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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 134

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 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 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (RURAL AND REMOTE AREA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS) BILL 2000

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Wooldridge presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), for Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to shipping, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran 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 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Ms Plibersek to be a member of the Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration.

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), by leave, moved—That Ms Plibersek be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

5 FAMILY LAW 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr McClelland, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) and (2) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Mr McClelland moved Opposition amendment (3).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (3) together.

Paper

Mr Williams presented a replacement supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Amendments agreed to.

Mr Williams moved Government amendment (4).

Mr McClelland moved Opposition amendment (1) to proposed Government amendment (4).

Debate continued.

Opposition amendment (1) to proposed Government amendment (4) negatived.

Government amendment (4) agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Williams, by leave, Government amendments (5) to (24) were made, together.

Mr Williams moved Government amendment (25).

Mr McClelland, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (2) and (3) to proposed Government amendment (25).

Debate continued.

Opposition amendments (2) and (3) to proposed Government amendment (25) negatived.

Government amendment (25) agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Williams, by leave, Government amendments (26) to (94) were made, together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

6 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 231, 27 June 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

7 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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.

Messages from the Governor-General

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 232, 26 June 2000, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 233, 16 August 2000, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of an amendment to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Government amendment was made.

Paper

Mr Scott presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

8 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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—

Mr O'Connor addressing the House—

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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during his absence abroad, Mr Anderson (Deputy Prime Minister) would be Acting Prime Minister.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA'S STANDING AS A KNOWLEDGE NATION

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 failure of the Government to implement and pursue policies that would advance Australia's standing as a Knowledge Nation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PROPOSED ABC PERTH ACCOMMODATION PROJECT, EAST PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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: Proposed ABC Perth Accommodation Project, East Perth, Western Australia.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13 PATENTS AMENDMENT (INNOVATION PATENTS) BILL 2000—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Dr Nelson be discharged from the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs and that, in his place, Dr Washer be appointed a member of the committee; and
- (2) Ms Livermore be discharged from the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs and that, in her place, Mr Griffin be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 31 August 2000, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 449—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 450—Trade Marks Amendment (Madrid Protocol) 2000.

No. 451—Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme Extension 2000.

16 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its failure to adequately resource the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service to carry out its role of protecting Australia’s agricultural industries from exotic pest and disease and facilitating Australian agricultural exports”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) 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 next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 August 2000:
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Declaration 2000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection (Boobera Lagoon Amendment).

Bounty (Ships) Act—Return for 1999–2000.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2000 27(4) July, 10, 24(3), 25(2) August.

Corporations Act—Accounting standards—AASB 1005—August 2000.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 241.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—2000 No. 242.

Parliamentary Service Act—Determinations—2000 No. 1.

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 236.

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 237.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 238.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act, National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Act and National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 240.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act, Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act and Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 239.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation 2000 No. 11.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Byrne, Mr Downer, Mr Hollis*, Mr Pyne, Mr Quick, Mr Sciacca, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Mr Wilkie.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 134

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 PATENTS AMENDMENT (INNOVATION PATENTS) 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), by leave, Government amendments (1) to (6) were made together.

Paper

Mr Entsch presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments.

4 STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Nelson—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 14 August 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Workplace Relations—
Report—Age Counts: Issues specific to mature-age workers—Final report,
August 2000—

Debate resumed.

Mr K. J. Thomson addressing the Main Committee—

5 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

At 1 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until a date and
hour to be fixed.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee