

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 37

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 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 ACIS ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *ACIS Administration Act 1999*, and for related purposes. Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch 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 EXCISE TARIFF 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 *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, 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.

4 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, 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 (Mr Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 STANDING ORDERS—AMENDMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following changes to the standing orders be made with effect from 16 September 2002:

(1) That standing orders 81, 274, 274A and 275 be amended to read as follows:

Debate confined to present question—Exceptions

81 No Member may digress from the subject matter of any question under discussion:

Provided that—

- (a) on the question for the adjournment of the House or the Main Committee to terminate the sitting, matters irrelevant thereto may be debated, and
- (b) on the motion for the second reading of an Appropriation or Supply Bill, except an Appropriation or Supply Bill for expenditure that is not expenditure for the ordinary annual services of the Government, matters relating to public affairs may be debated.

Sittings and adjournment

274 The Main Committee may meet at any time during a sitting of the House and the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) the Committee need not adjourn between items of business;
- (b) proceedings in the Committee shall be suspended by the Chair to enable Members to attend any division in the House;
- (c) a sitting of the Committee may be adjourned on motion moved by any Member without notice;
- (d) upon the adjournment of the House the Chair shall interrupt the business before the Committee and forthwith adjourn the Committee; and
- (e) upon the completion of consideration of all matters referred to the Committee by the House the Chair shall propose the question—That the Committee do now adjourn.

Adjournment debates

274A The question—That the Committee do now adjourn—shall be open to debate but no amendment may be moved to the question:

Provided that if, on the question—That the Committee do now adjourn—being proposed, a Member requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Chair shall forthwith put the question.

Provided further that, at the conclusion of the debate on the question—That the Committee do now adjourn—a Minister may require that the debate be extended for 10 minutes to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; on the expiry of 10 minutes, or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Chair shall forthwith adjourn the Committee.

Committee to consider only matters referred

275 The Main Committee shall consider only such matters as have been referred to it by the House or as specified in the standing orders.

- (2) That standing order 282 be amended to read as follows:

Chair to suspend sitting when disorder arises

282 If any sudden disorder arises in the Main Committee the Chair may, or on motion without notice by any Member shall, forthwith suspend or adjourn the sitting and shall report the disorder to the House. If the sitting is adjourned, any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

- (3) Omit “(on a Thursday)” from the item concerning Question for the adjournment of House or Main Committee in standing order 91.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6 ADOPTION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 84A

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following sessional order be adopted for the remainder of the sittings in 2002 with effect from 16 September 2002:

Interventions in the Main Committee

84A During consideration of any order of the day in the Main Committee a Member may rise and, if given the call, ask the Chair whether the Member speaking is willing to give way. The Member speaking will either indicate his or her:

- (a) refusal and continue speaking, or
- (b) acceptance and allow the other Member to ask a short question immediately relevant to the Member's speech—

Provided that, if, in the opinion of the Chair, it is an abuse of the orders or forms of the House, the intervention may be denied or curtailed.

Question—put and passed.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) BILL 2002

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

21 August 2002—Message No. 90—Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) 2002.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

8 RESEARCH INVOLVING EMBRYOS AND PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING 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.

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.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Making criminals pay—Media release by Senator the Hon. Christopher Ellison, Minister for Justice and Customs, 13 March 2002.

Questions without notice continued.

10 PAPERS

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented the following papers:

Iraq—Transcript of interview with Kevin Rudd, Shadow Foreign Minister on radio station 3AW, 23 July 2002.

Democrat Party's implosion, foreign policy and Australia's reputation in the region—Transcript of interview with Kevin Rudd, Shadow Foreign Minister on television program *Sunday Sunrise*.

Downer's appeasement rhetoric driven by domestic politics—Not by the national interest—Media release by Kevin Rudd M.P., Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, 23 July 2002.

11 PAPERS

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

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report for 2000-01.

Australia and the IMF—Report for 2000-01.

Australia and the World Bank—Report for 2000-01.

Petitions (3) not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House.

Queensland Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1999-2000.

12 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report for 2000-01.

Australia and the IMF—Report for 2000-01.

Australia and the World Bank—Report for 2000-01.

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

13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INVESTMENTS AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS

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 failure to adequately protect the investments and retirement savings of Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

14 VETERANS’ AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION 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 Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 22 August 2002, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 91—Family Law Amendment (Child Protection Convention) 2002.

No. 92—Jurisdiction of Courts Legislation Amendment 2002.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INDUSTRY MEASURES) BILL 2002

Message No. 93, 22 August 2002, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 RESEARCH INVOLVING EMBRYOS AND PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING 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.

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being approximately 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.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 August 2002:

Broadcasting Services Act—Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice No. 1 of 1994—Amendment—2002 No. 3.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice under section 45—Disposal by the Commonwealth of shares in Sydney Airports Corporation Limited.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2002 Nos 12, 13.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Cameron, Mrs Draper, Ms O’Byrne*, Mr Snowden and Dr Southcott.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 37

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION 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. 48, 27 June 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

4 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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.

5 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs D. M. Kelly moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 11.35 a.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee