

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 3

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2002

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 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM INCENTIVES) BILL 2002**

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, 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 Bill.

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

**3 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983*, 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 Bill.

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

**4 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002**

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs), for Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous 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 Hardgrave moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Hardgrave presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**5 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hardgrave presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**6 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (MEDICAL DEVICES) BILL 2002**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), 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.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to this Bill and to the Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2002.

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

**7 THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

**8 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Marriage Act 1961*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**9 SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (PREGNANCY AND WORK) BILL 2002**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**10 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2001-2002—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2001-2002**

Message No. 1, 13 February 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution an appropriation for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented the following paper:

Statement of Savings expected in annual appropriations—Department of Finance and Administration information paper, 2001-2002.

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

**12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 2001-2002—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2001-2002**

Message No. 2, 13 February 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution an appropriation for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**13 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 2001-2002—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2001-2002**

Message No. 3, 13 February 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution an appropriation for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**14 COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**15 MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**16 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**17 INCOME TAX (SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to impose income tax upon certain superannuation payments, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**18 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**19 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002**

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**20 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**21 AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Airports Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Tuckey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**22 ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Tuckey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill and to the Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment Bill 2002.

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

**23 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**24 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

**25 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence from 1 April to 18 August 2002 be given to Jackie Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) for maternity purposes.

Question—put and passed.

**26 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be appointed to consider and report on such matters relating to foreign affairs, defence and trade as may be referred to it by:
  - (i) either House of the Parliament;
  - (ii) the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
  - (iii) the Minister for Defence; or
  - (iv) the Minister for Trade.
- (b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
  - (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 32 members, 12 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 8 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

- (7) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 6 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence and Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

## 27 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be appointed to inquire into and report on:
  - (a) matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by:
    - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
    - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament Act 1974*; or
    - (iii) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (b) such other matters relating to the parliamentary zone as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (c) such amendments to the National Capital Plan as are referred to it by a Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*;
  - (d) such other matters relating to the National Capital as may be referred to it by:
    - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
    - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*; and

- (e) such matters relating to Australia's territories as may be referred to it by:
  - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
  - (ii) the Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; the Territory of Christmas Island; the Coral Sea Islands Territory; the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands; the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island.
- (2) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
  - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (3) That the committee consist of 12 members, the Deputy Speaker, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (7) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (8) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (9) That 3 members of the committee (of whom one is the Deputy President or the Deputy Speaker when matters affecting the parliamentary zone are under consideration) constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.

- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on the National Capital and External Territories, the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House, the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone and the Joint Committee on the National Capital appointed during previous Parliaments and of the House of Representatives and Senate Standing Committees on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure when sitting as a joint committee on matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

## 28 MIGRATION—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Migration be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
  - (i) regulations made or proposed to be made under the *Migration Act 1958*;
  - (ii) all proposed changes to the *Migration Act 1958* and any related acts; and
  - (iii) such other matters relating to migration as may be referred to it by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- (b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
  - (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.

- (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (12) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (15) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (16) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Migration Regulations and the Joint Standing Committees on Migration appointed in previous Parliaments.
- (17) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (18) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

## 29 ELECTORAL MATTERS—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister.  
 Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
  - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
  - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

- (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (11) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (12) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (15) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (17) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of:
  - (a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System, and
  - (b) the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Electoral Reform and Electoral Matters appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (18) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (19) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

### 30 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 242 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities shall be as follows:
  - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
  - (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (c) That the committee elect a member nominated by the Government Whips or the Leader of the Government in the Senate as its chair.
  - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair

and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
  - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
  - (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
  - (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
  - (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (l) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (o) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities appointed during previous Parliaments.
  - (p) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

### 31 TREATIES—PROPOSED JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
  - (a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
  - (b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
    - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
    - (ii) a Minister; and
  - (c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.
- (2) That the committee consist of 16 members, 6 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair to act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (7) That in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, shall have a casting vote.
- (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (9) That the committee have power to appoint not more than 3 subcommittees each consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (10) That, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on Treaties appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (20) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

### 32 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 54 of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority shall be as follows:
  - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be

nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
  - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
  - (e) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
  - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
  - (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
  - (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
  - (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (l) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the committee appointed during previous Parliaments.
  - (p) That, in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
  - (q) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

### 33 NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 204 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund shall be as follows:
  - (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2

Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.

- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
  - (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
  - (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
  - (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
  - (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
  - (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
  - (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
  - (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (l) That the committee have power to examine and report on such annual and related reports as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (m) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
  - (n) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (o) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (p) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Question—put and passed.

#### 34 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*see item number 24, page 34*)—

Debate resumed.

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.

#### 35 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Prime Minister—Motion of censure*

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for:

- (1) his failure to ensure that his own *Guide to Key Elements of Ministerial Responsibility* was upheld in the period from 7 October to 10 November 2001, in particular that Ministers must be honest in their dealings;
- (2) his failure to make further inquiries on or after 10 October 2001 as promised into the allegations that:
  - (a) children may not have been thrown overboard from the SIEV 4 as first alleged on 7 October 2001; and
  - (b) the photographs released by the Minister for Defence may have misrepresented events on the SIEV 4 on 7 and 8 October 2001;
- (3) his, and his government's, repeated efforts to cover up the facts surrounding the allegation of children being thrown overboard from the SIEV 4 on 7 October 2001.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 66

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Ms Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Dr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	
Mr Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	

## NOES, 80

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Downer	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Ms Worth

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

**36 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2001-2002—

No. 31—Audit activity report—Audit activity report: July to December 2001—Summary of outcomes.

No. 32—Performance audit—Home and community care follow-up audit: Department of Health and Ageing.

Severally ordered to be printed.

**37 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of outstanding Government responses to reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period between 28 June 2001, the date of the last schedule and 13 February 2002.

**38 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 2000-01.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 2000-01.

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 1999-2000 [Interim], February 2001—Government response.

Finance—Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2001.

Productivity Commission—Report for 2000-01.

**39 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

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

Finance—Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2001.

Productivity Commission—Report for 2000-01.

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

**40 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BORDER SECURITY**

The House was informed that Ms Gillard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The persistent failure of the Government to be honest with the Australian people in relation to border security and other matters”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Gillard rising to address the House—

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

**41 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*see item number 34, page 43*)—

Debate resumed.

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

**42 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 1, 14 February 2002, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate concurs with the resolutions of the House as contained in messages Nos 1 to 8, relating to the appointment of the following joint committees:

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund.

National Crime Authority.

Treaties.

Corporations and Securities.

Electoral Matters.

National Capital and External Territories.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Migration.

**43 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.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 February 2002:

Copyright Act—Report for 2000-01 Statement of Explanation.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statements under section 125—February 2002.

Statements under sub-section 40(3)—February 2002.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cameron, Mr Neville and Mrs D. S. Vale.



**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives