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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 215

TUESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2001

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

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented the following paper:

Ansett Group (Administrators Appointment)—Letter from Mr Mark Mentha, Administrator—Ansett Group to Mr John Anderson, 25 September 2001.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 2.59 p.m. the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.02 p.m. the Member for Brisbane (Mr Bevis) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

3 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2000-01.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—

Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for period 1 April to 30 June 2001.

Addendum—Code of practice: Safe transport of radioactive material.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Indigenous funding 2001—
Consultants' reports.

Report.

Supporting material.

National Rail Corporation Limited—Report for 2000-01.

Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1999-2000.

Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2000-01.

4 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2000-01.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Indigenous funding 2001—
Consultants' reports.

Report.

Supporting material.

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

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—JOB SECURITY

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 adequately protect the jobs of Australian workers and to provide a secure future for all Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

7 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

(1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Cybercrime 2001;

Abolition of Compulsory Age Retirement (Statutory Officeholders) 2001;

Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001;

Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment 2001;

Olympic Insignia Protection Amendment 2001;

Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment 2001;

Interactive Gambling Amendment 2001;

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001; and

Industry, Science and Resources Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001; and

- (2) the following orders of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Communications, Transport and the Arts—Standing Committee—Local voices: An inquiry into regional radio—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Communications, Transport and the Arts—Standing Committee—Covering your arts—Art indemnity in Australia—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

8 RAAF BASE TOWNSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 2, TOWNSVILLE—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: RAAF Base Townsville redevelopment Stage 2, Townsville.

Question—put and passed.

9 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

New freight and passenger facilities at Rumah Baru on West Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands (11th report of 2001).

Redevelopment of residential areas at Royal Military College, Duntroon, ACT (12th report of 2001).

Defence Intelligence Training Centre at Canungra, Qld (13th report of 2001).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

10 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, 22 October 2001.

11 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ARMY AVIATION CENTRE, OAKEY, QLD—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: Redevelopment of the Army Aviation Centre, Oakey, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

12 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 2001

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 K. J. Thomson, 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 notes that this bill proposes amendments to the *A New Tax System Act 1999* and calls on the Government to take this opportunity to include further improvements in the legislation that would:

- (1) remove the GST from the price of women's sanitary products;
- (2) remove the GST from funeral expenses;
- (3) remove the GST from fees paid by long-term caravan park and boarding house residents;
- (4) compensate charities for the extra burden imposed by the GST; and
- (5) simplify the GST for small businesses”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Emerson addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	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 Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Lieberman	Mr Griffin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 357, 18 September 2001, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr K. J. Thomson moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Closure

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 68

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

NOES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	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 Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard Mr Beazley
Mr Lieberman Mr Griffin

And so it was negatived.

Paper

Mr Slipper presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (24) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

13 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2001

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 Cox moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 70

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Lieberman	Mr Griffin

And so it was negatived.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (7) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

14 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

15 **AIR PASSENGER TICKET LEVY (IMPOSITION) BILL 2001**

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 M. J. Ferguson 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:

- (1) imposing another new tax on the Australian community that will hurt the tourist industry and therefore the economy, and cost jobs;
- (2) its total incompetence and mismanagement of the Ansett ownership issue;
- (3) introducing an employee entitlement scheme that does not meet 100% of workers entitlements;
- (4) announcing that future unspecified levies may be imposed in order to ensure greater entitlements are paid than currently provided under the Government’s flawed entitlements scheme;
- (5) failing to protect the jobs and interests of Australian workers;
- (6) leaving Australian communities without aviation services, jeopardising health and living standards;
- (7) totally destroying the integrity of Australia’s aviation policy; and
- (8) not brokering a solution to the Ansett crisis that would save jobs, regional services and aviation competition”.

Debate continued.

Closure

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 64

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Breerton	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Ms Burke	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Dr Martin	Ms Short
Mrs Crosio	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 Tanner
Mr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Lieberman	Mr Swan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Anthony, the Government amendment was made, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

16 AIR PASSENGER TICKET LEVY (COLLECTION) BILL 2001

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. 363, 25 September 2001, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 364, 25 September 2001, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Anthony, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (20) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

It being approximately 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.05 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 25 September 2001:

Imported Food Control Act—Imported Food Control Order, 11 September 2001.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—
Commonwealth Place—Approval for artistic paving works for ‘Speaker’s Square’.

Reconciliation Place—Design and content of slivers, including text and images—Revised tabling statement.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Declaration—2001 Anti-Corruption Commission, 24 September 2001.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Lieberman*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives