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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 16

TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2005

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

**2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR P. N. D. WHITE)**

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 13 February 2005, of Mr Peter Nicholson Duckett White, MC, a Member of this House for the Division of McPherson from 1981 to 1990.

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

**3 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 27 of 2004–2005—Performance audit—Management of the conversion to digital broadcasting: Australian Broadcasting Corporation; Special Broadcasting Service Corporation.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

**5 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 2003-04.

Australian Federal Police—Report for 2003-04.

National Institute of Clinical Studies Limited—Report for 2003-04.

United Nations—Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Human Rights Committee—Communications—

No. 1014/2001—Views.

No. 1324/2004—Outline.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2003-04.

**6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT**

The House was informed that Mr Rudd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need to adhere to the principle of truth in Government”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**7 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following document:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 7 March 2005.

#### 8 **BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Australian Sports Commission Amendment 2004; and  
Australian Institute of Marine Science Amendment 2005.

Question—put and passed.

#### 9 **NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) AMENDMENT (APPLICATION) BILL 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

#### 10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 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—

Debate resumed by Mr Swan 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:

- (1) dishonest promises during the 2004 election campaign that it would keep interest rates low;
- (2) short-term, reckless spending during the lead up to the 2004 election, which is adding to inflationary and interest rate pressures;
- (3) gross neglect of Australia's education and training needs, leaving Australia with a skills crisis which is adding to inflationary and interest rate pressures; and
- (4) failure to secure Australia's economic future by making the long term policy commitments that will improve the productivity and competitiveness of the Australian economy”.

Debate continued.

Ms Bird addressing the House—

#### 11 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.30 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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#### **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 15 February 2005:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—

Declaration—2004 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Live-stock Export Marketing Body and Live-stock Export Research Body).

Funding agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited, 17 December 2004.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2005—

1 February [F2005L00236].

4 (20) February [F2005L00190], [F2005L00195], [F2005L00199], [F2005L00200], [F2005L00202], [F2005L00205], [F2005L00206], [F2005L00208], [F2005L00209], [F2005L00210], [F2005L00217], [F2005L00218], [F2005L00226], [F2005L00227], [F2005L00230], [F2005L00231], [F2005L00234], [F2005L00235], [F2005L00239], [F2005L00241].

Part 39-106—2005 4 (2) February [F2005L00193], [F2005L00221].

Part 39-107—2005 4 February [F2005L00233].

Corporations Act—Order under subsection 341(1)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 05/83 [F2005L00280].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—

Instruments under section 178, 31 (2) January 2005 [F2005L00291], [F2005L00292].

Instrument under subsection 303EC(1), 31 January 2005 [F2005L00258].

Extradition Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 3 [F2005L00271].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—

Directions—2004/05—Nos 29, 30 [F2005L00290], [F2005L00288].

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 6 [F2005L00147].

Fisheries Levy Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 2 [F2005L00171].

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 9 [F2005L00169].

Higher Education Funding Act—Guidelines—2005 Remission of Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS)/Postgraduate Education Loan Scheme (PELS)/Bridging for Overseas Trained Professionals (BOTPLS)/Open Learning Deferred Payment Scheme (OLDPS) debt in special circumstances [F2005L00272].

Higher Education Support Act—Higher education provider—Notices of approval, 8 (2) February 2005 [F2005L00273], [F2005L00276].

Judiciary Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 13 [F2005L00255].

Lands Acquisition Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 8 [F2005L00220].

Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 12 [F2005L00168].

Product Stewardship (Oil) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 4 [F2005L00158].

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 5 [F2005L00222].

Social Security Act—Determination—2005 Social Security (Class of visas—Newly arrived resident's waiting period for special benefit) [F2005L00266].

*Superannuation Act 1976*—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 7 [F2005L00146].

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensations—

2004—No. 9 (Addendum).

2005—No. 1.

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 10 [F2005L00244].



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen\*, Mr Edwards\*, Mr Katter, Ms Plibersek\*, Mr Snowden and Mr Tollner.

\* On leave

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives