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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 180

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL 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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Dr Martin moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended, as would prevent the Member for Cunningham moving forthwith:

1. This House notes that:

(a) in an answer to a question on the Defence White Paper by the Minister for Defence on 8 March 2001 the Hansard Greens contained the following sentence:

“Are they going to undermine our capacity for the purchase of new combat aircraft *carriers*?”

(b) in the final version of the House Hansard of 8 March 2001, the answer from the Minister for Defence is recorded as:

“Are they going to undermine our capacity for the purchase of new combat *aircraft*?”

(c) the removal of the word “carriers” conveys a completely different meaning to the answer, which is contrary to House practice (see *House of Representatives Practice*, Third Edition, p. 573), where words can only be omitted if they do not change the substance or meaning of the answer.

(d) by the Minister’s action he again demonstrates his complete lack of knowledge regarding the contents of the Defence White Paper.

2. This House calls for the restoration of the word “carriers” to the Hansard record as a true and accurate report of the Minister for Defence’s answer.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
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	
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

NOES, 59

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mrs Moylan	Ms Gerick
Mr Somlyay	Mrs Crosio

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McLeay (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

Mr Hockey moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

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Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mrs Moylan	Ms Gerick
Mr Somlyay	Mrs Crosio

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, 61

Mr Adams	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hoare	Dr Martin	Ms Short
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Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilkie
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Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
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Mr Somlyay	Mrs Crosio

And so it was negatived.

**3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER**

Mr Nugent (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 39th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 6 December 2000 to 4 April 2001.

**4 FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 2001**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of information from bodies in the financial sector, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**5 FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA—CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal and amend various Acts, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the enactment of the *Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**6 FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM BILL 2001**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to financial services and markets, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**7 TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 2) 2001**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**8 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001**

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**9 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND METHODS OF NOTIFICATION) BILL 2001**

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend migration and citizenship legislation, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**10 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (IMMIGRATION DETAINEES) BILL 2001**

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**11 INNOVATION AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about funding of primary, secondary and higher education and of research, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 12 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001

Mr Brough (Minister for Employment Services), for Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 13 BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001

Mr Brough (Minister for Employment Services), for Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

#### 14 AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001

Mr Brough (Minister for Employment Services), for Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend or repeal certain legislation relating to aviation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.



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

**15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2001**

Message No. 589, 4 April 2001, from the Senate was reported returning the Electoral and Referendum Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendment was agreed to.

**16 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**

Message No. 292, 2 April 2001, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments to a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to child support, and for related purposes.

**17 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS**

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), amendment No. 5 was disagreed to, after debate.

Mr Anthony presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate*

***Senate Amendment No. 5***

The amendment (which is to omit Schedule 8 to the Bill) fails to address concerns expressed to the Child Support Agency by both custodial and non-custodial parents. These concerns are that privacy can be breached unnecessarily by the current requirement that the other party to a child support assessment be given copies of supporting documents to an application for a departure determination. These concerns were addressed in the original amendments in Schedule 8.

All information relevant to the departure determination is included in the application and response forms themselves—these forms will continue to be made available to the other party. Therefore, the other party will continue to have every opportunity to challenge the details that will inform the departure determination.

The supporting documents, which the original Schedule 8 amendments proposed would no longer be provided automatically, are primarily to confirm for the decision maker some of the details already contained in the forms.

However, the nature of the documents is that they often go beyond the issue at hand and also set out various personal details that are not relevant. It is these personal details that were to be protected by the original Schedule 8 amendments.

Natural justice is maintained by the original amendments, while protecting individuals from having irrelevant personal details disclosed to former partners.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

On the motion of Mr Anthony, the reasons were adopted.

On the motion of Mr Anthony, amendments Nos 1 to 4 were disagreed to and Government amendments Nos 1 to 8 were made in place thereof, after debate.

*Paper*

Mr Anthony presented a further supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

**18 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Sciacca), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2001**

Message No. 592, 5 April 2001, from the Senate was reported returning the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

**20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001**

Message No. 593, 5 April 2001, from the Senate was reported returning the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

**21 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER 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.

Mr Andren 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.

**22 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**23 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Centenary celebrations, Melbourne, May 2001—Practical guide to events.

**24 ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE 9 AND 10 MAY MEETINGS OF THE HOUSE**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 9 May 2001, at 2 p.m., in the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting;
- (2) leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives:
  - (a) from the determination of this sitting of the House to 9 May 2001; and
  - (b) from the determination of the sitting of the House on 10 May 2001 to the date of its next sitting; and
- (3) standing order 100A (Notice Paper) be suspended for the sittings of the House on 9 and 10 May 2001.

Question—put and passed.

**25 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Military justice procedures in the Australian Defence Force—Government response, March 2001.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—34th Report—Two Treaties tabled on 6 June 2000—Government response, April 2001.

**26 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Military justice procedures in the Australian Defence Force—Government response, March 2001.

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

**27 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CONSEQUENCES OF GOVERNMENT'S PROMISE**

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 social and economic consequences of the Government’s failure to deliver on its promise to make Australians ‘comfortable and relaxed’ ”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**28 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBERS**

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 381—Annual report 1999-2000, March 2001.

Ordered to be printed.

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

**29 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—25TH REPORT**

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 25TH REPORT**

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 8 March 2001, recommends that the following be printed:

Administrative Review Council—Report to the Attorney-General—No. 44—Internal review of agency decision making.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1999-2000—Corrigenda.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 1999-2000—  
Corrigendum.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—

Native title report for 1999-2000.

Social justice report for 1999-2000.

Reports—

No. 11—Inquiry into a complaint of discrimination in employment and  
occupation: Discrimination on the ground of age.

No. 12—Inquiry into a complaint of acts or practices inconsistent with or  
contrary to human rights in an immigration detention centre.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report for 1999-2000.

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Chair

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On the motion of Mr Lieberman, by leave, the report was agreed to.

**30 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Lindsay presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to range  
support facilities Delamere Range and RAAF Base Tindal (4th report of 2001).

Ordered to be printed.

**31 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE  
OF WORK—PROPOSED FREIGHT AND PASSENGER FACILITIES AT RUMAH  
BARU, WEST ISLAND, COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and  
Administration), by leave, 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 freight and passenger facilities at Rumah Baru, West  
Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**32 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 5 April 2001, were reported returning the following  
Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 594—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment 2001.

No. 595—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment 2000.

No. 596—Coal Industry Repeal 2000.

No. 597—Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2000.

**33 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (NO. 3) 2001**

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr I. E. Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**34 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER 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.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 293, 8 December 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bevis moved Opposition amendment (1).

Debate continued.

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**35 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, 9 May 2001 at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 April 2001:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under section 125—2001 April.

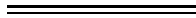
Statement under sub-section 40(3)—2001 April.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—

1999 No. PR 7 (Addendum).

2000 Nos PR 11 (Addendum), PR 34 (Addendum).

2001 Nos CR 2, CR 3, CR 4, PR 33, PR 34, PR 35, PR 36, PR 37, TR 1.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Brereton, Mr Cox, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fahey\*, Ms Gerick\*, Mr Katter, Mrs Moylan, Ms Plibersek\*, Mr Somlyay and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

\* On leave



**B. C. WRIGHT**

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 5 APRIL 2001**

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1 Due to divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.50 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Prosser moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 10.30 a.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

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**J. W. PENDER**  
Clerk of the Main Committee