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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 101

MONDAY, 29 MAY 2006

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PUBLICATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mrs Draper (Chair) presented the following documents:

Publications—Joint Committee—Distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series—
Report, May 2006.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

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

In accordance with sessional order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

Mrs Draper moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

3 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 74—Treaty tabled on 28 March 2006: Agreement for establishment of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, May 2006.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

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

In accordance with sessional order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 AVOIDING DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE (KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION) BILL 2006

Mr Albanese, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to ratify the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Document

Mr Albanese presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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 41.

5 RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

Mr Cadman, having amended, by leave, notice No. 2 private Members' business, moved—That this House:

- (1) commends Australians of Greek and Turkish origin for the peaceful and harmonious relationship they have established in Australia which is an example to all communities coming from older cultures;
- (2) recognises, with appreciation, the past endeavours of the Hon. Bill Hayden and the current efforts of Australia's Special Envoy on Cyprus, the Hon. Jim Short, and their contribution towards improving relationships between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities to bring about the reunification of the island of Cyprus;
- (3) requests the Government of the Republic of Turkey, as it moves towards joining the European Union as a full member, to:
 - (a) return private property to minority groups of all religious backgrounds and to allow the freedoms of settlement and property throughout Cyprus;
 - (b) permit the re-opening of the Greek Orthodox Theological College on the island of Halke; and
 - (c) permit Christian denominations to operate seminaries of their own, whether Greek, Armenian or Syriac; and
- (4) encourages all parties, including the Turkish Government and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, to work together with the United Nations and the European Union to ensure a lasting solution in which all Cypriots enjoy the economic, political and security benefits of the EU in a united, democratic, just Cyprus.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 FUEL PRICES

Mr Byrne, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes the continuing and alarmingly high fuel prices in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne and across Australia;
- (2) recognises the enormous impact of these high fuel prices for families and their budgets and local businesses in the region;
- (3) acknowledges residents' concerns about price gouging within the petroleum refining and distribution industry and their desire for some action to be taken by the Howard Government to reduce fuel prices; and
- (4) asks that, at the very least, the Treasurer take action to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to formally monitor fuel prices under Part VIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43, Mr Barresi was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and petitions were presented.

Document

Mrs Elliot, by leave, presented the following document:

Stop Japanese whaling in Australian waters—Out of order petition.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 2.40 p.m. the Speaker left the Chair.

10 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5.15 p.m..

11 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

12 BAHA'I FAITH IN IRAN

Ms George, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes the statement made on 20 March 2006 by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief expressing concern about the treatment of followers of the Baha'i faith in Iran;
- (2) expresses its grave concern that instructions have been issued to collect information and monitor activities of members of the Baha'i faith in Iran;
- (3) regards such action as an unacceptable interference with the rights of members of religious minorities;
- (4) fears that such monitoring could be used as the basis for persecution and discrimination against members of the Baha'i faith; and
- (5) urges the Government to pursue these concerns with our Embassy and with representatives of the Iranian Government.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 UNITED NATIONS AND DARFUR

Mr Baird, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House calls on the United Nations to:

- (1) substantially increase the level of aid to the Darfur region of the Sudan;
- (2) call upon member nations to provide peacekeeping forces to quell the civil war currently taking place in the country;
- (3) lift the profile of this catastrophic situation that confronts Darfur and the conflict which has already claimed 300,000 lives and seen 2.4 million people displaced;
- (4) work effectively with the NGOs to ensure a substantial lift in the level of privately sourced aid going to the region; and
- (5) ensure that maximum cooperation is given to peace negotiations.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Mr L. D. T. Ferguson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

14 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 44, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Dr Jensen to be a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit in place of Mr Ticehurst.

Mr Turnbull (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That Mr Ticehurst be discharged from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and that, in his place, Dr Jensen be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

16 BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, for the Main Committee meeting tomorrow the first item of business shall be Members' 3 minute statements continuing for a period of 30 minutes, irrespective of suspensions for divisions in the House.

Question—put and passed.

17 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRUSTEE BOARD AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

Document

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr Nairn moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Fitzgibbon 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, this House notes the Howard Government’s failures in superannuation policy”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Nairn, the bill was read a third time.

18 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 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 29 May 2006:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2006 (Confidentiality) No. 7, 19 May [F2006L01571].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Civil Aviation Orders—2006—

Civil Aviation Amendment Order 40.2.1 (No. 2) [F2006L01562].

Civil Aviation Amendment Order 82.1 (No. 3) [F2006L01563].

Civil Aviation Amendment Order 82.3 (No. 1) [F2006L01564].

Civil Aviation Amendment Order 95.12.1 (No. 3) [F2006L01565].

Exemption—2006 No. CASA EX20 [F2006L01577].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2006 23 May [F2006L01588].

Part 39-106—2006 24 May [F2006L01606].

Part 39-107—2006 22 May [F2006L01572].

Customs Act—

Instruments of approval—2006 Nos CEO 1, CEO 2, CEO 3, CEO 4, CEO 5 [F2006L01589], [F2006L01599], [F2006L01602], [F2006L01603], [F2006L01605].

Orders—

Tariff Concession—2006—

17 (2) May [F2006L01580], [F2006L01581].

18 May [F2006L01579].

Tariff Concession Revocation—2006—

17 (4) May [F2006L01582], [F2006L01583], [F2006L01584], [F2006L01585].

19 May [F2006L01586].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instrument under subsection 184(1)—4 May 2006 [F2006L01594].

Fisheries Management Act—Heard Island and McDonald Islands Fishery Management Plan—Amendment—2006 (No. 1) [F2006L01608].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variations to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—2006 Amendment No. 86 [F2006L01578].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Notice—2006 Prescribed course [F2006L01552].

National Health Act—Determinations under sections 85, 85A and 88—2006 No. PB 24 [F2006L01619].

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations—2006 Nos TD 34, TD 35, TD 36.

Rulings—

2005 No. PR 22 (Withdrawal).

2006—

Nos CR 43, CR 44, CR 45.

Nos IT 121 (Withdrawal), IT 122 (Withdrawal), IT 182 (Withdrawal), IT 183 (Withdrawal), IT 184 (Withdrawal), IT 185 (Withdrawal), IT 2022 (Withdrawal), IT 2027 (Withdrawal), IT 2037 (Withdrawal), IT 2188 (Withdrawal), IT 2189 (Withdrawal), IT 2253 (Withdrawal), IT 2267 (Withdrawal), IT 2335 (Withdrawal), IT 2351 (Withdrawal).

Nos PR 23 (Addendum), PR 70 (Erratum), PR 89, PR 90, PR 91, PR 92, PR 93, PR 94, PR 95, PR 96, PR 97.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determinations under paragraph 15(1)(e)—2006 Nos 1, 2 [F2006L01601], [F2006L01604].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Livermore*, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Tanner and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 101

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 29 MAY 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 5.15 p.m.

2 PUBLICATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Draper—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 29 May 2006*), viz.:

Publications—Joint Committee—Distribution of the Parliamentary Papers Series—Report, May 2006—Debate resumed.

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

3 INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 22 May 2006*), viz.:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, April 2006—

Debate resumed.

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

4 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Swan, viz.*—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 is of the view that:

(1) despite record high commodity prices and rising levels of taxation the Government has failed to secure Australia's long term economic fundamentals and that it should be condemned for its failure to:

- (a) stem the widening current account deficit and trade deficits;
- (b) reverse the reduction in public education and training investment;
- (c) provide national leadership in infrastructure including high speed broadband for the whole country;
- (d) further reduce effective marginal tax rates to meet the intergenerational challenge of greater workforce participation;
- (e) provide accessible and affordable long-day childcare for working families;
- (f) fundamentally reform our health system to equip it for a future focused on prevention, early intervention and an ageing population;

- (g) expand and encourage research and development to move Australian industry and exports up the value-chain;
 - (h) provide for the economic, social and environmental sustainability of our region, and
 - (i) address falling levels of workplace productivity; and that
- (2) the Government's extreme industrial relations laws will lower wages and conditions for many workers and do nothing to enhance productivity, participation or economic growth; and that
- (3) the Government's Budget documents fail the test of transparency and accountability"—

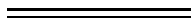
Debate resumed.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.03 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 4 p.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee