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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 171

TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2004

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

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

YMCA National Youth Parliament—Copy of letter from Bob Nicholson, Chief Executive Officer, National Council of the YMCAs of Australia, to Mr Latham, Leader of the Opposition, 24 May 2004.

Questions without notice continued.

3 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2003–2004—Performance audits—

No. 46—Client service in the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court.

No. 47—Developing Air Force's combat aircrew.

Reports ordered to be printed.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian River Co. Limited—Report for the period 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2003.

National Handgun Buyback Act—Inter-governmental agreement concerning the accountability and administrative procedures for the handgun buyback, 2003.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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 urgent need to assist the 45,000 fifteen to eighteen year olds who leave school early every year and do not go on to either a full-time job or further study by implementing the Youth Guarantee: Learn or Earn policy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 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, 31 May 2004.

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:

Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Run-off Cover Indemnity and Other Measures) 2004;

Medical Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) 2004;

Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Low Regulatory Concern Chemicals) 2004;

Tourism Australia 2004;

Tourism Australia (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) 2004;

Export Market Development Grants Amendment 2004; and

Australian Federal Police and Other Legislation Amendment 2004.

Question—put and passed.

8 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) 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 by Mr Crean 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 provide tax relief to 4 out of 5 taxpayers;
- (2) providing less in income tax cuts than it will collect in bracket creep in each of the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08; and
- (3) continuing to be the highest taxing government in Australia’s history”.

Debate continued.

Mr Hatton addressing the House—

9 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mrs Draper, by leave, presented the following paper:

Brief overview of study tour by Mrs Trish Draper MP from 17 August 2000 until 28 August 2000.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 May 2004:

Migration Act—Statement under subsection 33(6)—11 May 2004.

Veterans’ Entitlements Act—Instruments under section 196B—2004 Nos 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Charles, Ms Ellis*, Mr Hartsuyker, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms J. S. McFarlane* and Mrs D. S. Vale.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives