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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 23

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2002

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—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.05 p.m. the Member for Sydney (Ms Plibersek) 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 she accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.07 p.m. the Member for Werriwa (Mr Latham) 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 3.19 p.m. the Member for Fowler (Mrs Irwin) 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 she accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Lingiari (Mr Snowdon) for continuing to interject.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Lingiari be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.45 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

3 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Export Market Development Grants—List of grant recipients—2000-01.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2001.

Advisory panel on the marketing of infant formula in Australia—Report for 2000-01.

4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES

The House was informed that Mr McMullan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s waste and mismanagement and flawed budgetary management, which is putting upward pressure on interest rates”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

5 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 17 June 2002.

6 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 5 June 2002, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

30 May 2002—Message No. 29—

Student Assistance Amendment 2002.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) 2002.

8 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:

Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents) 2002;

Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment 2002;

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment 2002;

New Business Tax System (Imputation) 2002;

New Business Tax System (Over-franking Tax) 2002;

New Business Tax System (Franking Deficit Tax) 2002; and

Statute Law Revision 2002.

Question—put and passed.

9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2002-2003—BUDGET DEBATE

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 Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) its failure to deliver a budget surplus in 2001-02 after a decade of growth;
- (2) its failure to deliver a budget surplus in 2002-03 without breaking previous commitments on defence, roads and working credits;
- (3) imposing the cost of a pre-election spending spree on families via higher interest rates and cuts in health and welfare spending;
- (4) falsely claiming that cuts to health and welfare payments are needed to fund the war against terrorism and border protection;
- (5) wasting \$5 billion of taxpayers money by gambling in foreign currency markets through cross currency derivatives;

- (6) wasting almost \$3.5 billion by failing to manage currency risk on defence spending despite warnings from the Auditor-General;
- (7) wasting \$31 million on maintenance services for 40 year old helicopters that are years overdue despite a \$800 million down payment;
- (8) its failure to recognise the GST as a Commonwealth tax and this Government as the highest taxing of all time;
- (9) its failure to consider the fairer options put forward by the Opposition to offset the harsh measures it intends to impose on families, the sick and disabled; and
- (10) the failure of its Intergenerational Report to recognise that investment in education, research and development is critical to our future prosperity and our capacity to generate the revenue and wealth required to support an ageing population”—

Debate resumed.

Mr K. J. Thomson addressing the House—

10 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

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

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.07 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 4 June 2002:

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Determination—2002 Special Digital Data Service Provider (No. 1).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Anderson, Ms Burke*, Jackie Kelly*, Dr Kemp and Mr Kerr.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives