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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 72

THURSDAY, 6 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 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following changes to the standing orders be made with effect from 10 February 2003:

SITTING AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE**Days and hours of meeting****Days and hours of meeting**

- 40** Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on each—
- Monday, at 12.30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, at 2 p.m.
 - Wednesday, at 9 a.m.
 - Thursday, at 9 a.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second week of sittings, the House shall stand adjourned until 12.30 p.m. on the third Monday after the termination, unless the Speaker shall, by writing addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting. The 4-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

Quorum during sitting**When want of quorum noticed, House counted – House adjourned**

45 Subject to standing order 45A, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House, the Speaker shall immediately count the House; and, if a quorum be not present within four minutes, the Speaker shall adjourn the House till the next sitting day: Provided that if the Speaker is satisfied that there is likely to be a quorum within a reasonable time the Speaker shall announce that he or she will take the Chair at a stated time; but if at that time there is not a quorum present the Speaker shall adjourn the House to the next sitting day.

45A On sitting Mondays and Tuesdays, if any Member draws the attention of the Speaker to the state of the House between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m., the Speaker shall announce that he or she will count the House at 8 p.m., if the Member so desires.

Adjournment and next meeting**Adjournment and next meeting**

48A At 9 p.m. on a sitting Monday or Tuesday, at 7.30 p.m. on a sitting Wednesday and at 4.30 p.m. on a sitting Thursday the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate. No amendment may be moved to this question:

Provided that:

- (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, that division, and any division consequent upon that division, shall be completed and the result announced;
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question;

- (c) a motion for the adjournment of the House may be moved by a Minister at an earlier hour;
- (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting, and
- (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted:

Provided further that, if at 9.30 p.m. on a sitting Monday or Tuesday, at 8 p.m. on a sitting Wednesday or at 5 p.m. on a sitting Thursday, the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—

Minister may extend debate

- (f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 9.40 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 5.10 p.m., as appropriate, to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 9.40 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 5.10 p.m., as appropriate, or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting, or
- (g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f) the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

New business

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103 No new business may be taken after 9.30 p.m., unless the House otherwise orders.

When division may be taken

193 A division shall not be proceeded with unless more than one Member has called for a division. If one Member only calls for a division, that Member may inform the Speaker that he or she wishes his or her dissent to be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings and in Hansard and the Member's dissent shall be so recorded:

Provided that, on sitting Mondays, any division called for in the House on a question, other than a motion moved by a Minister, prior to questions without notice being called on or during presentation of petitions or private Members' business, shall stand deferred until the grievance debate has concluded or been postponed.

Provided also that, on sitting Mondays and Tuesdays, any division called for in the House between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on a question, other than a motion moved by a Minister, shall stand deferred until 8 p.m.

Paper

Mr Abbott presented the following paper:

House of Representatives routine of business from 10 February 2003.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

3 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, 4 February 2003.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock—Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Cunningham making a statement forthwith for a period not exceeding 20 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Organ addressed the House.

5 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 3, page 708*)—

Debate resumed.

Mr Andren moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added to the motion:

“and insists that in the absence of specific, unambiguous and unanimous support of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, Australian defence forces not be involved in any military action in Iraq”.

Debate continued.

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.

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

7 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Electoral Commission—2002-03 Redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions.

Finance—Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2002.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Risky Business—Inquiry into the tender process followed in the sale of the Christmas Island casino and resort—Government response.

New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2002 and New Business Tax System (Venture Capital Deficit Tax) Bill 2002—Corrections to the explanatory memorandum.

8 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Finance—Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2002.

New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2002 and New Business Tax System (Venture Capital Deficit Tax) Bill 2002—Corrections to the explanatory memorandum.

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

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The House was informed that Mr Edwards had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to adequately and fairly support members of the Australian Defence Force and their families”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Edwards addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the United States of America and the European Institutions, 1 to 13 September 2002—Report, February 2003—

and made a statement in connection with the report.

Mrs Hull, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 207, 5 February 2003, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Hogg had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, and Senator Conroy had been appointed a member of the committee.

12 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The 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 Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

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

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Mr Cobb be discharged from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund and that, in his place, Mrs Hull be appointed a member of the committee; and
- (2) Mrs Hull be discharged from the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and that, in her place, Mr Cobb be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

14 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Andren (see item No. 5, page 709)*—

Debate resumed.

Mr K. J. Thomson addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

15 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Iraq—Ministerial Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Abbott—That the House take note of the paper—And on the amendment moved by Mr Andren.

Question—put and passed.

16 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Monday, 10 February 2003, at 4.30 p.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

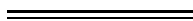
17 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 February 2003:

Australian Research Council Act—Determination—2002 No. 15.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, to erect public artwork to celebrate the centenary of women's suffrage in Australia.



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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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS 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.

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.

4 BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF THE 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 Prime Minister's motion—

Debate resumed.

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Bartlett moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee