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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 99

THURSDAY, 16 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 notice No. 3, private Members' 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, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	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	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	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	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	

## NOES, 67

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Kerr (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, 75

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

## NOES, 68

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 Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
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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 L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

\* Tellers

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)—

## AYES, 68

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 Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	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
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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

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Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
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Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

### 3 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2000

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security and veterans' entitlements in relation to various matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

### 4 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT) BILL 2000

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, and for other purposes.

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 Albanese), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 CHILD SUPPORT 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Anthony—Minister for Community Services), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**6 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**7 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS) 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 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:

“whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House calls on the Government to institute an independent inquiry into the impact of the tax system, and proposed changes to the tax system, on the charitable, non-profit and public health sectors so that the provisions in the bill can be properly assessed”.

Debate continued.

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

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Dr 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	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

## NOES, 65

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

\* 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.

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.

**8 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) 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—

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.

**9 GREENHOUSE CHALLENGE ACHIEVEMENTS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker made a statement concerning the inaugural Commonwealth energy and environmental awards and informed the House that the Joint House Department had received an award for best practice in improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions at Parliament House.

**10 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child—Copy of letter from Joe Berinson, Western Australian Attorney-General to Michael Duffy, Attorney General of Australia, 28 September 1990.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.02 p.m. the Member for Werriwa (Mr Latham) 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 continuing—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.18 p.m. the Member for Burke (Mr O'Keefe) 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.

**11 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SEMINARS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker made a further statement concerning the application of the goods and services tax to seminars conducted by the Department of the House of Representatives and the referral of the matter to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.39 p.m. the Member for Watson (Mr McLeay) 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.

Mr McLeay continuing to interject—

*Member named and suspended*

The Speaker named the Member for Watson.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Watson be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

## NOES, 63

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

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.48 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

**12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 34 of 1999-2000—Performance audit—Construction of the National Museum of Australia and Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Ordered to be printed.

**13 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Department of Family and Community Services—Review of the measure to extend carer payment eligibility to carers of children with a profound disability—Final report, December 1999—Government response, 7 March 2000.

Higher education—Report for the 2000-2002 triennium—Report by the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—

Calls on the Members of Parliament to consider and implement a minimum five year freeze on:

- (a) the release into the environment of genetically engineered organisms (GEOs)—crops, microbes or animals—for research or commercial purposes;
- (b) imports of genetically engineered foods and GEOs; and
- (c) patents on living organisms—

The freeze to remain until safeguards are in effect. (Mr Ruddock, 26 petitioners).

Calls on the federal Government to use its jurisdiction to reject mandatory sentencing laws currently in place in Western Australia and the Northern Territory and restore the discretion of sentencing to magistrates (Mr Reith, 55 petitioners).

#### **14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

The House was informed that Mr Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The threat to communications services to rural and regional Australia arising from the Government’s pursuit of the full privatisation of Telstra”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### **15 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, 3 April 2000—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 14 March 2000.

Question—put and passed.

#### **16 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) AMENDMENT 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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**17 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SHAPING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA’S FUTURE—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had returned, with an unresolved question, the order of the day relating to the motion to take note of the report of the Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services on shaping regional Australia’s future (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Unresolved question—That further proceedings be conducted in the House—put and passed.

Ordered—That further consideration of the matter be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**18 FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1999—SENATE’S AMENDMENTS**

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

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**19 ADELAIDE AIRPORT CURFEW BILL 1999—SENATE’S AMENDMENTS**

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

On the motion of Mrs Gallus, the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2000**

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

16 March 2000—Message No. 332—Customs Legislation Amendment (Criminal Sanctions and Other Measures) 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**21 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 16 March 2000, were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to a resolution on 9 December 1999 referring the consistency of the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998* with Australia’s international obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund for report by the end of the second sitting week in April 2000 and that the time for the presentation of the report had been extended to 7 June 2000—Message No. 325; and

- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:  
 No. 327—Dairy Adjustment Levy (Excise) 2000 (*without requests*);  
 No. 328—Dairy Adjustment Levy (Customs) 2000 (*without requests*);  
 No. 329—Dairy Adjustment Levy (General) 2000 (*without requests*);  
 No. 330—Timor Gap Treaty (Transitional Arrangements) 2000; and  
 No. 331—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 3) 1999.

## 22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DAIRY INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT BILL 2000

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

16 March 2000—Message No. 326—Dairy Industry Adjustment 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr Adams addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived*

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

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

## 23 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mrs Crosio presented the following report:

Committee of Members' Interests—Report on the operations of the committee, including the minutes of proceedings, for 1999, 16 March 2000.

Ordered to be printed.

## 24 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—13TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 13TH 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 17 February 2000, 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. 57—Palm Valley Land Claim No. 48.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Electoral Commission—Redistribution into Electoral Divisions—1999-2000—

New South Wales.

Tasmania.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report—No. 89—Managing Justice: A review of the federal civil justice system.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 1998-99.

National Environment Protection Council—Report for 1998-99.

Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Wheat Export Authority—Report—1 July 1999 to 30 September 1999.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

16 March 2000

On the motion of Mr Lieberman, by leave, the report was agreed to.

## 25 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—63rd general report of the Committee, 2000, pursuant to the Public Works Committee Act.

Ordered to be printed.

## 26 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following papers:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—

Report 373—Migrant settlement services, fringe benefits tax and Green Corps—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1998-99, second half.

Report 374—Review of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, by leave, moved—That the House take note of each report.

Mr Charles was granted leave to continue his speech when each debate is resumed.

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

**27 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 3 April 2000, at 12.30 p.m.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 March 2000:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 17.

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 25.

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 24.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 10.

Christmas Island Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 25 September 1999 to 10 March 2000.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 25 September 1999 to 10 March 2000.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 Nos 11, 12.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 13.

Electronics Transactions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 19.

Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 26.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 16.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 15.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 20.

Judicial and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 21.

Judiciary Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 14.

Native Title Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 18.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 22.

Petroleum Excise (Prices) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 23.

Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules  
2000 No. 9.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2000—Nos PR 12, PR 13, PR 14, PR  
15, PR 16, PR 17, PR 18, TD 10, TD 11.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Jackie Kelly\*  
and Mr Somlyay.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-1999-2000

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

No. 99

**MAIN COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2000



1 Due to divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.50 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) AMENDMENT 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.

**4 STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 March 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 1998-99—Interim report, March 2000—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Ms Worth) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 March 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services—Report—Shaping Regional Australia's Future—Final report, February 2000—

Debate resumed.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane addressing the Committee—

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*Adjournment negatived*

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

Mrs Elson requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

Mrs D M Kelly addressing the Committee—

Mr Wilton moved—That further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and not being resolved—Order of the day to be returned to the House.

**6 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Wilton moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 1.20 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

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