

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 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 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 customs, and for other 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 (Dr Lawrence), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES (AMENDMENT AND REPEAL) BILL 2002

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to the repeal of the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997*, to impose charges in relation to that provision, to amend the *Import Processing Charges Act 2001*, and for other 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 (Dr Lawrence), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Latham moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

5 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISPOSAL OF ASSETS—INTEGRITY OF MEANS TESTING) 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 Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

6 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs) presented the following paper:

Changes to the Migration Act for better protection of Northern Australia—Copy of press release by Torres Strait Regional Authority, 7 June 2002.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Taxation of expatriates—Copy of press release by the Federal Treasurer, Melbourne, 15 October 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

8 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Research Council—Strategic Action Plan 2002-04—Investing in our future.

Finance—Advance to the Finance Minister—

Statements for March and April 2002.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance during 2001-02.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Reports—

No. 14—Inquiry into a complaint by Mr Andrew Hamilton of age discrimination in the Australian Defence Force.

No. 15—Inquiry into a complaint by Ms Elizabeth Ching concerning the cancellation of her visa on arrival in Australia and subsequent mandatory detention.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET

The House was informed that Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Howard Government’s divisive and unfair Budget”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 388—Review of the Accrual Budget Documentation, June 2002.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Charles, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Charles was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

11 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 32, 2 April 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

12 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AND OTHER 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—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 33, 26 March 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), the Bill was read a third time.

13 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE CHARGES) 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 Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), the Bill was read a third time.

14 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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. 34, 2 April 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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (5) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

15 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) 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.

16 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.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 June 2002:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2002 22, 23(2), 24(6), 25, 27(8), 28(15), 29(5), 30(11), 31(13) May, 3(4) June.

Part 39-106—2002 29(3) May, 3 June.

Part 39-107—2002 22, 30 May.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 129.

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Advice under paragraph 18(a), 18 June 2002.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Determinations—2002 Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

Report 2002 No. 1.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determination—2002 Telecommunications (Recovery of ITU budget contribution).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Burke*, Mr Katter, Jackie Kelly* and Mr Sawford.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 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 downpayment;
- (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.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.21 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.38 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, again addressed the Main Committee.

Amendment negatived.

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditure for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Department of the Environment and Heritage

Department of Health and Ageing

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources

Attorney-General's Department

Department of Education, Science and Training

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Department of Family and Community Services

Department of Veterans' Affairs	}	together
Department of Defence		

Department of Communications, Information Technology and Arts

Department of Finance and Administration	}	together
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		
Department of the Treasury		

Suspension of sitting

At 1.21 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 4 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, \$450 388 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of the Environment and Heritage, \$515 815 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Health and Ageing, \$3 019 484 000—debated.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.29 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