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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

MONDAY, 8 MARCH 1999



1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1997-98—

Interim report, 18 February 1999.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker, Mr Latham, Mr Pyne and Dr Southcott made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Latham, by leave, again addressed the House.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hawker was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (WAGE GUARANTEE) BILL 1999

Mrs Crosio, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and certain other liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes.

Mrs Crosio made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Paper

Mrs Crosio, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

4 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP—50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr M. J. Ferguson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) celebrates the 50th anniversary of Australian Citizenship;
- (2) acknowledges the success of the postwar immigration policy and the massive contribution these new settlers have made to Australia;
- (3) recognises the desirability of living in one of the world's most harmonious multicultural societies and applauds the diversity of our cultural mix;
- (4) applauds those beneficiaries of our immigration program who have become citizens of this country; and
- (5) encourages permanent residents to consider their commitments to this country and apply to take out citizenship in this, the celebratory year of the 50th anniversary of Australian Citizenship.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, Mr Adams was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

6 DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (MR G. H. BRANSON)

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 17 January 1999, of George Howard Branson, a Senator for the State of Western Australia from 1958 to 1971.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

8 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

9 SUICIDE

Mr Cadman, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes with deep concern the high level of suicide in Australia;
- (2) expresses its dismay that young males, drug takers and residents of rural areas are particularly prone to take their lives;

- (3) conveys its sympathy to the families and friends who have been touched by the tragedy of suicide; and
- (4) commits itself as individuals and as a representative group of Australians to do everything possible to reduce the high level of suicide.

Debate ensued.

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

10 STUDENT HOSTELS

Mrs Hull, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House calls on the Government to make provision for recurrent funding for student hostels servicing the school access needs of students in remote areas of Australia.

Debate ensued.

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

11 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

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

26 February 1999—Message No. 40—

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 1) 1999.

Year 2000 Information Disclosure 1999.

13 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 10 March 1999, at 10 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

14 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.

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

**15 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—
PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE**

The House was informed that the Speaker had received advice from Mr Howard (Prime Minister) nominating a Member to be a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization.

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979*, Mr Forrest be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization in place of Mr Nehl.

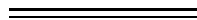
Question—put and passed.

16 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 March 1999:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1999 No. 3.

Broadcasting Services Act—Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice No. 1 of 1994—Amendment 1999 No. 1.

Cattle Transactions Levy Act, Live-stock Transactions Levy Act and Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 23.

Child Care Payments Act—Vaccination schedules amendment guidelines 1999 No. 1.

Childcare Rebate Act—Determination 1998 Childcare Rebate (Specified Persons) Amendment No. 1.

Christmas Island Act—Exemption order 20 February 1999.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—
Civil Aviation Orders—

Part 105—Amendments 1999 28 (5) January, 8 (9), 10, (7), 12 (20) February.

Part 106—Amendments 1999 28 January, 1 February.

Part 107—Amendment 12 February 1999.

Exemption 1999 No. CASA 4.

Instruments 1999 Nos. CASA 38, CASA 48, CASA 50.

Currency Act—Determination 1999 No. 1.

Defence Act—

- Determinations—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal 1999 Nos. 4, 5.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 27.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Export Control Orders 1999 No. 1.
- Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 21.
- Extradition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 32.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 15.
- Financial Sector Reform (Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 30.
- Fisheries Management Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 22.
- Health Insurance Act—
Determination 1999 No. HS/1.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 Nos. 16, 17, 19.
- Higher Education Funding Act—Determination 1998 No. T25.
- Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*—
Determination RHQ company 1999 No. 1.
Guidelines 1999 Income Tax (Farm Management Deposits—Deduction Exemption Certificates).
- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 33.
- National Health Act—
Determinations 1999 Nos. IHS 2, IHS 3.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 18.
- National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act and Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 24.
- Navigation Act—Marine Order 1999 No. 6.
- Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, for landscaping of Western Formal Gardens, Parliament House.
- Pasture Seed Levy Act—Declaration 1999 No. 1.
- Payments Systems and Netting Act—Approvals of RTGS system 19 February 1999 (2).
- Privacy Act—Determination 1999 No. PID 7A.
- Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 25.
- Public Order (Protection of Persons and Property) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 26.
- Public Service Act—Determinations—
1999 Nos. SESROB 8, SESROB 9, SESROB 10, SESROB 11, SESROB 12.
Attorney-General's Department 1999 No. 1.
Australian Agency for International Development 1999 No. 1.
Defence 1999 No. 3.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1999 No. STD 1.
Superannuation Act 1976—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 29.
 Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 31.
 Taxation Administration Act—Rulings 1999 Nos. PR 7, PR 8.
Telecommunications Act 1997—
 Carrier Licence Conditions (Telstra Corporation Limited) Declaration 1997—
 Amendment 1999 No. 1.
 Determinations 1998—
 Telecommunications (Provision of Pre-selection for a Standard Telephone Service).
 Telecommunications (Provision of Pre-selection for Specified Carriage Services).
 Notice 1998 Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling) Notice No. 2 of 1997—Amendment No. 2.
 Technical standard—
 CDMA Customer Equipment—ACA TS 200-1998.
 Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling—ACA TS 102-1998.
 Veterans' Entitlements Act—
 Instruments 1999 Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 34.
 Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act—Regulations—
 Statutory Rules 1999 No. 28.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting).

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives