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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 136

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2000

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 SHADOW MINISTRY—PAPER

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, informed the House of changes to the Shadow Ministry and, by leave, presented the following paper:

Shadow Ministry, 5 September 2000.

3 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 1999–2000.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Co-regulatory scheme for internet content regulation—Report, January to June 2000.

Housing Assistance Act—Report on the operation of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1997–98.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1999–2000.

5 CO-REGULATORY SCHEME FOR INTERNET CONTENT REGULATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Co-regulatory scheme for internet content regulation—Report, January to June 2000.

Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES

The House was informed that Mr Brereton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Howard Government’s undermining of Australia’s support for international human rights principles”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Brereton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

7 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

Medicare Levy Amendment (Defence—East Timor Levy) Bill 2000 (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr Swan*).

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Amendment Bill 1998 (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Ms Macklin*).

Presidential Nominations Committee Bill 1999 (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).

MRI Issues—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.

Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

West Victoria Regional Forest Agreement—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Regional Forest Agreement for North East NSW—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 30 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Science and Technology Budget Statement 2000-2001—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Authority—Quarterly Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Trade Outcomes and Objectives—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2000—Mr Beazley*) on the motion of Mr Entsch—That the House take note of the paper.

Trade Mission to the Gulf—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Mr Martin*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 March 2000—Mr Lee*) on the motion of Mr Fahey—That the House take note of the paper.

Medibank Private—Equal Employment Opportunity and Equity and Diversity—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Australia's Development Cooperation Program—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr Brereton*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.

UNESCO General Conference—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the paper.

International Labour Conference—Declaration—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

International Labour Conference—Convention 181—Motion To Take Note Of Paper: Resumption Of Debate (*From 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

International Labour Conference—Recommendation 188—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

International Labour Conference—Recommendation 189—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

International Labour Conference—Instruments—June 1998—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

International Labour Conference—Instruments—June 1997—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Mid-Term Review of Provider Number Legislation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

East Timor—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr Williams*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Professional Services Review—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Employment Services Regulatory Authority—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Health Services Australia—Report for 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Committee to examine the use of the term 'drug free'—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report on Review of the Proceeds Of Crime Act 1987—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Freedom of Information Act—Report for 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Tariff Proposals (*Mr Anthony*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 8 (1999)—*moved 24 November 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 24 November 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

Tariff Proposals (*Mr McGauran*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (1999)—*moved 21 October 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Swan*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (1999)—*moved 21 October 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Swan*).

Tariff Proposals (*Mr Williams*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1999)—*moved 2 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Evans*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (1999)—*moved 22 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Horne*).

Tariff Proposal (*Mr Entsch*):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).

Tariff Proposals (*Mr Slipper*):

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 30 March 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Martin*).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McMullan*).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McMullan*).

Question—put and passed.

8 ORDERS OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), Main Committee orders of the day No. 2, government business, and Nos 4 to 8, committee and delegation reports, were returned to the House.

9 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day returned to the House from the Main Committee in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day, be discharged:

Government business

Road and Rail—Government Responses to Reports—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 1 June 2000—Mr Wakelin, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

Committee and delegation reports

Industry, Science and Resources—Standing Committee—Report on Adding Value to Australian Raw Materials—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 11 May 2000—Mr Wakelin*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—That the House take note of the report.

Primary Industries and Regional Services—Standing Committee—Report on Shaping Regional Australia's Future—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Pyne*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report on Visit to East Timor, 2 December 1999—Motion to take note of paper:

Resumption of debate (*from 5 April 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Hollis—That the House take note of the report.

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Interim Report on Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 1998–99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 16 March 2000—Ms Worth*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report.

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report on Community Involvement in the Procedures and Practices of the House of Representatives and its Committees—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House take note of the report.

Question—put and passed.

10 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 6 September 2000, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

11 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (No. 3) 2000;

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Private Trusts and Private Companies—Integrity of Means Testing) 2000; and

Criminal Code Amendment (United Nations and Associated Personnel) 2000.

Question—put and passed.

12 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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 Lee, viz.*—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) notes that the preliminary data available suggest that the proposed distribution of funding among non-government schools is profoundly unfair;
- (2) is of the opinion that, before the bill is debated, the Government must provide detailed, final figures on the cost of the policy changes contained in the bill and the new funding figures for each non-government school; and
- (3) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) failing to provide a matching increase in funding for government schools; and
 - (b) continuing its unfair Enrolment Benchmark Adjustment policy”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

13 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 9 October 2000.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) 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 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 September 2000:

ACIS Administration Act—

Determination 2000—ACIS Administration (Commonwealth Financial Assistance).

Guidelines 2000—

ACIS Administration (Arm's Length Transactions).

ACIS Administration (Modulation).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 243.

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 250.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 2000 No. 11.

Charter of the United Nations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 247.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—2000 No. 2.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2000 16, 25(12), 28 August.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance 2000 No. 2.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 244.

Federal Magistrates Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 245.

Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 251.

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 Nos 248, 249.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 246.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Barresi, Mr Hollis* and Mr Howard.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives