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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2003

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 SECURITY—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning improvements to security measures in the parliamentary precincts.

3 ACCESS TO COMMITTEE RECORDS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning access to committee records.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition from moving—That the Minister for Foreign Affairs come forthwith before the House and:

- (1) table a copy of the final version of the record of conversation that took place between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the New Zealand High Commissioner on 24 October 2002;
- (2) explain why the final version of that record of conversation was amended from the draft version, in particular to delete the words “other presence”;
- (3) explain why the Minister has claimed that the conversation only referred to the Multilateral Interception Force when at that time Australia had other forces in the Gulf that were not and continue not to be part of the Multilateral Interception Force;
- (4) explain why, contrary to its repeated denials that the Government has committed Australian troops to a war against Iraq, the Minister for Foreign Affairs told a foreign diplomat that “Australia was not in a position, if the UN process broke down, to withdraw our ships and other presence from the Gulf”;
- (5) explain why this fact could be told to a foreign diplomat and not the Australian people; and
- (6) explain his subsequent statements that Australia’s commitment to the Multinational Interception Force cannot be withdrawn from the Gulf but Australia’s forward deployment of troops can, especially given that as part of the Government’s “forward deployment” of troops to Iraq the HMAS Kanimbla has been initially committed to the Multilateral Interception Force.

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Rudd (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 64

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

5 **SESSIONAL ORDER 344**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, standing order 344 be amended as follows for the remainder of the session:

Admission of visitors

344 When a committee or subcommittee is examining a witness, or engaged in other proceedings for the purpose of gathering information, visitors may be admitted. They shall withdraw if requested by the chair or if the committee or subcommittee resolves for their withdrawal. All visitors must withdraw when the committee or subcommittee is deliberating or taking evidence in camera.

Mr Melham moved as an amendment—That all words after ‘That’ be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House refers to the Standing Committee on Procedure the question of the interpretation and application of standing order 344 and requires the committee to advise on the adequacy of the standing

order in terms of protecting the proper interests of committees of the House, individual Members, witnesses and persons who may be named by witnesses during the course of their evidence”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

6 IRAQ—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 4 February 2003*), viz.:

Iraq—Ministerial Statement to Parliament, 4 February 2003.

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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Copy of email to Simon Crean, MP, 5 February 2003, concerning Mr Downer's statements and pre-departure exercises by HMAS Kanimbla.

Questions without notice continuing—

Prime Minister—Motion of censure

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for:

- (1) the Prime Minister's breach of trust with the Australian people in not telling them the truth, that he has already committed Australian troops to a war against Iraq regardless of whether that action is authorised by the United Nations;
- (2) the Prime Minister's continuing deceit of the Australian people through his statements that he has not committed Australian troops to war against Iraq despite the leaked record of conversation between the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the New Zealand High Commissioner which shows that "Australia was not in a position, if the UN process broke down, to withdraw our ships and other presence from the Gulf";
- (3) the leaked record of conversation's admission that the commitments made by the Prime Minister "could [not] be made publicly"; and
- (4) the Prime Minister's continuing failure to deal adequately with the real and immediate threat to Australia and Australians from terrorism in our region.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
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Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr Organ	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*	

NOES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
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Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
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Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Howard	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	
Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2002-2003—

No. 23—Protective security audit—Physical security arrangements in Commonwealth agencies.

No. 24—Performance audit—Energy efficiency in Commonwealth operations—Follow up audit.

No. 25—Financial statement audit—Audits of the financial statements of Commonwealth entities for the period ended 30 June 2002: Summary of results.

No. 26—Performance audit—Aviation security in Australia: Department of Transport and Regional Services.

No. 27—Performance audit—Management of Commonwealth guarantees, warranties, indemnities and letters of comfort.

Reports ordered to be printed.

9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN

The House was informed that both Ms Roxon and Mr Windsor had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Ms Roxon, namely, "The Government's lack of leadership and failure to provide adequate services for Australian children".

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

10 IRAQ—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 (*see item 6, page 699*)—

Debate resumed.

Ms O'Byrne 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 sitting.

11 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, 10 February 2003.

12 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

6 December 2002—Message No. 97—Workplace Relations Amendment (Genuine Bargaining) 2002.

10 December 2002—Message—

No. 95—

Charter of the United Nations Amendment 2002.

Australian Crime Commission Establishment 2002.

No. 96—Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2002.

11 December 2002—Message—No. 94—

Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment 2002.

Trade Practices Amendment (No. 1) 2002.

International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 2) 2002.

18 December 2002—Message—No. 98—

Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review and Other Matters) 2002.

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment 2002.

19 December 2002—Message—

No. 99—

Medical Indemnity 2002.

Medical Indemnity (Consequential Amendments) 2002.

Medical Indemnity (Enhanced UMP Indemnity) Contribution 2002.

Medical Indemnity (IBNR Indemnity) Contribution 2002.

No. 100—Plant Breeder's Rights Amendment 2002.

No. 101—

Prohibition of Human Cloning 2002.

Research Involving Human Embryos 2002.

Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) 2002.

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) 2002.

No. 102—

Taxation Laws Amendment (Venture Capital) 2002.

Venture Capital 2002.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Earlier Access to Farm Management Deposits) 2002.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Structured Settlements and Structured Orders) 2002.

No. 103—

Telecommunications Competition 2002.

Crimes Legislation Amendment (People Smuggling, Firearms Trafficking and Other Measures) 2002.

National Environment Protection Council Amendment 2002.

Aviation Legislation Amendment 2002.

13 MARITIME LEGISLATION 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.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mr Hunt, by leave, presented the following paper:

Global Leaders for Tomorrow 2003—WEF GLT freshwater initiative: Draft concept paper.

Debate continued.

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 5 February 2003:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Directions—
2002—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (Conflict of Interests).
2003—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Authority (Conflict of Interests) Amendment (No. 1).
Torres Strait Regional Authority (Conflict of Interests).

Migration Act—Statement under section 33—31 January 2003.

Taxation Administration Act—Ruling—2003 No. PR2.



ATTENDANCE

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



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2003

1 Due to Divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 10.05 a.m.

2 MARITIME 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 M. J. Ferguson, who moved, as an amendment—

That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “without denying the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Howard Government for:

- (1) failing Australia’s national interests and security by failing to support an Australian shipping industry, maritime jobs and coastal communities that rely on a viable, efficient industry for jobs, security and tourism; and
- (2) risking our maritime environment by not showing international leadership to ban from our coasts single hulled vessels like the Prestige, that caused devastation off the coast of Spain”.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.36 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.50 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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.

3 BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 4 February 2003*) viz.:

Bushfires—Copy of motion by the Prime Minister—

Debate resumed.

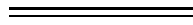
Ms O’Byrne was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Hull, the Main Committee adjourned at 1.30 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