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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 174

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2007



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—CONSIDERATION OF BILL**

Mr Andrews (Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), for Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That in relation to proceedings on the Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007, so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended to enable:

- (1) at the conclusion of the second reading debate, not including a Minister speaking in reply, or at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 May 2007, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up the second reading debate and thereafter the following occurring without delay:
  - (a) the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the second reading stage of the bill to be put; and
  - (b) the bill then to be taken as a whole during consideration in detail for a period not exceeding 50 minutes (at the end of this period any Government amendments that have been circulated for at least two hours shall be treated as if they have been moved together), immediately after which the question then before the House to be put, then the putting without amendment or debate of any question or questions necessary to complete the consideration of the bill; and
- (2) any variation to this arrangement to be made only by a motion moved by a Minister.

Debate ensued

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)—

## AYES, 78

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

## NOES, 57

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

### 3 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT (CITIZENSHIP TESTING) BILL 2007

Mr Andrews (Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, and for related purposes.

#### *Document*

Mr Andrews presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**4 MIGRATION (SPONSORSHIP FEES) BILL 2007**

Mr Andrews (Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make payable certain fees paid in relation to sponsorship of applicants for temporary visas, and for related purposes.

*Document*

Mr Andrews presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**5 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007**

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, 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 Emerson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (A STRONGER SAFETY NET) BILL 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—

Debate resumed by Ms Gillard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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’s lack of honesty about:

- (1) its plans for extreme industrial relations laws before the last election;
- (2) the impact of its inherently unfair Work Choices laws including the way these laws have:
  - (a) caused the pay and conditions of individuals on Australian Workplace Agreements to be cut;
  - (b) allowed good workers to be dismissed for no reason at all;
  - (c) placed an unprecedented paperwork burden on small businesses; and
  - (d) destroyed the independent industrial umpire;
- (3) the cost of the taxpayer polling research which apparently led the Government to dropping the term ‘Work Choices’ and bringing this bill to the House;
- (4) the magnitude of the taxpayer funded advertising campaign to promote the Government’s political spin on industrial relations;
- (5) the fact that this bill leaves Australians still overwhelmingly exposed to the harshness of Work Choices; and
- (6) its intention to legislate even harsher laws if re-elected”.

Debate continued.

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.

**7 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Document*

Mr Hockey (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) presented the following document:

ACTU assesses campaign against IR changes—ABC TV Lateline transcript, 10 August 2005.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Member directed to leave*

At 3.09 p.m. the Member for Gorton (Mr B. P. O'Connor) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continual interjection, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

#### 8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 40 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—Centrelink's review and appeals system—Follow-up audit: Centrelink.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

#### 9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—TIME FOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, for the sitting on Thursday, 31 May 2007, so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent questions without notice being called on at 2.30 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

#### 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COSTS OF LIVING

The House was informed that Ms Plibersek had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The refusal of the Government to acknowledge and adequately address huge rises in the costs of living".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Plibersek addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under sessional order No. 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

#### 11 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (A STRONGER SAFETY NET) BILL 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 Ms Gillard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (see item No. 6, page 1917)—*

Debate resumed.

It being 5.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the debate was interrupted and Mr Hockey (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) summed up the second reading debate.

Amendment negatived.

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

*Consideration in detail*

Bill taken as a whole.

Ordered—That non-Government amendments be moved in a series of groups and the questions on these amendments be deferred until after the House had completed its consideration of the non-Government amendments.

Mr Andren moved amendments (1) to (10) together.

Ms Gillard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved Opposition amendments (1) to (5) together.

Ms Gillard moved Opposition amendments (6), (7) and (11) to (14) together.

Ms Gillard moved Opposition amendments (8) and (9) together.

Ms Gillard moved Opposition amendment No. 10.

Debate continued.

*Document*

Mr Hockey presented the following document:

Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Debate continued.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the time for consideration of the bill having expired—

Question—That amendments (1) to (10) moved by Mr Andren be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren and Mr Windsor voting “Aye”, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Barresi) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Question—That Opposition amendments (1) to (5) be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 51

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Ripoll
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	

NOES, 77

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That Opposition amendments (6), (7) and (11) to (14) be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 56

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

## NOES, 77

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That Opposition amendments (8) and (9) be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 56

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

## NOES, 77

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That Opposition amendment (10) be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 56

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

## NOES, 77

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill, including the Government amendments, as circulated, be agreed to—put and passed.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Bill read a third time.

## 12 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 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—

Debate resumed.

## 13 ADJOURNMENT

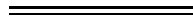
It being approximately 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.



Question—put and passed.

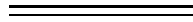
And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.



**DOCUMENTS**

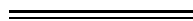
The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 30 May 2007:

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2007 Nos 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baker, Ms Corcoran, Ms Hoare, Mr Macfarlane and Mr Turnbull.



**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06-07

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 174

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2007

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements being made—

*Document*

Ms Macklin, by leave, presented the following document:

Jagajaga Youth Week Roundtable—List of participants.

Members' statements continued.

**3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008—BUDGET DEBATE**

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 Tanner, 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 from surging demand from India and China and rising levels of taxation, the Government has failed to secure Australia's long term economic fundamentals and should be condemned for its failure to:
  - (a) address Australia's flagging productivity growth;
  - (b) stem the widening current account deficit and trade deficits;
  - (c) attend to the long term relative decline in education and training investment undercutting workplace productivity;
  - (d) provide national leadership on infrastructure including a high speed national broadband network for the whole country;
  - (e) expand and encourage research and development to move Australian industry and exports up the value-chain; and
  - (f) reform our health system to equip it for a future focused on prevention, early intervention and an ageing population;
- (2) the Government's failure to address the damaging consequences of climate change is endangering Australia's future economic prosperity;
- (3) 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
- (4) the Government's Budget documents fail the test of transparency and accountability”—

Debate resumed.

*Suspension of meeting*

At 1.02 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of meeting*

At 4 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Debate continued.

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

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Ciobo, the Main Committee adjourned at 6.40 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee