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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 149

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 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 JURISDICTION OF COURTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act 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 (Dr Lawrence), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) cutting Commonwealth Government investment in higher education by a billion dollars;
- (2) proposing new arrangements for higher education research which:
 - (a) reduce the number of Commonwealth-funded research training places, particularly hurting newer, smaller and regional universities; and
 - (b) fail to address the need for increased research funding;
- (3) abolishing the National Board of Employment, Education and Training and thereby removing a significant source of corporate knowledge and independent advice; and

- (4) seeking to reduce the independence of the Australian Research Council, by removing its ability to initiate advice”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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. 254, 4 September 2000, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 255, 31 October 2000, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Lee, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (3) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

On the motion of Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Kemp, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

4 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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.

Messages from the Governor-General

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

No. 256, 4 September 2000, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 257, 31 October 2000, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs) the Government amendment was made.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Kemp, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 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, noting the serious impact of the taxation regime on Australian households, calls on the Government to remove the effect of the GST from the fuel excise indexation adjustment in February 2001”.

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.

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

7 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Army and Air Force Canteen Service (AAFCANS)—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—Report for 1999-2000.

Australian Research Council Bill 2000—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1999-2000.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia—Report for 1999-2000.

Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1999-2000.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Bougainville: The peace process and beyond—Report, September 1999—Government response.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Don't stop the music! A report of the inquiry into copyright, music and small business—Report, May 1998—Government response.

8 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 1999-2000.

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

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SCHOOL FUNDING

The House was informed that Mr Lee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government’s new school funding policy to distribute funding on the basis of need”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

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

1 November 2000—Message No. 474—Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

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

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000

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

2 November 2000—Message No. 476—Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) 2000.

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

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 475, 1 November 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Amendment Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment No. 1 disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 379—Contract management in the Australian Public Service, October 2000.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles and Mr Tanner, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

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

Mr Charles 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.

14 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 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 Crean (see item No. 5, page 1851)*—

Debate resumed.

Mr Wilkie addressing the House—

15 ADJOURNMENT

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hollis*, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Price, Mrs Sullivan and Dr Theophanous.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—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 19 June 2000*), viz.:

Primary Industries and Regional Services—Standing Committee—Report—Gene Technology—Final report, June 2000—

Debate resumed.

Fran Bailey, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

Fran Bailey moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 11.56 a.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee