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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 22

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1999

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 ASSISTANCE FOR CARERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and other Acts, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**3 HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to rename the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, amend the law relating to human rights, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**4 PRIVACY AMENDMENT (OFFICE OF THE PRIVACY COMMISSIONER) BILL 1998**

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

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

**5 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 1998**

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

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 70

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

## NOES, 63

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

\* 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 Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

## 6 HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998

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

Debate resumed.

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.

## 7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

## 8 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Health Insurance Commission—Equity and Diversity Program—Report for 1997-98.

Safety Review Committee—Report for 1997-98.

**9 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

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

Health Insurance Commission—Equity and Diversity Program—Report for 1997-98.

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

**10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNEMPLOYMENT**

The House was informed that Mr M. J. Ferguson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s lack of original and positive proposals to respond to the unemployment crisis”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr M. J. Ferguson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**11 SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT**

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Amended report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 8 March 1999—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 16 February 1999.

Question—put and passed.

**12 YEAR 2000 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE BILL 1999—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 Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**13 MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

#### 14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 5, private Members' business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

#### 15 CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE

Ms Kernot, pursuant to notice, moved—That the amendments to the Civil Aviation Regulations, as contained in the Statutory Rules 1998 No. 234 made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

*Closure*

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation) moved—That the question be now put.

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

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

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Horne	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Ms Kernot	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Kerr	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr K. J. Thomson
Dr Emerson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Wilton
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	Mr Zahra

## NOES, 72

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Secker
Ms Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
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Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Jackie Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Lawler	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**16 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mrs Moylan (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies stage 2 development, Pinjarra Hills, Qld (1st report of 1999).

CSIRO National Centre for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Research, Bentley, WA (2nd report of 1999).

Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 2, Townsville, Qld (3rd report of 1999).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

**17 CSIRO QUEENSLAND CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT, PINJARRA HILLS, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies stage 2 development, Pinjarra Hills, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

**18 CSIRO NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES RESEARCH, BENTLEY, WA—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: CSIRO National Centre for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Research, Bentley, WA.

Question—put and passed.

**19 LAVARACK BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 2, TOWNSVILLE, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 2, Townsville, Qld.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**20 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REPLACEMENT NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR, LUCAS HEIGHTS, NSW**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Replacement nuclear research reactor, Lucas Heights, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

**21 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, BERLIN—REFURBISHMENT OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AS A CHANCERY AND APARTMENTS**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Australian Embassy, Berlin—Refurbishment of heritage buildings as a chancery and apartments.

Question—put and passed.

**22 HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

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

Debate resumed.

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

**23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

**24 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1998-99**

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

Debate resumed.

Mr Hatton addressing the House—

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**25 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Debate extended*

It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.08 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1999:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Declaration—1998—Boobera Lagoon.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Determination 1999 No. 1.

Customs Act—Notice 1999 No. 1.

Excise Act—Notice 1999 No. 1.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Entsch, Mrs Gallus, Ms Gambaro, Mr Katter, Mr O'Connor, Mrs Sullivan and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

No. 22

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1999

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1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 YEAR 2000 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE BILL 1999**

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

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**3 MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

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

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 12.40 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 12.52 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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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 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.29 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



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