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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 1998



1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS—50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That this House, recalling that 10 December 1998 is the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations:

- (1) reaffirms the deep and enduring commitment of the Australian Parliament and people to the universal and fundamental human rights set out in the Universal Declaration as a birthright for all peoples and all nations;
- (2) deplors the violation of human rights wherever and whenever this occurs; and
- (3) pledges to give wholehearted support to the principles enshrined in the Declaration and to promote the full realisation of human rights for all people throughout the world.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX) 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 Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:*

- (1) condemns the Government for seeking to introduce a GST which is an unnecessary, unfair, job destroying tax which discriminates against low and middle income earners, the aged and families;
- (2) condemns the Government for putting at risk the low inflation environment delivered by Labor by proposing to introduce an inflationary GST which will put at risk the low interest rates made possible by low inflation;

- (3) condemns the Government for placing a higher priority on imposing a GST on Australian families that will make the tax system less equitable, rather than addressing tax avoidance loopholes, which would improve the equity of the tax system;
- (4) condemns the Government for the hypocrisy of claiming that hidden indirect taxes are unfair merely because they are not separately disclosed to consumers and then proposing a massive new GST which will also be hidden from consumers even though a retail tax can simply be made transparent to consumers; and
- (5) condemns the Government for granting the GST a higher legislative priority than all of the following related matters which have not as yet been introduced into the Parliament including:
 - (a) those matters listed below which are contingent on the GST package which the Government is hiding from the Australian people and from the Senate inquiry process such as:
 - (i) the mechanism by which the rate of GST is supposed to be locked in;
 - (ii) the amendments to the Trade Practices Act which will grant the ACCC greater power to police the changeover to the GST regime which the Government claims will result in all of the reductions in Commonwealth and State taxes being passed on to consumers;
 - (iii) excise arrangements for petrol and diesel, involving supposedly retail price neutral shifts in petrol prices and a 25 cent reduction in diesel;
 - (iv) the repeal of the so-called safety net excise arrangements which were implemented after the High Court ruled State business franchise fees to be unconstitutional;
 - (v) the luxury car tax;
 - (vi) the wine equalisation tax;
 - (vii) repeal/amendment to the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme;
 - (viii) the First Home Buyers Scheme;
 - (ix) the guaranteed distribution of GST revenue to the states; and
 - (x) the \$500 million GST start-up package for small business; and
 - (b) those related taxation/equity matters which are not contingent on the GST but which should be made available to the Australian people for their consideration including:
 - (i) providing a Fringe Benefits Tax exemption for remote area housing provided to employees in the mining industry;
 - (ii) the repeal of Commonwealth Local Government Funding Legislation;
 - (iii) changes to childcare assistance;

- (iv) excise arrangements for tobacco;
- (v) the entity taxation regime involving taxing companies, trusts, life insurance etc. under one common set of arrangements;
- (vi) the business taxation measures involving the deferred company tax (ie full franking of all dividends) and the possible changes to the corporate rate and business concessions arrangements;
- (vii) the new employer withholding arrangements which will replace the PAYE, PPS and RPS systems;
- (viii) share buy-backs and liquidations;
- (ix) extending capital gains tax relief and the retirement exemption for small business;
- (x) limiting the existing Fringe Benefits Tax exemption for non-profit organisations to \$17 000 gross-up value for each employee;
- (xi) the anti-avoidance legislation addressing complex chains of trusts;
- (xii) the repeal of provisional tax and the introduction of the new Pay As You Go tax payment arrangements;
- (xiii) the changes to the timing of company tax arrangements; and
- (xiv) refundable imputation credits” —

Debate resumed.

Paper

Mr Katter, by leave, presented the following paper:

Sales tax—Medley’s Supermarkets, Mount Isa—Summary sales tax return for the month of September 1998.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate

At 10.50 a.m., the time allotted for the second reading having expired—

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, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon	

* 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, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Breton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 24, 3 December 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 Crean moved the Opposition amendment, as circulated.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate

At 11.40 a.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	

NOES, 72

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 71

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 67

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Breerton	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 67

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	

* Tellers

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

- 4 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) BILL 1998**
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX TRANSITION) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS REPORTING) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER) BILL 1998
A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 December 1998 (*see item No. 6, page 206*) —

The orders of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as amendments, the following—

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Excise) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government specifically for its proposed excise imposition and for seeking to impose a GST on Australian families which will inevitably rise over time as it has risen in almost every country in which a GST has been introduced; and
- (2) condemns the Government for attempting to deceive the Australian people that there is a constitutionally valid mechanism which will ensure that the GST rate will not rise over time”.

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—Customs) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government specifically for its proposed customs imposition and for seeking to impose a GST on Australian families which will inevitably rise over time as it has risen in almost every country in which a GST has been introduced; and
- (2) condemns the Government for attempting to deceive the Australian people that there is a constitutionally valid mechanism which will ensure that the GST rate will not rise over time”.

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition—General) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government specifically for its proposed tax imposition proposal and for seeking to impose a GST on Australian families which will inevitably rise over time as it has risen in almost every country in which a GST has been introduced; and
- (2) condemns the Government for attempting to deceive the Australian people that there is a constitutionally valid mechanism which will ensure that the GST rate will not rise over time”.

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Administration) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for seeking to impose a huge new unnecessary taxation compliance burden on Australian small business which will involve, inter alia, large start-up costs, significant ongoing costs, an erosion of the competitive position of small business relative to big business which are not nearly compensated for by the claimed cashflow effects of the GST; and
- (2) condemns the Government for introducing legislation which is very complex which adds to the complexity of the tax system, rather than simplifying the system”.

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Government for imposing complex, anomaly-ridden transitional arrangements concerning the GST on Australian business which will inevitably involve competitive distortions and costly compliance burdens”.

A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Bill 1998

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:

- (1) condemns the Government for not going far enough in its tax package in cracking down on tax avoidance;
- (2) calls on the Government to tighten the legislation and administration of the Prescribed Payments System (PPS) system to ensure that only genuine self-employed people are within the PPS system; and
- (3) condemns the Government’s failure to introduce legislation abolishing provisional tax”.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate

At 12.10 p.m., the time allotted for the second readings having expired—

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, 76

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

NOES, 66

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 66

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 25, 3 December 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Administration) Bill 1998.

5 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—EXCISE) BILL 1998

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 December 1998 (*see item No. 6, page 206*)—

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Debate ensued.

Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the Opposition amendment, as circulated.

Limitation of debate

At 12.35 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr K. J. Andrews, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

NOES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr K. J. Andrews, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr K. J. Andrews, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

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

6 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—CUSTOMS) BILL 1998

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 December 1998 (*see item No. 6, page 206*)—

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Dr Emerson moved the Opposition amendment, as circulated.

Limitation of debate

At 12.55 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra

NOES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
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NOES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Breton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Breerton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

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

7 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX IMPOSITION—GENERAL)
BILL 1998**

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 December 1998 (*see item No. 6, page 206*)—

Limitation of debate

It being past 1.10 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

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

8 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX TRANSITION) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS REPORTING) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NUMBER CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 December 1998 (*see item No. 6, page 206*)—

Limitation of debate

It being past 1.20 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bills having expired—

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bills be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Breton	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bills together read a third time.

9 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (END OF SALES TAX) 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.

Limitation of debate

At 1.50 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), the Bill was read a third time.

10 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUTS) 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 having been resumed by Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition)—

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 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.18 p.m. the Member for Northern Territory (Mr Snowdon) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

12 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science, Technology and Engineering Council—Final report, for the period 1 July 1997 to September 1998.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act—Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 1997-98.

Committee reports—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response, 10 December 1998, to the schedule tabled on 1 July 1998.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—

Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for 1997-98.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1997-98.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Access and equity report for 1998.

Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Energy use in Commonwealth operations—Report for 1997-98.

Freedom of Information Act—Report for 1997-98.

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4 for 1997-98.

National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—
Report for 1997-98.

Attachment to the report—Correspondence relating to the Intergovernmental Committee of the National Crime Authority.

Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—Australian Landcare Council—Report for 1997-98.

Pooled Development Funds Act—Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 1997-98.

13 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Nuclear Safety Bureau—
Report for 1997-98.

Freedom of Information Act—Report for 1997-98.

National Crime Authority Act—National Crime Authority—
Report for 1997-98.

Attachment to the report—Correspondence relating to the Intergovernmental Committee of the National Crime Authority.

Pooled Development Funds Act—Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 1997-98.

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

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH AND TAXATION

The House was informed that Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The unfairness and incompetence at the centre of Government policy-making, as exemplified in health and taxation”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) returning the Anti-Personnel Mines Convention Bill 1998 without amendment—10 December 1998—Message No. 29; and
- (b) acquainting the House that Senators Bourne, Chapman, Cook, Ferguson, Harradine, Sandy Macdonald, MacGibbon, O'Brien, Quirke, Reynolds, Schacht and Synon had been appointed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—9 December 1998—Message No. 28.

16 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—1ST REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 1ST REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 1 July 1998, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Reports and recommendations to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 51—Warlmanpa (Muckaty Pastoral Lease) Land claim No. 135.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—
Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1997-98.

Aboriginals Benefit Reserve—Report for 1997-98.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.

Administrative Review Council—

Report for 1997-98.

Report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice—No. 42—Contracting out of government services.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—
Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1997 to 31 May 1998.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1997-98

Archives Act—National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Report for 1997-98.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1997-98.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—

Australia's vocational education and training system— Report for 1997—

Volume 1.

Volume 2.

Volume 3.

Report for 1997-98.

Australian Securities Commission Act—

Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 1997-98.

Corporations and Securities Panel—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1997-98.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1997-98.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1997-98.

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 1997-98.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—Report for 1997-98.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1997-98.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation— Report for 1997-98.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 1997-98.

Airservices Australia—Report for 1997-98.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 1997-98.

Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report for period 1 February 1997 to 30 June 1998.

Australia Council—Report for 1997-98.

Australia New Zealand Food Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Communications Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Horticultural Corporation—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1997-98.
Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 1997-98.
Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 1997-98.
Australian War Memorial—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation—Report for 1997-98.
Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for 1997-98.
Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1997-98.
Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1997-98 (13th).
Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 1997-98.
Energy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Film Australia Limited—Report for 1997-98.
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Health Services Australia—Report for 1997-98.
Horticultural Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Immigration Review Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.
Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.

Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 1997-98.
Meat Industry Council—Report for 1997-98.
Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Medibank Private—Report for 1997-98.
National Gallery of Australia—Report for 1997-98.
National Library of Australia—Report for 1997-98.
National Museum of Australia—Report for 1997-98.
National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 1997-98.
National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—
Report for 1997-98.
National Standards Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Pig Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Private Health Insurance Administration Council—
Report for 1997-98.
Reports on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations 1997-
98.
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 1997-98.
Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report for 1997-98.
Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Report for 1998.
Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1997-98.
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 1997-98.
Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 1997-98.
Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1997-98.
Telstra—Report/Review—1998.
Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Wool International—Report for 1997-98.
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for
1997-98.
Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants
Commission—Report for 1997-98.
Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act—Centrelink—Report for 1997-
98.
Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary
Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.
Constitutional Convention, Old Parliament House, Canberra, 2-13 February
1998—Report—Volume 1—Report of proceedings.
Copyright Act—Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1997-98.
Crimes Act—Controlled operations—2nd report—1997-98
Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1997-
98.
Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Data-matching program—
Report for Department of Veterans' Affairs—1997-98.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 1997-98.

Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for 1997-98.

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for 1997-98.

Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business—Report for 1997-98, including a report pursuant to the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

Development Allowance Authority Act—Development Allowance Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1997-98.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training, Australian Research Council [and] Higher Education Council—Report for 1997-98.

Family Law Act—
Family Court of Australia—Report for 1997-98.
Family Law Council—Report for 1997-98.

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 1997-98.

Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1997-98.

Health Insurance Act—
Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 1997-98.
Professional Services Review—Report for 1997-98.

High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1997-98.

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Report for period 1 July to 12 December 1997.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act—National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 1997-98.

Industry Research and Development Act—Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1997-98.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 1997-98.

Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report for 1997-98.

International Air Services Commission Act—International Air Services Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Joint House Department—Report for 1997-98.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—National Office of Local Government—Report for 1997-98.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No.1—Report for 1997-98.

Murray-Darling Basin Act—Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1997-98.

National Residue Survey Administration Act—National Residue Survey—Report for 1997-98.

National Road Transport Commission Act—National Road Transport Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Native Title Act—National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act and Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act—Australian Safeguards Office and the Chemical Weapons Convention Office—Report for 1997-98.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1997-98.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—1997-98.

Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 1997-98.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—Report for 1997-98 (10th).

Productivity Commission Act—Productivity Commission—Report for 1997-98.

Report No. 3—Pig and pigmeat industries: Safeguard action against imports.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report for 1997-98 on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund.

Public Lending Right Act—Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 1997-98.

Public Service Act—Reports for 1997-98—
Attorney-General's Department.
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.
Commissioner for Superannuation—Report incorporating reports on the administration and operation of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act and the Superannuation Act.
Department of Communications and the Arts.
Department of Defence.
Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.
Department of Finance and Administration.
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Department of Health and Family Services—Report, including report on the administration and operation of the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service and the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report, including a report on the Adult Migrant English Program under the Immigration (Education) Act and a statement under the Australian Citizenship Act.

Department of Industry, Science and Tourism.

Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

Department of the Environment—Report, including reports of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region and on the operation of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act and the Ozone Protection Act.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Department of the Treasury.

Department of Transport and Regional Development.

Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business.

Public Service and Merit Protection Commission—Report, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection and Review Agency in accord with the Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.

Reserve Bank of Australia Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1997-98.

Royal Australian Mint—Report for 1997-98.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report for 1997-98, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Comcare Australia, including the reports of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and QWL Pty Limited—Report for 1997-98.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1997-98.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1997-98.

Social Security Act—Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.

Social Security Act and Public Service Act—Department of Social Security—Report for 1997-98.

Superannuation Act 1976—CSS Board—Report for 1997-98.

Superannuation Act 1990—PSS Board—Report for 1997-98.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report for 1996-97.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Australian Communications Authority—Telecommunications performance—Report for 1997-98.

Trade Practices Act—National Competition Council—Report for 1997-98.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1997-98.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Repatriation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and the National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Report for 1997-98.

War Crimes Act—Report for 1997-98 on the operation of the Act.
Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1997-98.
Witness Protection Act—Report for 1997-98 on the operation of the Act.
Workplace Relations Act—
Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 1997-98.
Employment Advocate—Report for 1997-98.
Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 1997-98.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—
Report for 1997-98—Erratum.
Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1997-98—Erratum.
Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1997-98—Corrigenda.
Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business—Report for 1997-98—Erratum.
Family Law Act—Family Court of Australia—Report for 1997-98—Erratum.
Public Service Act—Reports for 1997-98—
Department of Finance and Administration—Corrigendum.
Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business—Erratum.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

10 December 1998

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

Question—put and passed.

17 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUTS) 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 Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House requests that the bill be withdrawn and redrafted to produce a fairer tax system with no GST, and in particular to overcome the following deficiencies:

- (1) the fiscal profligacy of the Government’s planned personal tax cuts, as evidenced by the dramatic impact of the tax package on the forecast Commonwealth budget, reducing the underlying balance in the year 2000-01 by \$4.76 billion;

- (2) the unfairness of the tax cuts in that 50% of the tax cuts go to the richest 20% of taxpayers, with the other 50% going to the other 80% of taxpayers; and
- (3) the failure to adequately address the disincentives to move from welfare to work and to consider Labor's alternative approach through earned income tax credits".

Dr Emerson (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Ronaldson moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Entsch	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Limitation of debate

It being past 4.50 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—

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, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* 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.

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—
Bill read a third time.

18 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1998**

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (BONUSES FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

A NEW TAX SYSTEM (AGED CARE COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 9 December 1998 (*see item No. 6, page 206*) —

The orders of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as amendments, the following—

A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for seeking to impose a regressive GST on social security recipients, such as aged and veteran pensioners, which will dramatically increase their ordinary costs of living and erode the value of their savings; and
- (2) condemns the Government for not providing adequate compensation to social security recipients and in particular for trying to short-change aged pensioners by pretending that a 4% pension increase, which would have been delivered over time anyway due to the link between pensions and wages, can compensate for the effects of a GST’.

A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for seeking to impose a regressive GST on social security recipients, such as aged and veteran pensioners, which will dramatically increase their ordinary costs of living and erode the value of their savings;
- (2) condemns the Government for not providing adequate compensation to self-funded retirees and social security recipients for the erosion in the value of their retirement savings and retirement income streams due to the GST; and
- (3) condemns the Government for proposing to end the current tax-free status of superannuation and life insurance investments which underpin pensions and annuities and impose a new tax on retired Australians’.

A New Tax System (Income Tax Laws Amendment) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) notes that the Savings Rebate was introduced as compensation for the Howard Government abolishing Labor’s superannuation co-contribution scheme which met Labor’s commitment to the second tranche of income tax cuts from the *One Nation* statement;
- (2) notes the hypocrisy of the Government announcing the abolition of the Savings Rebate only six weeks after it commenced;
- (3) condemns the Government for proposing in part to pay for their GST compensation measures by abolishing another supposed compensation measure; and
- (4) notes that the abolition of the Savings Rebate demonstrates that other supposed compensation measures to be introduced because of the regressive GST are not guaranteed to remain into the future”.

A New Tax System (Aged Care Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) Bill 1998

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for not adequately compensating pensioners for the effects of the GST;
- (2) notes that the Bill does not make pensioner residents of nursing homes “considerably better off”, but merely intends to ensure that they will not be even worse off than they already will be under the GST; and
- (3) condemns the Government for not guaranteeing the same treatment for residents of public housing as it proposed in the Bill for nursing home residents”.

Closure of Member

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Dr Emerson (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Hockey moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

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, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 66

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Limitation of debate

It being past 5 p.m., the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bills having expired—

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

Messages from the Governor-General

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced recommending appropriations for the purposes of the following Bills:

A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) 1998—No. 26—2 December 1998;

A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) 1998—No. 27—30 November 1998; and

A New Tax System (Aged Care Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) 1998—No. 28—9 December 1998.

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bills be agreed to—put and passed—Bills together read a third time.

19 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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 Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION MEASURES (IMPLEMENTATION) 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 Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 39th Parliament, 10 December 1998.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

10 December 1998—Message No. 30—Acts Interpretation Amendment 1998.

23 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in connection with the implementation of A New Tax System.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

24 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1998

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills: Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) 1998; and General Interest Charge (Imposition) 1998.

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

25 GENERAL INTEREST CHARGE (IMPOSITION) BILL 1998

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to impose general interest charge as a tax in some circumstances.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

26 PAYMENT PROCESSING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS) BILL 1998—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

27 NATIONAL TRANSMISSION NETWORK SALE BILL 1998

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:
National Transmission Network Sale 1998; and
National Transmission Network Sale (Consequential Amendments) 1998.

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, presented the following paper:

Television services to the Wollombi area—Letter from Graeme Barrow, Business Development Unit, National Transmission Agency, to Mr Fitzgibbon, 10 November 1997,

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Breton	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* 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 McGauran, the Bill was read a third time.

28 NATIONAL TRANSMISSION NETWORK SALE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

29 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

Message No. 27, 9 December 1998, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate concurs with the resolution of the House relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector, subject to the following amendment:

That paragraph (2) of the resolution be amended to provide that 2 Senators be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or Senators.

Ordered—That the message be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Sullivan (Parliamentary Secretary (Foreign Affairs)), the amendment of the Senate was agreed to.

30 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Lee, 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:

- (1) notes that Australia’s future economic and social prosperity depends on a well resourced, quality education and training system; and
- (2) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) refusing to provide growth funds to support Australia’s vocational education and training needs;
 - (b) failing to meet its commitment to ‘enhance the role of TAFE’ and ‘reinvigorate the TAFE system’; and
 - (c) imposing a GST which will make education and training more expensive and less accessible” —

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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. 19, 11 November 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 Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

31 VALEDICTORIES

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, expressed thanks to all who served the House throughout the year and wished Members, their families and staff seasonal good wishes.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade), by indulgence, expressed similar thanks and good wishes.

The Speaker also expressed his appreciation and good wishes to all Members, their families and staff.

32 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

33 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 8 February 1998, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

34 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would allow each Member speaking to the question for the adjournment of the House to terminate this sitting to speak for one period of 10 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

35 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

36 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY BILL 1998

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

10 December 1998—Message No. 31—Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety 1998.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

37 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 10 December 1998, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 32—Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) 1998.

No. 33—Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Consequential Amendments) 1998.

38 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES BILL 1998

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

10 December 1998—Message No. 36—Private Health Insurance Incentives 1998.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

39 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 10 December 1998, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment 1998—Message No. 37;

Taxation Laws Amendment (Private Health Insurance) 1998—Message No. 38;

(b) acquainting the House that Senators Boswell, Ferris and Murray had been appointed members of the Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector—Message No. 39;

(c) acquainting the House that Senator Crowley had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, and Senator Faulkner had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 34; and

- (d) acquainting the House that Senator Murray had been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters—Message No. 35.

40 **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.59 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 8 February 1999, 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 10 December 1998:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 82—Amendment 8 December 1998.

Instrument—1998 No. CASA 487.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Ruling 1998 No. SST 15.

Taxation Administration Act—Ruling 1998 No. PR 98/3.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr G. J. Evans.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 1998

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.51 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.05 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.

4 **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION MEASURES (IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 1998**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr M. A. J. Vaile presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.40 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.01 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.11 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.26 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Wakelin requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.35 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 1.26 p.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 ADJOURNMENT

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—
That the Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee