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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 43

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 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

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Government promotes renewable energy—Media release by John Howard, Prime Minister, 12 September 2002.

Questions without notice continued.

3 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 7 of 2002-2003—Performance audit—Client service in the Child Support Agency follow-up audit: Department of Family and Community Services.

Ordered to be printed.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Defence Housing Authority—Statement of corporate intent for 2002-2003.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 17—Review of the national access regime, 28 September 2001.

Treaties—*Bilateral—Text, together with national interest analyses—*

Agreement between Australia and the Government of New Zealand relating to air services, done at Auckland on 8 August 2002.

Agreement between Australia and the Hellenic Republic on mutual assistance in criminal matters, done at Athens on 4 July 2002.

War Crimes Act—Report for 2001-2002.

5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Defence Housing Authority—Statement of Corporate Intent 2002-2003.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 17—Review of the national access regime, 28 September 2001.

War Crimes Act—Report for 2001-2002.

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

6 IRAQ: WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Iraq and weapons of mass destruction and presented the following papers:

Copies of letters dated 16 September 2002 from—

Iraq Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Naji Sabri, to UN Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan.

UN Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan, to the President of the Security Council, Mr Stefan Tafrov.

Iraq: Weapons of mass destruction—Ministerial statement, 17 September 2002.

United Nations Special Commission—Chronology of main events, December 1999.

Mr Downer moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Times for speeches

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 34 minutes, Mr Rudd for 20 minutes and all other Members to speak to the motion for 10 minutes each.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Crean addressed the House.

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

7 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Tuesday, 17 September 2002, at 7.30 p.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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:

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 2002;

Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) 2002;

Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) (Consequential Provisions) 2002;

Australian Capital Territory Legislation Amendment 2002;

ACIS Administration Amendment 2002;

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) 2002;

Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements) 2002;

Transport Safety Investigation 2002;

Transport Safety Investigation (Consequential Amendments) 2002;

Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) 2002;

Egg Industry Service Provision 2002;

Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) 2002;

Dairy Industry Legislation Amendment 2002; and

Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) 2002.

Question—put and passed.

9 IRAQ: WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs)—That the House take note of the papers (*see item 6, page 399*)—

Debate resumed.

Mr Andren moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while the House commends the Government for its strong condemnation of terrorists and their activities and its encouragement of Iraq’s compliance with United Nations resolutions the House believes that Australian Defence Forces should not be involved in any action in Iraq that is not carried out under a United Nations’ Resolution”.

Debate continued.

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

10 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, 23 September 2002.

11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and facilities for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft (2nd report of 2002).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan and Mr Baldwin, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

12 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 10.58 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Ms Gambaro, Mr Latham, Mrs May, Ms O'Byrne*, Mr Scott and Ms Worth.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 43

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

2 NEW PROCEDURES IN MAIN COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Deputy Speaker made a statement concerning new procedures in the Main Committee.

3 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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 by Ms Macklin (Deputy 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—

- (1) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) failing to provide real increases in Commonwealth capital funding for schools since 1996;
 - (b) failing to address adequately the capital needs of schools in disadvantaged and isolated areas;
 - (c) displaying a lack of understanding of the implications of demographic trends on the ageing capital stock of many schools in Australia, especially in the public sector;
 - (d) inadequate accountability and evaluation processes for reporting on the achievements of the Commonwealth’s capital grants program against stated objectives;
 - (e) threatening to make capital funding for schools conditional on agreement with the Government’s industrial relations agenda; and
 - (f) a lack of vision on how to position Commonwealth capital support for schools in the future, including:
 - (i) Information and Communications Technologies infrastructure;
 - (ii) professional teaching support and learning centres;
 - (iii) integration with Commonwealth priorities for schools through its targeted programs; and
- (2) requests the Government to:
 - (a) develop clear and effective accountability and evaluation procedures and incorporate these in administrative guidelines; and
 - (b) report to the Parliament within twelve months on the achievements of the Commonwealth capital program and its future development, including in relation to the issues raised in this amendment”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Gash), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (100), (102) to (124), (132) to (158), (163) to (171), and (173) to (195) were made together, after debate.

On the motion of Mr McClelland, Opposition amendment (1) was made, after debate.

On the motion of Mr McClelland, by leave, Opposition amendments (2) to (11) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

5 WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (233) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

6 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (see item 3, page 402)—*

Debate resumed.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Neville, the Main Committee adjourned at 10.37 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