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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 94

WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2000

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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 40, government business, being called on forthwith.

*Closure of Member*

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 68

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

## NOES, 67

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Byrne	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mr Jenkins	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	

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Jackie Kelly                      Mr Hatton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Melham (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

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

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 72

Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	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	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 Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Washer
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Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	Dr Wooldridge
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*Pairs*

Jackie Kelly                      Mr Hatton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Closure*

Mr McGauran moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

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Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	Ms Worth

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*Pairs*

Jackie Kelly                      Mr Hatton

And so it was negatived.

**3 ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Anderson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**4 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Anderson presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills: Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment 2000; and Interstate Road Transport Amendment 2000.

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

**5 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Act 1985*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**6 AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000**

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to aviation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Anderson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**7 JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of courts, and for other 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 O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**8 DAIRY INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT BILL 2000**

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 O'Connor who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House, whilst supportive of Australia’s dairy industry and whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, condemns the government for:

- (1) seeking to push this important Bill through the parliament at the latest possible time, given that it has had the industry package in its hands since April 1999 and endorsed it in September 1999;
- (2) failing to articulate a clear vision for the future of the dairy industry;
- (3) failing to carry out a proper assessment of the likely impact of deregulation on dairying regions and failing to make any provision for assisting communities to cope with the impact of deregulation;
- (4) imposing a new tax on milk;
- (5) failing to make any provision to assist workers in the dairy industry who may lose their jobs as a result of deregulation;
- (6) failing to assist in the re-training of farmers and others displaced as a result of deregulation;
- (7) failing to include measures specifically aimed at encouraging investment in new plant and equipment, either on farm or beyond;
- (8) failing to include measures aimed at opening up and expanding overseas markets;
- (9) failing to include a research and development component within the package;
- (10) poor targeting of assistance to farmers; and

- (11) failing to develop an adequate mechanism to ensure that consumers benefit from any fall in the price farmers receive for milk, in the face of price increases that have accompanied the removal of state based regulatory arrangements in the past”.

Debate continued.

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.

## 9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

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### *Minister for Aged Care—Motion of censure*

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Minister for Aged Care for:

- (1) placing at risk the safety, health and wellbeing of nursing home residents through her general inattention, inaction and incompetence in the conduct of her ministerial duties;
- (2) failing to act decisively on reports of serious risks to nursing home residents—ignoring reports and updates which she regularly receives from her officials;
- (3) her media-driven, panic-stricken response to developments in the nursing home crisis, which have created uncertainty and anguish amongst nursing home residents, their loved ones and staff; and
- (4) her misleading of the Parliament and the Australian public over this issue.

Debate ensued.

### *Paper*

Mrs B. K. Bishop (Minister for Aged Care), by leave, presented the following paper:

Aged care standards—Aged Care Standards Agency visit—Copy of letter from Ross Hamilton Barnett, Chief Executive Officer, St John of Kronstadt Russian Welfare Society Inc. to Mrs Bishop, 21 September 1999.

Question—put and negatived.

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Questions without notice concluded.

## 10 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) presented the following paper:

*Telecommunications Act 1997*—Funding of consumer representation and research—Report for 1998-99—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

**11 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AGED CARE FACILITIES**

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 Prime Minister’s failure to act to protect the interests of frail and elderly Australians in aged care facilities”.

The proposed discussion not having received the necessary support (the proposer not being present) the matter was not proceeded with.

**12 TIMOR GAP TREATY (TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2000—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The 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 Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**13 AUSTRALIAN WOOL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORGANISATION AMENDMENT (FUNDING AND WOOL TAX) BILL 2000—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The 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 Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**14 DAIRY INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT BILL 2000**

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 O’Connor (see item No. 8, page 1246)*—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

## AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
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Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
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Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Jackie Kelly	Mr Hatton

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.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 165, 7 March 2000, 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 Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (4) together.

*Paper*

Mr Truss presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Truss, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**15 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY (EXCISE) BILL 2000**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

**16 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY (CUSTOMS) BILL 2000**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

**17 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY (GENERAL) BILL 2000**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

**18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**

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

8 March 2000—Message No. 312—Navigation Amendment (Employment of Seafarers) 1998.

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

**19 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE**

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr C. P. Thompson to be a member of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Resources in place of Mr Brough (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business).

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), by leave, moved—That Mr Brough be discharged from the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Resources and that, in his place, Mr C. P. Thompson be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

**20 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

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 McClelland who moved, as an amendment—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) recognises concerns that the bill has the potential to impact on civil liberties; and
- (2) is of the opinion that the bill should be referred to a relevant committee of Parliament for consideration and report, particularly with reference to:
  - (a) whether the new categories of warrants proposed in the bill are appropriate in the circumstances;
  - (b) whether the processes which are required to be observed for the granting of warrants adequately protect both the interests of individuals named in warrants and any third parties; and
  - (c) whether the processes of accountability for action taken pursuant to a warrant are appropriate”.

Debate continued.

Mr Kerr addressing the House—

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**21 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 March 2000:

Customs Act—Instruments of approval 2000 No. CEO 1.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensations 2000 No. 4.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mr Hatton and Jackie Kelly\*.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-1999-2000

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**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 94

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2000**

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1 Due to divisions having been called in the House the Main Committee met at 9.54 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 TIMOR GAP TREATY (TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2000**

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.

**4 AUSTRALIAN WOOL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORGANISATION AMENDMENT (FUNDING AND WOOL TAX) BILL 2000**

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.

**5 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Prosser, the Main Committee adjourned at 1 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