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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 39

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 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—

Paper

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following paper:

Funding per Commonwealth Child Care Place, 1991-2001—Chart—Source, Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services.

Questions without notice continued.

3 CUNNINGHAM ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT

The Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ on Monday, 16 September 2002 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Cunningham, in the State of New South Wales, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Dr Stephen Paul Martin. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:

Close of roll Monday, 23 September 2002.

Date of nominations Thursday, 26 September 2002.

Date of polling Saturday, 19 October 2002.

Return of writ On or before Wednesday, 25 December 2002.

4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 5 of 2002-2003—Performance audit—The strategic partnership agreement between the Department of Health and Ageing and the Health Insurance Commission.

Ordered to be printed.

5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 2001.

Treaties—

Bilateral—Text, together with national interest analyses—

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning security measures for the reciprocal protection of classified information, done at Canberra on 25 June 2002.

Second protocol and exchange of letters, done at Genting Highlands, Malaysia on 28 July 2002, amending the agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Malaysia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income of 20 August 1980, as amended by the first protocol of 2 August 1999.

Text, together with national interest analysis and regulation impact statement—Protocol, done at Canberra on 23 January 2002, amending the convention between Australia and Canada for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, done at Canberra on 21 May 1980.

Text, together with replacement national interest analyses—

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor concerning arrangements for exploration and exploitation of petroleum in an area of the Timor Sea between Australia and East Timor, done at Dili on 20 May 2002.

Timor Sea Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of East Timor, done at Dili on 20 May 2002.

Multilateral—Text, together with national interest analyses—

Amendment, adopted on 18 October 2000, to the limitation amounts in the protocol of 1992 to amend the international convention on civil liability for oil pollution damage, 1969.

Amendment, adopted on 18 October 2000, to the limits of compensation in the protocol of 1992 to amend the international convention on the establishment of an international fund for compensation for oil pollution damage, 1971.

Amendments, done at Shimonoseki, Japan on 24 May 2002, to the schedule to the International Convention for the regulation of whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946.

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

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

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY LIFE

The House was informed that Ms Roxon had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to address the growing crisis in child care, and the resulting pressures on families balancing work and family life”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Roxon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Ms Ellis be discharged from the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs;
- (2) Mr Albanese be discharged from the Standing Committee on the Ageing and that, in his place, Ms Ellis be appointed a member of the committee; and
- (3) Mr Cox be discharged from the Standing Committee on Education and Training and that, in his place, Mr Albanese be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

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:

Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 2002; and

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 2002.

Debate ensued.

Mr S. F. Smith addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration—was put accordingly, and passed.

9 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, 16 September 2002.

10 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to the proposed common use infrastructure on Christmas Island (1st report of 2002).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, Mr B. P. J. O'Connor and Mr Snowdon, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 96, 27 August 2002, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Ferris had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund.

12 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2002 BUDGET MEASURES) 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. 50, 19 June 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 Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

13 VETERANS' AFFAIRS 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 51, 21 March 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

Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (13) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (LIABILITY FOR RECREATIONAL SERVICES) 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.

Mr Nairn addressing the House—

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 27 August 2002:
Australian Research Council Act—Determination—2002 No. 12.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Cameron, Mrs Draper, Dr Kemp, Ms O'Byrne*, Mr K. J. Thomson and Ms Worth.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 4.46 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 5.04 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Ms Panapoulos was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop, the Main Committee adjourned at 10.32 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