

2002-03

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 80

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2003

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL (NO. 2) 2002 [NO. 2]

Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security in its application to disabled persons, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROTECTION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS) BILL 2003

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Abbott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]

Message No. 217, 5 March 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2] and acquainting the House that the Senate has considered message no. 257 of the House. The Senate insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives and desires the reconsideration of the Bill by the House in respect of the amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) moved—That the House insists on disagreeing to the amendments insisted on by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

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| Mr Abbott | Mr Cobb | Mr Jull | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Anderson | Mrs Draper | Mrs D. M. Kelly | Mr Schultz |
| Mr Andren | Mr Dutton | Dr Kemp | Mr Scott |
| Mr K. J. Andrews | Mrs Elson | Mr P. E. King | Mr Secker |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Entsch | Mrs Ley | Mr Slipper |
| Fran Bailey | Mr Farmer | Mr Lindsay | Mr A. D. H. Smith |
| Mr Baird | Mr Forrest* | Mr McArthur* | Mr Somlyay |
| Mr Baldwin | Mrs Gallus | Mr I. E. Macfarlane | Dr Southcott |
| Mr Barresi | Ms Gambaro | Mr McGauran | Dr Stone |
| Mr Bartlett | Mrs Gash | Mrs May | Mr C. P. Thompson |
| Mr Billson | Mr Georgiou | Mrs Moylan | Mr Ticehurst |
| 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 Causley | Mrs Hull | Mr Prosser | Ms Worth |
| Mr Charles | Mr Hunt | Mr Pyne | |
| Mr Ciobo | Mr Johnson | Mr Randall | |

NOES, 54

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5 INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES 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 Emerson 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) failing to implement an effective industry policy for Australian manufacturing; and
- (2) failing to invest adequately in innovation, leaving Australia trailing its main competitors in research and development”.

Debate continued.

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

6 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McArthur (Acting Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Industry, Tourism and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2002 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

7 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2003

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: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Howard Government for its totally inadequate response to dealing with tax avoidance and evasion using foreign entities operating outside Australia and by foreign entities operating inside Australia. Because it has allowed tax avoidance and evasion to proliferate the tax burden borne by ordinary taxpayers will increase. The Government already has a poor record on financial management, in that:

- (1) it is the highest taxing government in history;
- (2) without the additional revenue provided by bracket creep the budget would be in deficit this financial year and in 2005-06;
- (3) it will be unable to return to taxpayers the more than \$6 billion in additional tax as a result of bracket creep that it will receive in 2005-06 without going into deficit; and
- (4) it continues to take new policy decisions that spend the proceeds of additional taxation collections and reduce its capacity to provide tax relief”.

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. 109, 10 February 2003, 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.

Paper

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

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (8) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

8 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 5 March 2003, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 215—Migration Legislation Amendment (Contributory Parents Migration Scheme) 2002.

No. 216—Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment 2002.

10 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—PUBLIC ARTWORK TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN AUSTRALIA—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 6 February 2003, namely: Public artwork to celebrate the centenary of women's suffrage in Australia.

Question—put and passed.

11 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—DESIGN AND CONTENT OF THE SIXTH SLIVER FOR RECONCILIATION PLACE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 5 March 2003, namely: Design and content of the sixth sliver for Reconciliation Place.

Question—put and passed.

12 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 March 2003, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

13 DAIRY INDUSTRY SERVICE REFORM BILL 2003—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 Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT (DAIRY) BILL 2003—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 Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 ENERGY GRANTS (CREDITS) SCHEME BILL 2003

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.

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.

16 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Tanner, by leave, presented the following paper:

Invitation to Higgins 200 Club special breakfast with Dr Ziggy Switkowski, CEO, Telstra—Telstra and the importance of National Champions—Copy of flyer.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Werriwa (Mr Latham) for continuing to interject after having been warned by the Chair.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Werriwa be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.46 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Andren moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Calare moving forthwith—That the House:

- (1) recognise that President Bush has flagged 14 March as the deadline for a decision to be made on an invasion of Iraq;
- (2) recognise that such a decision could well be taken in defiance of a veto by any permanent member of the UN Security Council;
- (3) recognise that such a strike could constitute a breach of international law;
- (4) recognise that chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix said overnight that Iraq is cooperating proactively;
- (5) recognise that today is the last sitting day until 18 March 2003 and Australians wish their Parliament to debate our role in any pre-emptive strike as the UK Parliament and US Congress have done; and
- (6) immediately consider government business order of the day No. 43 and that the question be put forthwith.

Member ordered to withdraw

At 2.54 p.m. the Member for Hume (Mr Schultz) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continually interjecting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Mr Windsor (seconder) addressed the House.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 75

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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 moving forthwith—That the House:

- (1) be immediately recalled upon any decision taken by the Government to commit Australian troops to a war against Iraq;
- (2) declare its opposition to a unilateral military attack on Iraq by the United States; and
- (3) insist that the disarmament of Iraq proceed under the authority of the United Nations.

Mr Rudd (seconder) addressed the House.

Debate ensued.

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Lilley (Mr Swan) for defying the Chair.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Lilley be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 56

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 4 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 55

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

NOES, 75

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

17 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—17th Report—United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child—Government response.

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

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

18 PAPERS

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

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

19 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s seven year legacy of economic management resulting in record taxes, record debt and families under financial pressure”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressing the House—

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

Question—put and passed.

20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 6 March 2003, were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that the Senate approved the following proposals for works within the Parliamentary Zone—
 - (1) erection of public artwork to celebrate the centenary of women’s suffrage in Australia—No. 218;
 - (2) installation of temporary vehicle barriers and permanent CCTV cameras—No. 219; and
 - (3) design and content of the sixth sliver for Reconciliation Place—No. 220; and
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment or request:
 - No. 221—Petroleum (Timor Sea Treaty) 2003;
 - No. 222—Petroleum (Timor Sea Treaty) (Consequential Amendments) 2003;
 - No. 223—Passenger Movement Charge (Timor Sea Treaty) Amendment 2003;
 - No. 224—New Business Tax System (Consolidation and Other Measures) (No. 2) 2002;
 - No. 225—New Business Tax System (Venture Capital Deficit Tax) 2002 (*without requests*);
 - No. 226—Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment 2002; and
 - No. 227—Maritime Legislation Amendment 2002.

21 ENERGY GRANTS (CREDITS) SCHEME BILL 2003

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 McMullan 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 its gross mismanagement of fuel tax policy, in particular:

- (1) its failure to deliver measures to promote cleaner fuels, despite its explicit promise to do so in the agreement with the Democrats leading to passage of *A New Tax System* through the Parliament;
- (2) its overall policy paralysis and deception, shown most starkly by its decision to dump all the Fuel Taxation Inquiry recommendations even before the report was released; and
- (3) its inexcusable delay in finalising even the limited set of measures included in this Bill and the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill, which has left the transport industry with an extremely short timeframe to prepare for the new scheme before it comes into operation on 1 July 2003”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Cameron—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 18 March 2003, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

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

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemptions—2003 No. CASA EX08.

Corporations Act—Determination under subsection 1445(1)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—30 December 2002.

Customs Act—Instruments of approval—2003 Nos 1, 2, 3.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2003 Nos CR 11, CR 14, CR 15, TR 1, GSTR 3.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determination under paragraph 15(1)(b)—2003 No. 1.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Crosio*, Mr Downer, Jackie Kelly, Ms Livermore*, Mr Lloyd*, Mr McClelland, Mr Quick, Mr Snowden, Mr Tollner, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002-03

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 80

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and two petitions were presented.

Suspension of sitting

At 9.45 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 9.55 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Members' statements continued.

3 **DAIRY INDUSTRY SERVICE REFORM BILL 2003**

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. 108, 13 February 2003, 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 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT (DAIRY) BILL 2003**

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.

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 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2002-2003**

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 Mr McMullan, viz.*—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 its failures in economic management, and in particular its failings in relation to both income and expenditure policies because:

- (1) it is the highest taxing Government in Australian history, and:
 - (a) has imposed the highest level ever of income tax;
 - (b) is responsible for introducing the biggest new tax in our history; and
 - (c) is addicted to imposing ever more taxes and special levies;
- (2) it has failed to deliver on its basic responsibilities to the Australian people, for example:
 - (a) bulk billing has collapsed;
 - (b) there is chronic under-investment in our public schools, TAFE colleges and universities;
 - (c) the struggle to balance work and family life continues to get harder; and
 - (d) entry level housing is becoming even less affordable for struggling Australian families; and
- (3) despite the record tax take, and in spite of declining Government services, the Government has failed to keep the Budget in surplus after nearly a decade of strong economic growth, in that:
 - (a) it broke its unequivocal promise to keep the Budget in surplus in 2001-02;
 - (b) future surpluses are dependent on the additional revenue provided by bracket creep;
 - (c) it has presided over enormous waste and mismanagement including billions of dollars of foreign exchange losses and defence procurement losses; and
 - (d) it has lost control over expenditure necessitating wholesale changes to the budgetary management system”—

Debate resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Elson moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 March 2003.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee