on the proposed plan of management.

Plan of management.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. SESROB 43, SESROB 44, SESROB 45, SESROB 46, SESROB 47, SESROB 48, SESROB 49, SESROB 50, SESROB 51, SESROB 52.

Superannuation Act 1976—Determination—Superannuation (CSS) Employer Component Payment (Telstra Superannuation Scheme) No. 4.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Lieberman, Mr McGauran and Mr McLachlan.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives