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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 173

TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 1998

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Right Honourable Ian Sinclair) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

3 PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), after a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Sydney Airport—Long-term operating plan—Copy of letter from Mr Howard to David Saul.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Commonwealth programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, for 1995-96—

Handbook summary.

Individual program descriptions.

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Rethinking the funding of community sporting and recreational facilities: A sporting chance—Report, October 1997—Government response, June 1998.

Finance—

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for May 1998.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during May 1998.

Provision for running costs borrowings—

Statement for May 1998.

Supporting applications of issues from the Provision during May 1998.

Treaties—

Bilateral—Regulation impact statement—Agreement on Mutual Recognition in Relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings, between Australia and the European Community.

Bilateral with national interest analyses—

Agreement on Medical Treatment for Temporary Visitors between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand, done at Melbourne on 4 May 1998.

Exchange of Notes, done at Canberra on 28 May 1998, constituting an Implementing Arrangement, between the Government of Australia and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) concerning Plutonium Transfers, under the Agreement with EURATOM concerning Transfers of Nuclear material from Australia to EURATOM, and accompanying side letter No. 2, of 21 September 1981, and the Implementing Arrangement concerning Plutonium Transfers of 8 September 1993.

Exchange of Notes, done at Canberra on 4 June 1998, constituting an agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America to further extend in force the Agreement relating to the Establishment of a Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap of 9 December 1966, as amended.

Between Australia and the Republic of Poland on Extradition, done at Canberra on 3 June 1998.

Multilateral with national interest analyses—

Amendments, done at Oman in May 1998, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling of 2 December 1946.

Protocol, done at Port Moresby on 29 April 1998 concerning the Peace Monitoring Group made pursuant to and amending the Agreement between Australia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New Zealand and Vanuatu concerning the neutral Truce Monitoring Group for Bougainville of 5 December 1997.

Multilateral with national interest analysis and regulation impact statement—

International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC-95), done at Geneva on 17 November 1995—Partial Revision of the Radio Regulations of 5 December 1979.

United Nations—Committee on the Rights of the Child—Australia's first report under the Convention on the Rights of the Child—

Attorney-General's statement.

Australia's response to issues raised by the Committee.

Concluding observations of the Committee: Australia.

Correspondence to the Committee regarding corrections to the summary records of the 403rd, 404th and 405th meetings.

Summary records of meetings—403rd, 404th, 405th.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MANUFACTURING, INNOVATION AND CREATIVE INDUSTRY BASE

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to support Australia’s manufacturing, innovation and creative industry base”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 29 June 1998, were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House of a resolution agreed to by the Senate relating to a reference to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities on whether there needs to be further reform of the law regulating industrial relations and/or corporations—Message No. 540; and
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - No. 541—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1998-99;
 - No. 542—Appropriation (No. 1) 1998-99 (*without requests*);
 - No. 543—Appropriation (No. 2) 1998-99;
 - No. 544—Health Care (Appropriation) 1998.

7 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 10 August 1998.

8 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Tuckey (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports relating to the proposed—

East coast armament complex, Point Wilson, Vic. (3rd report of 1998).

Development of the Eastern Region Operations Centre at RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW (4th report of 1998).

Redevelopment of facilities at RAAF Base Amberley, Qld (5th report of 1998).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Tuckey, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

9 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 362—General and specific purpose payments to the States, June 1998.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles and Mr Griffin, 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.

10 STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING
ORDERS AND ADOPTION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS AS STANDING ORDERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) Standing order 193 (When division may be taken) be amended by omitting the second paragraph and substituting:

Provided that, on sitting Mondays, any division called for in the House on a question, other than a motion moved by a Minister, prior to questions without notice being called on or during presentation of petitions or private Members' business, shall stand deferred until the grievance debate has concluded or been postponed.

- (2) Standing order 248 be amended to read:

Reasons for disagreeing

248 When the House disagrees to any amendments of the Senate to a bill, the Member who moved the motion—That the amendment(s) be disagreed to—shall present to the House written reasons for the House not agreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate. A message returning the bill to the Senate shall contain any such reasons.

- (3) Standing order 258 be amended to read:

Reasons for disagreeing to further Senate amendments

258 When the House disagrees to any amendments made by the Senate to the amendments of the House, the Member who moved the motion—That the amendment(s) be disagreed to—shall present to the House written reasons for the House not agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate. A message returning the bill to the Senate shall contain any such reasons.

- (4) The following sessional orders concerning the operation of the Main Committee be adopted as standing orders:

- (a) 81 (Debate confined to present question—Exceptions);

- (b) 91 (Time limits);
- (c) 274 (Sittings and adjournment);
- (d) 274A (Adjournment debates);
- (e) 275A (Statements by Members); and
- (f) 276 (How questions decided—Division not possible).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11 HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

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

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

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

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

12 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998

Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Regional Forest Agreements.

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 S. F. Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 TARIFF PROPOSALS

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) moved—

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1998); and

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (1998).

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

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998

Message No. 547, 30 June 1998, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the Corporations Law, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Miles presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1997

Message No. 546, 30 June 1998, from the Senate was reported returning the Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 1997 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule.

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

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 545, 30 June 1998, from the Senate was reported transmitting a resolution agreed to by the Senate approving, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the following proposals:

- (a) removal of Old Parliament House Annex;
- (b) construction of pedestrian and cycle access to and from Commonwealth Avenue and Kings Avenue bridges;
- (c) minor roadworks in front of Old Parliament House; and
- (d) external restoration works for Old Parliament House.

17 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

29 June 1998—Message—

No. 287—

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority 1998.

Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition 1998.

Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition 1998.

Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection 1998.

Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) 1998.

Financial Sector (Shareholdings) 1998.

General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition 1998.
 Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition 1998.
 Payment Systems (Regulation) 1998.
 Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition 1998.
 Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition 1998.
 No. 288—
 Company Law Review 1998.
 Managed Investments 1998.
 Taxation Laws Amendment (Company Law Review) 1998.

18 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Dr Kemp (Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 5, 18, 19, 26, 23, 20, 22, 24 and 25, committee and delegation reports, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

20 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1996-97—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 Hawker—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 29 June 1998*), viz.:

Financial Institutions and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the National Competition Council annual report 1996-97—Report, 25 June 1998—

Debate resumed.

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

21 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON LEVEL OF FUNDING REQUIRED FOR THE DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIA—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 Taylor—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 12 May 1998*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Funding Australia's defence—Report, April 1998—

Debate resumed.

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

22 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 19, committee and delegation reports, be postponed until a later hour this day.

23 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF FAMILY SERVICES—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 K. J. Andrews—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 22 June 1998*), viz.:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—To have and to hold: Strategies to strengthen marriage and relationships—Report, June 1998—

Debate resumed.

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

24 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Cadman (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

It being 11 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.

Papers

Mr Abbott, by leave, presented the following papers:

One Nation Party—Copies of—

Constitution for Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

Letter from Vanuatu Financial Services Commission concerning Global Communications Limited, 13 August 1998, with attachments relating to David W. Ettridge.

The Phony Party?—Chart.

The debate continuing until 11.10 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 30 June 1998:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 1998 Nos. 13, 14.

Migration Act—General direction 1998 No. 7.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Kakadu National Park—Comments on the representations on the fourth plan of management in respect of the Park.

Plan of management.

Representations on the fourth plan of management in respect of the Park.

Radiocommunications Act—Instruments of variation 1998—

VHF High Band Frequency Band Plan (148 to 174 MHz).

VHF Mid Band Frequency Band Plan (70 to 87.5 MHz).

Social Security Act—

Instrument 1998 Social Security Student Financial Supplement Scheme.

Rules 1998 Social Security (Fares Allowance).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dondas, Mr Holding, Ms Jeanes, Mr Katter, Mr Lindsay and Mr McLachlan.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives