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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2003

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2003

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Tuesday, 4 February 2003 being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Motion by the Prime Minister relating to bushfires.
2. Statement by the Prime Minister relating to Iraq.
3. Presentation of papers in accordance with the list circulated to Members in the Chamber.
4. Referral of Bills to the Main Committee.

Question—put and passed.

3 BUSHFIRES

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved—That this House:

- (1) extends its sympathies to all Australians who have suffered such grievous personal losses during the tragic bushfires throughout Australia over recent months, and particularly those in the Australian Capital Territory on 18 January 2003;
- (2) acknowledges the tireless commitment of the thousands of individuals, including the rural and metropolitan fire brigades, emergency and rescue services, ambulance services, the defence force, police, welfare groups, government agencies, councils and businesses from across the country, who were involved in fighting these fires;
- (3) expresses its enduring gratitude and admiration to these Australians, many of whom are volunteers, for their efforts and sacrifices and in particular acknowledges the bravery of those who risked their lives in fighting the fires; and
- (4) recognises that the way that communities heroically pulled together in a time of crisis truly demonstrates the strength of the Australian spirit.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 IRAQ—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) made a ministerial statement relating to Iraq and presented the following paper:

Iraq—Ministerial Statement, 4 February 2003.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech

Mr Abbott, 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 53 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Crean addressing the House—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.50 p.m. the Member for Sturt (Mr Pyne) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Dr Stone—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 2001-02.

Australian Landcare Council—Report for 2001-02.

Central Land Council—Report for 2001-02.

Centrelink and the Data-Matching Agency—Data-matching program—Report on progress for 2001-02.

Christmas Island Casino Surveillance Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Energy use in Commonwealth operations—Report for 2001-02.

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Correction to the explanatory memorandum.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 2001-02.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2002.

Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) Act 2000—Independent review under section 4 of private health insurance gap cover schemes, July 2002.

Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 2001-02.

Infant Formula—Advisory panel on the marketing of infant formula in Australia—Reports—1999-2000—Corrigendum.

2000-01—Corrigendum.

Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2001-02.

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Australian Crime Commission Establishment Bill 2002—Government response.

Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—

Goldfields Land and Sea Council—Report for 2001-02.

Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 2001-02.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 25—Review of automotive assistance, 30 August 2002.

Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2001-02.

Takeovers Panel—Report for 2001-02.

Tax expenditures statement—2002—Report of the Department of the Treasury, November 2002.

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report under section 34A, 2002.

6 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Central Land Council—Report for 2001-02.

Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) Act 2000—Independent review under section 4 of private health insurance gap cover schemes, July 2002.

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2002—Correction to the explanatory memorandum.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2002.

Infant Formula—Advisory panel on the marketing of infant formula in Australia—Reports—1999-2000—Corrigendum.
2000-01—Corrigendum.

Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—
Goldfields Land and Sea Council—Report for 2001-02.

Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2001-02.

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report under section 34A, 2002.

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

7 **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:

Maritime Legislation Amendment 2002; and

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment 2002.

Question—put and passed.

8 **MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING**

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Wednesday, 5 February 2003, at 9.40 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

9 **BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, presented the following paper:

Bushfires—Copy of Prime Minister's motion—

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

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

10 **MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Bushfires—Copy of Prime Minister's motion—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

11 **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 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 4 February 2003:

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act—Determination—2002 A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) (No. 2).

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals—2003 Nos 1, 2, 3, 4.

Australian Communications Authority Act—Determination—2002 Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment (No. 1).

- Australian Crime Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 325.
- Australian Federal Police Act, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act, Commonwealth Electoral Act, Crimes Act, Customs Act, Customs Administration Act, Director of Public Prosecutions Act, Electronic Transactions Act, Financial Management and Accountability Act, Jury Exemption Act, Ombudsman Act, Public Order (Protection of Persons and Property) Act, Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 326.
- Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Orders—2002—
Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of female sheep and goats for slaughter).
Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of pregnant cattle).
- Australian Research Council Act—Direction pursuant to subsection 7(1), 4 December 2002.
- Broadcasting Services Act—
Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice No. 1 of 1994—Amendment—2002 No. 4.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 335.
- Charter of the United Nations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 314.
- Child Support (Assessment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 340.
- Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—
Airworthiness Directives—
Part 39-105—
2002 2, 5(2), 6, 10(2), 12(2), 18(4), 19(5), 20(4) December.
2003 9(7), 13, 16(3), 23(4), 24(2) January.
Part 39-106—
2002 23 December.
2003 9(2), 24 January.
Amendment Order—2003 No. 1.
Exemptions—
2002 Nos CASA EX41, CASA EX43, CASA EX46, CASA EX47.
2003 Nos CASA EX01, CASA EX02.
Instruments—
2002 No. CASA 773.
2003 Nos CASA 02, CASA10.
Regulations—Statutory Rules—2002 Nos 319, 320, 321, 349, 350.
- Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) Act—Notice—2002 Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) (Modification of Applied Laws (WA)).
- Crimes at Sea Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 327.
- Currency Act—Determination—2002 Currency (Royal Australian Mint) (No. 6).
- Customs Act—
CEO Directions—2002 Nos 3, 4.
Instruments of approval—2002 Nos 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53.
Regulations—Statutory Rules—2002 Nos 310, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332.
- Defence Act—
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2002 Nos 27, 28, 29.
Determinations under section 58B—
2002 Nos 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.
2003 No. 1.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 311.
- Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 316.
- Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Regulations—Certificates, 23 December (2) 2002.
- Egg Industry Service Provision Act—Declaration of industry services body, 2 January 2003.
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—
Instrument under subsection 303CB(1), 10 December 2002.
Instrument under Section 178, 20 November 2002.
- Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 351.
- Family Law Act—

Family Law (Superannuation) Regulations—Approval—2003 Methods and factors for valuing particular superannuation interests.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 333.
Rules of Court—Statutory Rules—2002 No. 322.

Farm Household Support Act—Scheme—2003 Farm Help Re-establishment Grant—Amendment (No. 1).

Fisheries Management Act—
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 304.
Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995—Determination—2002-03 SBT provisional national catch allocation.

Fisheries Management Act and Fishing Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 305.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 338.

Health Insurance Act—Determination under paragraph 3GC(3)(a), 20 December 2002.

Higher Education Funding Act—
Determinations—2003—Nos T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T7, T8.
Guidelines—2002 Definition of supervision for work experience in industry.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 306.

Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 313.

Migration Act—
Regulations—Statutory Rules—2002 Nos 323, 346, 347, 348, 354.
Statements, 1 July to 31 December, 2002 under section—
48B (6).
345 (6).
351 (106).
417 (98).

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Determinations—2002—
Motor Vehicle Standards (Approval to place used import plates) (No. 2).
Motor Vehicle Standards (Placement of used import plates) (2).
Motor Vehicle Standards (Used imported vehicle report) (2).

National Health Act—
Determinations—2003—Health Benefits Reinsurance (Records of Organisations) Amendment (No. 1).
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 344.

Navigation Act—Marine orders—2002 No. 14.

Navigation Act and Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act—Marine orders—2002 No. 12.

Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—Notice—2002 No. 2.

Ozone Protection Act—
Exemptions under section 40—2002—10, 23 December.
Notice under Section 16—Grant of Licence, 10 December 2002.

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 317.

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—2002 Nos 307, 324.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 309.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 308.

Proceeds of Crime Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 334.

Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act—Marine orders—2002 No. 13.

Radiocommunications Act—Class Licence—2002 Radiocommunications (Spread Spectrum Devices).

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2002 Nos 21, 22, 23.

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 339.

Retirement Savings Accounts Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 352.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice—2002 No. 5.

Superannuation Act 1976—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 341.
Superannuation Act 1990—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 342.
Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 353.
Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2003 No. 1.
Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Direction—2003 Slot Management Scheme No. MTR 1.
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 312.
Taxation Administration Act—
 Determinations—2002 Nos TD 27, TD 28.
 Rulings—
 1999 No. TR 10 (Addendum).
 2000 Nos GSTR 15 (Addendum), GSTR 22 (Addendum), GSTR 24 (Addendum), TR 18 (Addendum).
 2001 No. GSTR 3 (Addendum).
 2002 Nos CR 81 (Addendum), CR 83, CR 86, CR 87, CR 88, CR 89, GSTR 6, PR 141, PR 142, PR 143, PR 144, PR 145, PR 146, PR 147, TR 21, TR List, WETR 1, WETR 2.
 2003 Nos CR 1, CR 2, CR 3, CR 4, CR 5.
Telecommunications Act 1997—
 Rules—2002 Telecommunications Cabling Provider Amendment (No. 1).
 Telecommunications technical standard—2002 Requirements for authorised cabling products AS/ACIF S008:2001 Amendment (No. 1).
Television Licence Fees Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 336.
Therapeutic Goods Act—
 Exemptions—2002 Therapeutic Goods (Emergency) Nos 2, 3, 4.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules—2002 Nos 315, 345.
Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 318.
Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 343.
Veterans' Entitlements Act—
 Instruments under section 196B—2003 Nos 1, 2, 3, 4.
 Instrument under subsection 90(4)—2002 No. 9.
Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 337.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Charles and Ms Livermore.

I. C. HARRIS
 Clerk of the House of Representatives