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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 181

MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2004

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- 1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **SCIENCE AND INNOVATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**
 Mr Nairn (Chair) presented the following papers:
 Science and Innovation—Standing Committee—Science overcoming salinity: Coordinating and extending the science to address the nation’s salinity problem—
 Report, May 2004.
 Evidence received by the committee.
 Minutes of proceedings.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
 Statements in connection with the report were made.
 The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—
 Mr Nairn moved—That the House take note of the report.
 Mr Nairn was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**
 Mr Neville (Chair) presented the following papers:
 Transport and Regional Services—Standing Committee—National road safety—Eyes on the road ahead—
 Report, incorporating dissenting report, May 2004.
 Evidence received by the committee.
 Minutes of proceedings.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
 Statements in connection with the report were made.
 The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—
 Mr Neville moved—That the House take note of the report.
 Mr Neville was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
 In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**
 Mr Neville (Chair) presented the following papers:

Transport and Regional Services—Standing Committee—Ship salvage—
Report, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Neville moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Neville was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mrs May (Chair) presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Arrangements for joint meetings with the Senate—
Report, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

Mrs May moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs May was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Jull presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the twelfth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Beijing, People's Republic of China, 12-14 January 2004—Report, June 2004.

Mr Jull and Mr Ripoll made statements in connection with the report.

7 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mrs Elson (Chair) presented the following papers:

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Standing Committee—Getting water right(s)—The future of rural Australia—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mrs Elson moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs Elson was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the ACCC annual report 2003—

Report, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hawker was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Sciacca presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 110th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, Mexico City and the ANZAC Day Ceremony, Mexico City, 15-25 April 2004—Report, June 2004.

Mr Sciacca made a statement in connection with the report.

10 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

11 DEATH OF MR JAMES (JIM) ALEXANDER BACON

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, referred to the death, on 20 June 2004, of Mr James (Jim) Alexander Bacon, former Premier of Tasmania.

Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented the following paper:

A new health system for all Australians—Draft final paper by the Allen Consulting Group, Chapter 8, 26 April 2004.

Questions without notice continued.

13 TRIBUTE TO JIM BACON—COPY OF MEDIA RELEASE BY TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Tribute to Jim Bacon—Copy of media release by the Tasmanian Government, 20 June 2004—

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

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

14 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Tribute to Jim Bacon—Copy of media release by the Tasmanian Government, 20 June 2004—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

15 PAPERS

Ms Gillard, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

Australian Medical Association's 2004 National Conference—Opening remarks in debate with Tony Abbott—Speech by Ms Gillard, Brisbane, 29 May 2004.

Health Reform: From Tony Abbott, the Sounds of Silence—Address by Ms Gillard to the National Press Club, Canberra, 21 April 2004.

16 PAPER

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Health funding—Julia Gillard's plan to pool health funding.

17 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

18 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Scott presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Australia's maritime strategy—Report, June 2004.

Ordered to be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

Mr Scott moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Scott was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Baldwin (Chair) presented the following papers:

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—From reel to unreal: Future opportunities for Australia's film, animation, special effects and electronic games industries—Report, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Baldwin moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Baldwin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Baldwin (Chair) presented the following papers:

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Review of the Special Broadcasting Service annual report 2002-2003—

Report, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Baldwin moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Baldwin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Wakelin (Chair) presented the following papers:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Many ways forward: Report of the inquiry into capacity building and service delivery in indigenous communities—

Report, incorporating dissenting remarks, June 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

Mr Wakelin moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Wakelin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Baird presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Parliamentary Delegation to the Gulf States—Report, June 2004.

Ordered to be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Baird moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Baird was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 2004

Mr Albanese, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to remove discrimination against same sex couples in respect of superannuation benefits.

Mr Albanese made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

24 AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULES AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr Wilkie, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the operation of Australian Design Rules as they relate to the provision of spare wheels for passenger vehicles.

Mr Wilkie made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

25 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

26 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) returning the Parliamentary Superannuation and Other Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives—Message No. 506—18 June 2004; and
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - Tourism Australia (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) 2004—Message No. 509—18 June 2004;
 - New International Tax Arrangements (Participation Exemption and Other Measures) 2004—Message No. 510—18 June 2004; and
 - Aged Care Amendment 2004—Message No. 511—21 June 2004.

