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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 130

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2006

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

2 DATACASTING TRANSMITTER LICENCE FEES BILL 2006

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose fees, by way of taxes, in relation to channel A datacasting transmitter licences, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Billson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (COLLECTION OF DATACASTING TRANSMITTER LICENCE FEES) BILL 2006

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr Billson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2006

Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr Hunt presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME—NEW FORMULA AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

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 Ms Plibersek 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 expresses its serious concern about:

- (1) the Government’s decision to proceed with the bill without providing any protection for low income families who may lose income as a result of changes to the child support scheme;
- (2) the failure of the Government to properly manage transitional issues in circumstances where parents are worse off under the bill, as recommended by the Ministerial Taskforce on Child Support;
- (3) the failure of the Government to make any attempt to quantify the financial impact of the bill on existing child support customers;
- (4) the failure of the Government to provide up to date demographic information about existing child support customers;
- (5) the unreasonably short time frame imposed by the Government on the Senate Inquiry into the bill, particularly given the extent of the changes to the child support scheme and the potential financial impact on low income families; and
- (6) the overly-complex nature of the changes in the bill”.

Debate continued.

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 a later hour this day.

6 SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement on skills for the future and presented the following document:

Skills for the future—Ministerial statement, 12 October 2006.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the document.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Abbott, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 28 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Skills for the future—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of document: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

8 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REFORM OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME—NEW FORMULA AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

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 Ms Plibersek (see item No. 5, page 1465)—*

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 80

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

NOES, 54

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek	
Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price*	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 219, 14 September 2006, 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 immediately.

On the motion of Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

9 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Albanese, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) notes that on 20 August 2003, then Leader of the Government in the Senate Senator Robert Hill stated in relation to Indigenous heritage protection that the Government recognised the shortcomings in the existing system, that reform was long overdue and that the government was anxious to have a new and better piece of legislation put in place as quickly as possible;
- (2) registers its concern that the Howard Government has failed to address the shortcomings in indigenous heritage protection;
- (3) expresses its concern that the Howard Government has failed to act on the recommendations of the 1996 Evatt Inquiry into the *Commonwealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*;
- (4) notes that it is now 10 years since the Evatt Inquiry reported, and calls for a comprehensive review of Indigenous heritage protection; and
- (5) calls on the Government to support the inclusion of a sunset exemption provision in the bill”—

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.

10 **FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2002 BALI BOMBINGS—STATEMENTS**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement on the fourth anniversary of the 2002 Bali bombings.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.

11 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

12 **DOCUMENT**

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Drought relief—The Federal Government is looking at speeding up the application process for farmers seeking drought relief—Copy of transcript by Media Monitors, 11 October 2006.

13 **DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL REPORT AND REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL**

The Speaker presented the following documents:

- (a) pursuant to section 65 of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*:
Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 2005-06; and
- (b) Auditor-General—Audit report No. 6 of 2006-2007—Performance audit—Recordkeeping including the management of electronic records.

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

14 **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2005-06.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2005-06.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, incorporating the Australian Energy Regulator—Report for 2005-06.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2005-06.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 36—Report of an inquiry into a complaint of a breach of Ms CD's human rights at the Curtin Immigration Processing and Reception Centre.

15 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Aboriginals Benefit Account—Report for 2005-06.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 36—Report of an inquiry into a complaint of a breach of Ms CD's human rights at the Curtin Immigration Processing and Reception Centre.

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

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY

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 Government's decade-long neglect of training, resulting in the failure to build a modern, competitive economy to ensure the prosperity of future generations of Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL 2006—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 Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

18 DEFENCE FORCE (HOME LOANS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2006—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

19 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Albanese (see item No. 9, page 1467)*—

Debate having been resumed by Mr Snowdon—

20 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.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baird, Mr Danby, Mr Edwards, Mr Kerr* and Mr Somlyay.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 130

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL 2006

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Baldwin presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

4 DEFENCE FORCE (HOME LOANS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

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. 201, 9 June 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

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

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

5 BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2006

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 an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday, 16 October 2006.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee