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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 165

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2004

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

2 ANTI-TERRORISM BILL 2004

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to foreign incursions and recruitment, terrorism offences and proceeds of crime, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT (LOW REGULATORY CONCERN CHEMICALS) BILL 2004

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth 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 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to child support, 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 Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION BILL 2003

Message No. 235, 25 March 2004, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments of a Bill for an Act to provide

rehabilitation, compensation and other entitlements for veterans, members and former members of the Defence Force, and for other purposes.

6 MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION BILL 2003—SENATE'S REQUESTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments requested by the Senate—

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), requested amendment (1) was not made, after debate.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale, requested amendments (2) to (8) were made.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003

Message No. 236, 25 March 2004, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2003*, and for other purposes.

8 MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003—SENATE'S REQUESTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments requested by the Senate—

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the requested amendments were made.

9 SUPERANNUATION SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2003—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), amendments (1) to (25) and (28) to (39) were agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Cameron, amendments (26) and (27) were disagreed to, after debate.

Mr Cameron presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate
Senate Amendment 26

This amendment would require the Minister to grant financial assistance under Part 23 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (the SIS Act) equal to 100 per cent of an eligible loss (loss suffered as a result of fraudulent conduct or theft).

The House of Representatives notes that it is long-standing Government policy to cap financial assistance provided under Part 23 of the SIS Act at 90 per cent of the eligible loss. This cap assists to ameliorate the risks of moral hazard by providing incentives for superannuation fund members to monitor their retirement savings and to ensure that their fund is being managed in a prudent manner. Moreover, Part 23 of the SIS Act currently gives the Minister discretion to provide financial assistance up to 100 per cent of the determined eligible loss. The House of Representatives considers that legislative change to mandate 100 per cent financial assistance would inappropriately limit the Minister's ability to take into account public interest considerations when applying Government policy.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives opposes this amendment.

Senate Amendment 27

This amendment would require defined benefit funds (DBFs) to report annually to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) on their financial position, including the level of debt or surplus, and the details of any shortfall of funds required to pay benefits to members. Further, it would require APRA to publish DBF funding information on its website.

The House of Representatives considers that existing legislation and regulations appropriately provide for information on the financial position of DBFs to be reported to members, APRA and the public. The introduction of further reporting requirements would impose costs on both DBFs and APRA for minimal, if any, additional benefit. These costs would ultimately be borne by DBF members and the superannuation industry generally. They may also make DBFs less attractive to employer-sponsors.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives opposes this amendment.

On the motion of Mr Cameron, the reasons were adopted.

10 MIGRATION AMENDMENT (JUDICIAL REVIEW) BILL 2004

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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

11 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD SIMPLIFICATION) 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.

Paper

Mr Randall, by leave, presented the following paper:

Latham plan new threat to industry—Editorial in *The West Australian*, Monday, 22 March 2004.

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.

12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister moving forthwith a motion concerning certain claims the Leader of the Opposition has made about alleged briefings on Iraq.

Ms Gillard rising to address 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, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
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 Baldwin	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	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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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 Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
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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
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Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

13 ALLEGED BRIEFINGS ON IRAQ

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved—That this House calls on the Leader of the Opposition to withdraw his claim twice made to this House that he had “lengthy discussions about Iraq” with officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Defence in the light of clear evidence that, at no stage had he sought or received briefings on policy or strategic matters relating to the deployment of Australian Defence Force personnel in Iraq.

Papers

Mr Howard presented the following papers:

Copies of letters to Senator Hill, Minister for Defence—

Defence briefings to Leader of the Opposition on Iraq—From R. C. Smith, Secretary, Department of Defence, 30 March 2004.

Intelligence briefing to Leader of the Opposition—From Ron Bonington, Deputy Secretary Intelligence and Security, Department of Defence, 31 March 2004.

Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “that” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “This House censures the Prime Minister for:

- (1) failing to apologise and withdraw his false allegations against the Leader of the Opposition concerning discussion of Iraq with DFAT and Defence officials;
- (2) revealing details of confidential briefings on national security given to the Leader of the Opposition by Australian security and intelligence agencies;
- (3) undermining the political independence and integrity of our intelligence agencies by asking them to provide information with the specific intent of undermining the Opposition; and
- (4) failing to recognise that the Labor Shadow Cabinet decided 12 months ago to withdraw the troops from Iraq and misleading the House accordingly”.

Debate continued.

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

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

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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
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NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
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Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
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Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
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Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 38 of 2003–2004—Performance audit—Corporate governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Follow-up audit.

Ordered to be printed.

15 PAPER

The following paper was presented:

Australian Communications Authority—Report—Payphone policy review.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BABY CARE PAYMENT

The House was informed that Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for a new Baby Care Payment so that families get timely financial assistance when their babies are born”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 48A AND 103

Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), for Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) and standing order 103 (new business) be suspended for the sitting on Thursday, 1 April 2004.

Question—put and passed.

19 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) BILL 2004—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 K. J. Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004—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 K. J. Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 398: Review of Auditor-General’s reports 2002-2003 fourth quarter.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

22 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 59: Treaties tabled in December 2003—Report, March 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Dr Southcott and Mr Wilkie, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Dr Southcott, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Dr Southcott was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

23 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HEADQUARTERS JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND, N.S.W.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations command, N.S.W.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

24 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR THE TEMPORARY VEHICLE BARRIERS AROUND PARLIAMENT HOUSE TO REMAIN UNTIL 31 MARCH 2005—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services), 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 23 March 2004, namely: Extension of approval for the temporary vehicle barriers around Parliament House to remain until 31 March 2005.

Question—put and passed.

25 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ENERGY GRANTS (CLEANER FUELS) SCHEME BILL 2003

Message No. 452, 31 March 2004, from the Senate was reported returning the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debated ensued.

Mr Fitzgibbon addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Slipper requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Question—put and passed.

26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 March 2004:

Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 45.

Christmas Island Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 47.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 48.

Disability Discrimination Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 43.

Evidence and Procedure (New Zealand) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 44.

Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 49.

Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 Nos 50, 51.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 46.

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 52.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation—Old Parliament House gardens reconstruction—Additional works—Centenary of women's suffrage commemorative fountain.

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 41.

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 42.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Mr Beazley*, Mr Downer, Mrs Draper, Ms Ellis*, Mrs Hull*, Mr Katter and Ms J. S. McFarlane*.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002-03-04

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 165

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2004

1 The Main Committee met at 9.42 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

3 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES) BILL 2004

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 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004

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.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.58 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 4.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

5 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 IRAQ—AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL—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 30 March 2004*), viz.:

Australian Defence Force personnel in and around Iraq—Copy of Prime Minister's motion—

Debate resumed by Mr Snowden who moved, as an amendment—That the following words be added at the end of the motion:

“and the Prime Minister’s and Leader of the Opposition’s speeches of 30 March 2004 to the Prime Minister’s motion relating to ADF personnel in or around Iraq”.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting

At 5.19 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 5.40 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.28 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