27 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ANTI-TERRORISM BILL 2004

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following with amendments:

18 June 2004—Message No. 507—Anti-terrorism 2004.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TOURISM AUSTRALIA BILL 2004

Message No. 508, 18 June 2004, from the Senate was reported returning the Tourism Australia Bill 2004 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

29 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—PROGRAM OF SECURITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS AROUND PARLIAMENT HOUSE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

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 17 June 2004, namely: Program of security enhancement projects around Parliament House.

Question—put and passed.

30 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 24, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

31 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) (NO. 2) 2004—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), the amendments 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 1*

This amendment proposed to extend the application of measures contained in this Bill to conduct in contravention of Part V Division 1 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act). This would have the effect of allowing actions for personal injuries and death in contravention of Part V Division 1 of the Act, subject to the proposed thresholds, caps and limitation regime contained in this Bill. This amendment would be contrary to the recommendations of the Review of the Law of Negligence which reflected concerns both as to the no-fault dimension to Part V Division 1 and that this part of the Act was not originally intended to apply to claims for personal injuries and death.

The House is concerned the scope for framing claims for personal injuries or death would remain in the misleading and deceptive conduct provisions if this amendment was accepted, allowing the potential for actions under this part of the Act to undermine State and Territory civil liability reforms. The recommendations of the Review of the Law of Negligence have been supported by the Government and the States and Territories.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate amendments 2 to 6

These amendments propose special arrangements for smoking and tobacco related personal injuries claims under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (the Act). These amendments are not supported for a number of reasons. The Australian Government is already pursuing a broad range of policies in relation to tobacco control appropriate to its jurisdiction. The approach suggested by the Senate lacks any basis in principle and is likely to be followed by additional requests for carve outs from national benchmarks on damages and limitation of actions. There is no principled reason why special arrangements should apply for tobacco-related injuries but not to a broad range of other personal injuries caused by faulty or dangerous products.

Additionally, while recent civil liability law reforms in a number of State and Territories have been framed so as to not apply to tobacco claims, there has been no consensus between States and Territories as to approach.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

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

32 EXCISE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE MEASURES) 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 McGauran (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

33 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (DIRECT DEDUCTIONS AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 271, 25 March 2004, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

34 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005—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 Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

35 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2004-2005—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 Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

36 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005—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 Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

37 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2003-2004—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 Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

38 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2003-2004—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 Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

39 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS) 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 Ruddock (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

40 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 June 2004:

Child Support (Assessment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 122.

Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 123.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinances—2004 Nos 2, 3.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—
 Part 39-105—2004 5 (4), 13, 26 (13), 27 (2), 28 (7) May.
 Part 39-106—2004 5, 27 (5), 28 (8) May.
 Part 39-107—2004 28 May.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules—2004 No. 134.
 Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinances—2004 Nos 2, 3.
 Currency Act—Determination—2004 Currency (Royal Australian Mint) No. 4.
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 121.
 Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2004 No. 23.
 Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 Nos 125, 126.
 Higher Education Support Act—Commonwealth grant scheme guidelines 2004.
Income Tax Assessment Act 1936—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 115.
 Marine Navigation (Regulatory Functions) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 136.
 Marine Navigation Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 135.
 Maritime Transport Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 137.
 Migration Act—
 Notice under section 306AD—25 May 2004.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 Nos 129, 131.
 Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 130.
 National Measurement Act—
 National Measurement Amendment Guidelines—2004 No. 1.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 132.
 Navigation Act—Marine Orders—2004 Nos 5, 6, 7.
 Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 124.
 Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 Nos 118, 120.
 Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 119.
 Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 133.
 Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 Nos 127, 128.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cox, Ms Ellis*, Mr Gibbons, Ms J. S. McFarlane*, Ms O'Byrne, Mr Tanner and Mr Windsor.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
 Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 181

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2004

1 The Main Committee met at 5.31 p.m.

2 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005—BUDGET DEBATE

The order of the day having been read for further consideration in detail of the Bill—
Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Environment and Heritage, \$862 925 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$3 517 507 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Health and Ageing, \$3 919 103 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, \$1 017 796 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Finance and Administration, \$530 690 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$183 926 000—agreed to.

Department of the Treasury, \$3 055 457 000—agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2004-2005

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.

4 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005

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. 5) 2003-2004

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—

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.

6 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2003-2004

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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

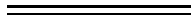
Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.57 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 4.30 p.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee