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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 176

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2001



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 DRIED VINE FRUITS (RATE OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY (CUSTOMS) CHARGE) VALIDATION BILL 2001

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented a Bill for an Act to validate certain regulations that purported to fix retrospectively the rate of the primary industry (customs) charge on dried vine fruits, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 DRIED VINE FRUITS (RATE OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY (EXCISE) LEVY) VALIDATION BILL 2001

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented a Bill for an Act to validate certain regulations that purported to fix retrospectively the rate of the primary industry (excise) levy on dried vine fruits, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (MEDICAL DEVICES) BILL 2001

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), for Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, 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 following Bills: Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) 2001; and Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment 2001.

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

5 THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2001

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) moved—That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:

Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2000: Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Mr Smith addressing the House—

Closure

Mr McGauran moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mr Downer	Ms Gerick

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Smith moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts explaining to the House—
 - (a) the reason for the Government's backflip in discharging the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill from the *Notice Paper*;
 - (b) whether this represents a commitment by the Howard-Anderson Government not to deregulate Australia Post, not just for the remainder of this parliament but for the next;
 - (c) whether the Government is proposing to continue with its secret amendments to the Communications and the Arts Legislation Amendment Bill, order of the day No. 11, which would have the same effect of deregulating essential Australia Post services;
 - (d) why the Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the National Party and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, on Monday in question time denied that the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill deregulates Australia Post; and
- (2) the Opposition welcoming the discharge and the Government's adoption of long standing Labor Party policy.

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, 72

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

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mr Downer	Ms Gerick

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition—second) 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)—

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Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
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Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Breton	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mr Downer	Ms Gerick

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 57

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

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

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mr Downer	Ms Gerick

And so it was negatived.

8 MARITIME 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr M. J. Ferguson moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Mossfield, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 73

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

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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Ms Gerick
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs Gallus (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

Ordered—That notices Nos 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

10 SEX DISCRIMINATION 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 McClelland 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.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Commonwealth State Grant System—“Guess which state gobbles up \$190m of NSW taxes each year?”—Newspaper advertisement in *The Daily Telegraph*, 29 March 2001.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) presented the following paper:

Public hospital funding—Letter from Ms Worth to Mr T Koutsantonis, 22 March 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 31 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Administration of Consular Services: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ordered to be printed.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Corporations and Securities—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Draft Financial Services Reform Bill—Government response.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Funding Australia's Defence—Government response, March 2001.

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Street legal: The involvement of the National Crime Authority in controlled operations—Government response.

United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Communication No. 947/2000—Decisions of the Human Rights Committee declaring communications inadmissible—27 October 2000.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC EDUCATION

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 damage which the Government has inflicted on public education, reducing education and training opportunities for all Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment made by the House in the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—28 March 2001—Message No. 580; and
- (b) returning the Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 2000 without amendment—29 March 2001—Message No. 581.

16 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001—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 Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 ORDERS OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), the following Main Committee orders of the day, government business, were returned to the House for further consideration and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day:

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000; and
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2000.

18 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 380—Review of Auditor-General's Reports, 1999-2000, third quarter, February 2001.

Ordered to be printed.

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

19 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Lindsay presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report—

64th general report of the Committee, 2001, pursuant to the Public Works Committee Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Lindsay, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

20 DEVELOPMENT OF 95 RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS IN DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK

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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of 95 residential apartments in Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

21 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

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

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Mr Georgiou be appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration;
- (2) Mr Cadman be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Resources;
- (3) Mr Ronaldson be discharged from the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Workplace Relations and that, in his place, Mr Cadman be appointed a member of the committee;
- (4) Mr Somlyay be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters and that, in his place, Mr Jull be appointed a member of the committee;
- (5) Mr Macfarlane (Minister for Small Business) be discharged from the Library Committee and that, in his place, Mrs D. S. Vale be appointed a member of the committee;
- (6) Mr Secker be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage; and
- (7) Mr Schultz be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services.

Question—put and passed.

22 SEX DISCRIMINATION 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 McClelland who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for introducing a bill which is:
 - (a) discriminatory and socially divisive;

- (b) a completely inadequate response to the complex ethical, social and economic issues involved in the development and use of assisted reproductive technologies; and
 - (c) totally ignores other areas involving the care and upbringing of children where similar issues and principles are raised; and
- (2) calls on the Government to implement the strong and unanimous recommendations of the Australian Health Ethics Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council to establish a national framework to regulate the provision and development of assisted reproductive technology (ART) services which should include:
- (a) mechanisms to evaluate, assess and prioritise the provision of ART services, including providing necessary criteria to protect, as a primary consideration, the interests of children who may be born from the use of ART as well as the interests of donors and those persons seeking to use ART;
 - (b) measures to ensure that any child born as a result of the use of ART is able to identify and locate his or her biological parents;
 - (c) adequate facilities and resources for medical practitioners to obtain expert advice and guidance on the complex ethical, social and economic issues involved in the use of ART; and
 - (d) procedures to monitor and review the use of ART to ensure that the benefits of ART to participants are balanced with the interests of society as a whole”.

Debate continued.

Mr Lindsay addressing the House—

23 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.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 March 2001:

Christmas Island Act—

List of Western Australian Acts for period 26 August 2000 to 23 March 2001.

Utilities and Services Ordinance—Determination of Rents for Public Housing—
No. 1 of 2001.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 26 August 2000 to 23 March 2001.

Health Insurance Act—
Declaration—2001 QAA No. 2.

Instrument—2001 Health Insurance (Accredited Pathology Laboratories—Approval) Amendment Principles (No. 1).

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation for pedestrian crossing at Parliament Drive/Melbourne Avenue intersection.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mrs Crosio, Mr Downer, Mr Fahey*, Ms Gerick*, Ms Livermore, Mrs Moylan, Ms Plibersek*, Mr Somlyay, Dr Theophanous and Mr Zahra.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 176

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 29 MARCH 2001

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

Suspension of sitting

At 9.47 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.19 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

3 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Paper

Mr Slipper presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 11.11 a.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee