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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 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 BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to broadcasting, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 COMMONWEALTH VOLUNTEERS PROTECTION BILL 2002

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to protect volunteers working for the Commonwealth from civil liability, 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 Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 2002

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, 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 Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 SUPERANNUATION (GOVERNMENT CO-CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW INCOME EARNERS) 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. 71, 18 September 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.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Katter	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Dr Kemp	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr P. E. King	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mrs Ley	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lindsay	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Lloyd	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McArthur*	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	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	
Mr Downer	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum and correction to the explanatory memorandum, to the Bill.

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

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

6 SUPERANNUATION 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 by Mr Cox who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to:

- (1) ensure that the proposed surcharge tax reduction to high-income earners, the splitting of superannuation contributions and the closure of the public sector funds do not proceed; and
- (2) provide for a fairer contributions tax cut that will boost retirement incomes for all superannuation fund members to assist in preparing the nation for the ageing population”.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 72, 18 September 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.

Mr Cox moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Amendment 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.

7 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) agreeing in December 1998 to the *Greenwich University Act* passed by the Norfolk Island legislature and subsequently defending the decision and denying that it posed any threat to the reputation of Australian higher education;
- (2) its delay in releasing the final report resulting from the April 1999 MCEETYA resolution calling for an investigation into the academic and resource criteria of Greenwich ‘University’;
- (3) its delay in acting on the recommendations of the December 2000 *Report On The Application By The Norfolk Island Government For The Listing Of Greenwich University On The Australian Qualifications Framework Register* that ‘the standard of its courses, quality assurance mechanisms and its academic leadership fail to meet the standards expected of Australian universities’; and
- (4) its failure to recognise the urgent need for action to address issues relating to quality in the higher education sector”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

8 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code* in relation to terrorist organisations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams, the Bill was read a third time.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

10 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Bali terrorist bombings—Condolence Message—Republic of Poland.

11 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 13 of 2002-2003—Information support services—Benchmarking the internal audit function follow-on report: Benchmarking study.

Ordered to be printed.

12 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2001-02.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2001-02.

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Australia Post—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Hearing—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 94—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2001-02.

Australian National Training Authority—

Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2001—

Volumes 1 and 2—National overview and Commonwealth, State and Territory reports.

Volume 3—Key performance measures for the Australian vocational education and training system. Report for 2001-02.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Research Council—Report for 2001-02.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2001-02.

ComLand Limited—Report for 2001-02.

Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2001-02.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2001-02.

Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2001-02.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2001-02—
Volume 1.
Volume 2.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2001-02—
Volume 1—Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

Department of Veterans' Affairs—Data-matching program—Report for 2001-02.

Family Court of Australia—Report for 2001-02.

Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Health Insurance Commission—Equity and diversity program—Report for 2001-02.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2001-02.

Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2001-02.

Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.

National Competition Council—Report for 2001-02.

National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2001-02.

National Museum of Australia—Report for 2001-02.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 2001-02.

National Office for the Information Economy—Report for 2001-02.

National Road Transport Commission—Report for 2001-02.

NetAlert Limited—Report for 2001-02.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2001-02.

Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2001-02, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner.

Repatriation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and the National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Reports for 2001-02.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2001-02.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2001-02.

Telstra Corporation Limited—Equal employment opportunity—Report for 2001-02.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02—
and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

13 PAPER

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

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMMONWEALTH STATE HOUSING AGREEMENT

The House was informed that Mr Latham had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to adequately fund the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement and address Australia’s housing affordability crisis”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 HEALTH CARE (APPROPRIATION) AMENDMENT BILL 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 Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 TORRES STRAIT FISHERIES 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 Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 132—Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment 2002—22 October 2002.

No. 133—Crimes Amendment 2002—23 October 2002.

No. 134—Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment 2002—23 October 2002.

18 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 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.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented corrections to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

19 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Randall (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 26 September 2002, recommends that the following be printed:

- Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2001-02.
- Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2001-02.
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.
- Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
- Australia Council—Report for 2001-02.
- Australia Post—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Customs Service—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Film Commission—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Film Television and Radio School—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Hearing—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Law Reform Commission—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian National Residue Survey—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian National Training Authority—
Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2001—
Volume 1—National overview; and Volume 2—Commonwealth, State and Territory reports.
Volume 3—Key performance measures for the Australian vocational education and training system.
Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Research Council—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2001-02.
- Australian War Memorial—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Centrelink—Report for 2001-02.
Comcare—Report for 2001-02.
Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2001-02.
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2001-02.
Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Crimes Act—Controlled operations—Report for 2001-02.
Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Defence Housing Authority—Report for 2001-02.
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2001-02.
Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 2001-02.
Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2001-02—
Volume 1.
Volume 2.
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2001-02—
Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2001-02.
Department of Transport and Regional Services—Report for 2001-02.
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Family Court of Australia—Report for 2001-02.
Film Australia Limited—Report for 2001-02.
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2001-02.
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Reports—
2001-02.
Visits to immigration detention facilities by the Human Rights Commissioner 2001—August 2002.
Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2001-02.
International Air Services Commission—Report for 2001-02.
Joint Coal Board—Report for July-December 2001 [Final].
Land and Water Australia—Report for 2001-02.
Medibank Private—Report for 2001-02.
Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.
National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Report for
2001-02.
National Competition Council—Report for 2001-02.
National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2001-02.
National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2001-02.
National Library of Australia—Report for 2001-02.
National Museum of Australia—Report for 2001-02.
National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 2001-02.
National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 2001-02.
National Road Transport Commission—Report for 2001-02.
Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2001-02.

Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2001-02, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner.

Repatriation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and the National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Reports for 2001-02.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2001-02.

Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2001-02.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2001-02.

Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 2001-02.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Witness Protection Act 1994—Report on the operation of the Act for 2001-02.

DON RANDALL

Chair

29 October 2002

On the motion of Mr Randall, by leave, the report was agreed to.

20 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REVIEW AND OTHER MATTERS) 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 by Mr S. F. Smith who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while supporting the provisions of the Bill, and welcoming the proposal to extend Medicare benefits in respect of people suffering from a cleft lip or cleft palate condition, the House acknowledges that a small number of people may need treatment for these conditions after reaching the age of 28 years and calls on the Government to allow treatment beyond this age if approved by the Minister for Health”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 73, 27 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 Mr Hockey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism), the Bill was read a third time.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT—STANDARDS

Message No. 135, 23 October 2002, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that, in accordance with subsection 31(3) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, the Senate has approved the Disability Discrimination Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002, made under subsection 31(1) of the Act and tabled on 20 August 2002.

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Hockey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism) moved—That the House, having considered Senate Message No. 135 of 23 October 2002, approves, in accordance with subsection 31(3) of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, the Disability Discrimination Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002, made under subsection 31(1) of the Act, as approved by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

22 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr McGauran—Minister for Science), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 PAPERS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Parliament—Master of its own household?—Draft paper by Jill Adams, Australian Public Service Commission, September 2002.

Review of aspects of the administration of the Parliament—Copy of letter from Andrew Podger, Parliamentary Service Commissioner, to the Hon. Neil Andrew MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, 30 September 2002.

Review by the Parliamentary Service Commissioner of aspects of the administration of the Parliament—Final Report, Andrew Podger, September 2002—

and made a statement in connection with the papers.

24 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 23 October 2002:

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—2002 No. 18.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2002 No. 10.

Taxation Administration Act—

Determination—2002 No. TD 24.

Rulings—

2001 No. CR1 (Addendum).

2002 No. GSTR 5.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton*, Ms Burke, Mrs May*, Ms O'Byrne*, Mr Scott*, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Ms Worth*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 56

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 HEALTH CARE (APPROPRIATION) 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. 68, 2 September 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 TORRES STRAIT FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 2002

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Truss 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 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN BALI—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 15 October 2002*), viz.:

Terrorist attacks in Bali—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.25 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.40 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

Ms J. I. Bishop moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.16 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee