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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 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 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL MOVEMENT) BILL 2002

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, 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 (Ms Ellis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS) BILL 2002

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, 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 (Ms Ellis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*, 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 (Ms Ellis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ESPIONAGE AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914* and the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 PROCEEDS OF CRIME BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for confiscation of the proceeds of crime, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

8 PROCEEDS OF CRIME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

9 COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (PARALLEL IMPORTATION) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Copyright Act 1968*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

10 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (CHILD PROTECTION CONVENTION) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to implement the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

11 JURISDICTION OF COURTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of courts, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

12 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

13 INCOME TAX (SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

14 COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL (VALIDATION OF PROCLAMATION) BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

15 HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That orders of the day Nos 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

17 SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002—WITHDRAWAL OF BILL AND DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, moved—That the Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 be withdrawn and that order of the day, No. 7, government business, be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

18 SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to enhance the Commonwealth's ability to combat terrorism and treason, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Papers

Mr Slipper presented a second reading speech and an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

19 SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House notes that the Opposition is committed to supporting detailed examination of this bill and the other bills dealing with security by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee and reserves the right to pursue amendments as a result of the Senate Committee consideration”.

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

20 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Alleged actions by a senior member of the Judiciary—Letters from Senator Heffernan to—Mr Howard, Prime Minister, 13 March 2002.

Commissioner Peter Ryan, NSW Commissioner of Police, 13 March 2002.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

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

Roads to recovery programme—Report for 2000-01.

Questions without notice continued.

21 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 36 of 2001-2002—Benchmarking implementation and production costs of financial management information systems.

Ordered to be printed.

22 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

Finance—Advance to the Finance Minister—

Statement for July 2001 to January 2002.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance during July 2001 to January 2002.

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

23 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TOWNSVILLE TROUGH

The House was informed that Mr K. J. Thomson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to protect the Townsville Trough, located just 50 kilometres from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, from oil exploration”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr K. J. Thomson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

24 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Jull, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to France—Report, October 2001.

Mr Jull and Mr Melham, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

25 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM INCENTIVES) BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General’s message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to with an amendment (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of the amendment.

Amendment made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

26 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28 SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) (see item No. 19, page 100)—*

Debate resumed.

Mr Brereton rising to address the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

29 SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

30 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS) BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

31 BORDER SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

32 TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

33 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2001-2002

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 McMullan 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 its:

- (1) pre-election spending spree;
- (2) speculation in currency derivatives at a cost of nearly \$5 billion over the life of this Government;
- (3) blatant disregard for the application of Australian accounting standards in compiling its own accounts;
- (4) failure to recognise the GST as a Commonwealth tax and this Government as the highest taxing Government of all time;
- (5) complete lack of disclosure and accountability in relation to the escalating costs of the so-called ‘Pacific Solution’;
- (6) breaking its election promise to make health insurance affordable by approving a premium increase at twice the rate of inflation;
- (7) misleading the public about the real cost of its defence commitments prior to the election;
- (8) woefully inadequate support for the development of the broadband infrastructure integral to Australia’s participation in the information economy;
- (9) inadequate attempts to remedy chronic under funding of research and innovation; and
- (10) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education and the provision of social services”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs D. S. Vale—Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

34 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Appropriation (No. 3) 2001-2002;

Appropriation (No. 4) 2001-2002; and
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 2001-2002.
Question—put and passed.

35 TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

36 ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Fran Bailey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

37 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Fran Bailey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

38 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms J. I. Bishop, Ms Burke, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Katter, Mr Rudd, Mr Sciacca and Mr Tuckey.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM INCENTIVES) BILL 2002

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. 9, 20 February 2002, 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.

Paper

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr McGauran, the Government amendment was made.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with an amendment.

4 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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:

- (1) condemns the Government for its sustained neglect of Australia's interstate transport network, especially the coastal shipping industry;
- (2) notes that the Government has actively supported the use of foreign ships and crews on the coast with inadequate industrial and immigration controls in place and inadequate monitoring of ship safety standards;
- (3) notes further that the Government's neglect is leading to the demise of the Australian shipping industry, jeopardising our national security and defence, and threatening our marine environment; and

- (4) calls on the Government to drop its ideologically driven opposition to the Australian shipping industry and its blind pursuit of lower shipping charges at the expense of Australia's broader national interests".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

5 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

7 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 1.10 p.m. the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

8 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair at 4.36 p.m.

9 TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2002

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.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

10 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 7, page 18*)—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 5.47 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 6.02 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting

At 6.04 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 6.19 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

11 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), the Main Committee adjourned at 6.29 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee