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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

MONDAY, 5 JUNE 2000



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 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr A. P. Thomson (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—33rd report—Social Security Agreement with Italy and New Zealand committee exchange—

Report, June 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr A. P. Thomson, Mr Adams, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs Elson and Dr Theophanous made statements in connection with the report.

Mr A. P. Thomson moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr A. P. Thomson 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 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Wakelin (Chair) presented the following papers:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Health is life: Inquiry into indigenous health—

Report, 29 May 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Wakelin, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Mr Quick and Mr Jenkins made statements in connection with the report.

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

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

Mr Wakelin 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.

4 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT—SAVING OF STATE AND TERRITORY LAWS) BILL 2000

Mr Fitzgibbon, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

Mr Fitzgibbon making a statement in relation to the Bill—

At 1.45 p.m., the statement was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A and Mr Fitzgibbon was granted leave to continue his statement when private Members' business is resumed.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

6 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade) would be Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr Howard also informed the House that, during the absence of Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Moore (Minister for Defence) would answer questions on his behalf.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

8 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

9 MILITARY HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Dr Lawrence, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of preserving our military history and heritage for future generations;
- (2) applauds the work of the volunteers and returned service men and women in promoting and preserving our military heritage; and
- (3) calls on the Government to retain in public ownership sites of significance for our military heritage and history, for example, the Fremantle Artillery Barracks and associated Army Museum.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT—SAVING OF STATE AND TERRITORY LAWS) BILL 2000

Notice No. 1, private Members' business, having again been called on—

Bill read a first time.

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

11 ZIMBABWE

Mrs Moylan, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Zimbabwe Government for allowing the current grave situation to continue in which:
 - (a) serious economic difficulties are leading to considerable unrest; and
 - (b) agricultural production has been jeopardised by the invasion of commercial farms by squatters and the squatters' actions have been ruled as illegal by the High Court of Zimbabwe;
- (2) supports the Australian and British Governments' strongly expressed concerns about events in Zimbabwe; and
- (3) calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to restore the rule of law and hold free and fair elections at the earliest possible date.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Ms Roxon was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

12 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.

13 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (DIGITAL TELEVISION AND DATACASTING) 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 Smith 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) condemns the Government for the inordinate amount of time it has taken to introduce the bill, and the unacceptably short time now available for parliamentary consideration of the measure;
- (2) regards the narrow approach taken to the definition of datacasting as much too restrictive and certain to risk stifling a new industry before it emerges;
- (3) deplores the Government's failure to enhance the future potential in this area, as evidenced by its datacasting proposals;
- (4) calls on the Government to allow the national public broadcasters, the ABC and SBS, to multichannel;
- (5) believes that the restrictions on datacasting and the prohibition on the ABC and SBS from multichannelling will have particularly adverse consequences for rural and regional Australia;
- (6) believes that the enhanced services provisions in the bill go further than previously anticipated and will require careful scrutiny; and
- (7) believes that there will need to be careful, appropriately timed and statutorily based scrutiny through the review provisions proposed in the bill".

Debate continued.

Mr Snowden addressing the House—

14 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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 5 June 2000:

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 89.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 91.

Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Orders—2000 Australian Sports Drug Agency Drug Testing (Scheme A) Amendment (No. 1).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 87.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 39-105—Amendments—2000 15(2), 19, 30 May.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 83.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 93.

Defence Act—

Determinations under section 58B—2000 Nos 13, 14.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 82.

Fisheries Management Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 92.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 85.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 90.

International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 84.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 86.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2000 No. 1.

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 88.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensations—2000 No. 7.

Taxation Administration Act—

Notice under section 17, 1 June 2000.

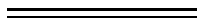
Rulings—2000 Nos GSTR 12, GSTR 13, PR 63, PR 64.



DISALLOWED INSTRUMENT

The following instrument, deemed to have been presented on 15 February 2000, to which a notice of motion for disallowance was given on 3 April 2000 and not withdrawn or disposed of within 15 sitting days, is deemed to have been disallowed on 5 June 2000:

Customs Act 1901—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1999 No. 333.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Andren, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Downer, Mrs Gallus, Mr Latham, Mr Martin, Mr Pyne, Mr Schultz, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, Mr Williams and Mr Wilton.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives