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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

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

2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Windsor moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for New England from moving the following motion immediately: That this House:

- (1) bring forward the debate on the Private Members' bill—Fuel Quality Standards (Ethanol content) Amendment Bill 2005;
- (2) acknowledges the skyrocketing fuel prices across the nation;
- (3) recognises the lowest fuel price in Australia is at Mount Warren Park which has 85% of its petrol sales being E10;
- (4) acknowledges the health issues being impacted on by current makeup of petrol in Australia and recognises the Australian Medical Association's call for a 10% ethanol mandate for health and environmental purposes;
- (5) acknowledges the value of mandating ethanol in petrol to alleviating some of these health and environmental problems;
- (6) acknowledges the cost of investment opportunity lost through the continued delay in the process of giving security and direction to proponents of the ethanol industry;
- (7) acknowledges the value of the development of the ethanol industry to the economies of rural and regional communities as well as the national economy;
- (8) acknowledges the time being eaten into the excise exemption period granted by this place to encourage investors in new ethanol projects;
- (9) acknowledges that the Federal Government already mandates the makeup of petrol through its removal of lead from petrol and the reduction of sulphur in diesel and therefore can mandate the inclusion of ethanol in petrol;
- (10) acknowledges that through the scaling up of the inclusion of ethanol in petrol the developing ethanol industry will be able to supply the Australian domestic market needs without the need for importing ethanol from overseas;
- (11) recognises that a 1% increase in ethanol at the rate 350 million litres per year for 10 years is a target that the Australian industry can achieve;
- (12) recognises that the Renewable Energy Target put in place by the Government in 2001 has not and will not be achieved by voluntary renewable energy targets;
- (13) acknowledges the call by the NSW National Party Leader Andrew Stoner for a 10% mandate of ethanol in petrol and calls on the Federal National Party Leader Mark Vaile to support his State colleague in supporting a 10% ethanol mandate in petrol; and
- (14) views the Government's 350 million litre biofuels production target by 2010 as being grossly inadequate and no encouragement for the ethanol industry to develop.

Closure of Member

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Macfarlane	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Markus	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Henry	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Turnbull
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Cadman	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dutton	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 51

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Mr Quick
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms C. King	Ms Roxon
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Dr Lawrence	Mr Rudd
Ms Corcoran	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Katter (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

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NOES, 50

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Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

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Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	Mr Wood

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FUTURE PROOFING AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

5 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Defence Housing Authority—Statement of corporate intent 2005-2006.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Near neighbours—Good neighbours: An inquiry into Australia's relationship with Indonesia—Government response.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 2004-05.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The House was informed that Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The continuing failure of the Government to address the growing crisis in the national telecommunications network”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2005—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with an amendment (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the bill together with a schedule of the amendment.

Amendment made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Nairn (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) informing the House that Senator Carr had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account, and Senator Evans had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 190—7 September 2005;
- (b) informing the House that Senator McGauran has been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Message No. 191—8 September 2005; and
- (c) returning the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005 without requests—Message No. 192—8 September 2005.

9 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FUTURE PROOFING AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.

Ms King was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

10 ADJOURNMENT

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. next Monday.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 8 September 2005:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to delay in furnishing report within specified period—Army and Air Force Canteen Service—Frontline Defence Services—Report for 2003-04.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2005 Nos 34, 35.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Byrne, Mr Costello, Mr M. D. Ferguson, Mr Gibbons, Mr Jull*, Jackie Kelly, Mr McClelland, Mr C. P. Thompson, Mr K. J. Thomson and Mrs D. S. Vale.

* On leave

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Hunt presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Hunt presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Hunt the Government amendment was made.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the bill be reported to the House with an amendment.

4 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (SHIPPING LEVY) AMENDMENT 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 by Mr Ripoll 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 failing to uphold Australia’s national interest by adopting anti-Australian shipping policies that favour foreign vessels and crew, despite the risk to national security, Australian jobs, our trade performance and the natural environment”.

Debate continued.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Baird moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Document

Mr Rudd, by leave, presented the following document:

Victory in the Pacific—List of representatives of the local war veterans' community who participated in a Victory in the Pacific presentation ceremony held in the Brisbane area.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.02 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 September 2005.



R. J. McCLELLAND
Clerk of the Main Committee