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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 179

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2007

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- 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 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**
 Mr Ripoll presented the following document:
 Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Republic of Malta and Spain, 14 to 24 April 2007, and the official visit to Kuwait by the President of the Senate, 24 to 26 April 2007—Report, June 2007.
 Mr Ripoll and Mr Causley made statements in connection with the report.
- 3 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE**
 Mrs Mirabella (Chair) presented the following document:
 Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Civics and electoral education—Report, May 2007.
 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 Mirabella moved—That the House take note of the report.
 In accordance with standing 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 Mirabella moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.
 Question—put and passed.
- 4 **AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**
 Mr Kerr (Chair) presented the following documents:
 Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Examination of the Australian Crime Commission Annual Report 2005-06—
 Report, June 2007.
 Evidence received by the committee.
 Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.
 Mr Kerr made a statement in connection with the report.
- 5 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE**
 Mr Baird (Chair) presented the following documents:
 Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Servicing our future—Inquiry into the current and future directions of Australia's services export sector—
 Report, May 2007.

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—

Mr Baird moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

Mr Baird moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

6 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Hardgrave (Chair) presented the following documents:

Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation—Standing Committee—Current vacancies: Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism sector—

Report, incorporating additional comments, June 2007.

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—

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

7 PRIVACY PROTECTION FOR OFF-SHORING BILL 2007

Ms A. E. Burke, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, to regulate the transmission of personally identifiable information for processing outside Australia, and for related purposes.

Ms A. E. Burke 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.

8 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Mr Wilkie, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Independent Contractors Act 2006*.

Mr Wilkie 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.

9 LATE PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT DEBTS (INTEREST) BILL 2007

Mr Emerson, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for interest to be levied on the late payment by government of commercial debts arising in relation to contracts with small businesses for the supply of goods and services, and for related purposes.

Mr Emerson 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.

10 FREE TRADE

Mr Johnson, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) recognises the importance of globalisation and open markets to continuing Australia's record of 16 years uninterrupted economic growth; and
- (2) calls on the Australian Government to continue promoting the benefits of free trade, which include alleviating global poverty, especially in developing countries.

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 Laming 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.

11 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Documents

Mr Albanese, in accordance with standing order 201, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Howard (Prime Minister)—

Mr Howard presented the following documents:

Opel coverage—Electorate of Griffith.

Opel coverage—Electorate of Ballarat.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.53 p.m. the Member for Melbourne (Mr Tanner) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.14 p.m. the Member for Sydney (Ms Plibersek) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.15 p.m. the Member for Calwell (Ms Vamvakinou) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

13 DOCUMENT

Mr Hockey (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), added to an answer to a question without notice and presented the following document:

Fairness test fact sheet—Copy of transcript—Interview between Mr Barrie Cassidy and Ms Gillard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

14 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

15 AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION AND THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

Mr Bowen, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the Government's failure to direct the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to formally monitor the prices, costs or profits in the petroleum industry;
 - (b) the comments made by Mr Brian Cassidy, Chief Executive Officer of the ACCC, to Senate Estimates that the ACCC would need formal price monitoring powers to gain access to information from the oil companies to adequately monitor profits, margins and costs; and
 - (c) that Labor's announcement to appoint a national Petroleum Commissioner, with the sole responsibility to formally monitor and investigate within the ACCC would ensure Australian motorists are getting a fair go at the bowser; and
- (2) calls on the Government to provide the ACCC with a reference under section 95ZE of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* to formally monitor fuel process in Australia.

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.

16 HUMAN RIGHTS IN ZIMBABWE

Mr Baird, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the recent police violence and systematic harassment and intimidation against lawyers representing activists from the Zimbabwean political opposition parties;
 - (b) specifically, the incident of 8 May, when police violently stopped a demonstration organised by the Law Society of Zimbabwe to protest against the unlawful arrest and ill-treatment of lawyers Alec Muchadehama and Andrew Makoni; and
 - (c) the need for an immediate independent investigation into the alleged misconduct of police officers from the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Law and Order Section at Harare Central Police Station in relation to the incident;
- (2) recommends, as a first step to address the human rights situation, the Government of Zimbabwe to fully implement the recommendations of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights in the *2002 Fact Finding Mission Report*; and
- (3) condemns the Zimbabwe regime for threats made against church leaders and strongly urges the regime to uphold religious freedom and freedom of expression.

Debate ensued.

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

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

14 June 2007—Message—

No. 543—Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) 2007.

No. 544—Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) 2007.

15 June 2007—Message—

No. 546—Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Management System and Other Measures) 2007.

No. 547—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Township Leasing) 2007.

No. 548—Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) 2007.

No. 549—Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services 2007.

No. 550—Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) 2007.

No. 551—Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Restructures) 2007.

18 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.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Message No. 545, 15 June 2007, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to food regulatory measures, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (APPRENTICESHIP WAGE TOP-UP FOR AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICES) 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 Mr S. F. Smith, 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 welcomes additional financial support for first and second year apprentices but condemns the Government’s complacency and neglect of vocational education and training over the past 11 long years seen through:

- (1) the Government slashing its investment in vocational education and training by 13 per cent in the three years to 2000;
- (2) between 2000 and 2004, increasing this investment by only 1 per cent;
- (3) the failure of the Government to address the acute shortages of skilled labour across Australia, which the Government itself estimates to be a shortfall of 240,000 skilled workers by 2016;
- (4) the cynical political response to the national skills crisis of a standalone network of Australian Technical Colleges that will only produce 10,000 graduates by 2010; and
- (5) the failure of the Government to address apprenticeship completion rates, with almost 50 per cent of apprentices cancelling or withdrawing from training each year while Labor has been calling since 2005 for \$2000 payments to encourage completion of traditional trade apprenticeships”—

Debate resumed.

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 Robb (Minister for Vocational and Further Education), the bill was read a third time.

21 AGED CARE AMENDMENT (RESIDENTIAL CARE) 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.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

22 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008—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 A. D. H. Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

23 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2007-2008—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 A. D. H. Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

24 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008—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 A. D. H. Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

25 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2006-2007—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 A. D. H. Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

26 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2006-2007—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 A. D. H. Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

27 AGED CARE AMENDMENT (RESIDENTIAL CARE) 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 having been resumed by Mr Georganas—

28 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 18 June 2007:

A New Tax System (Commonwealth–State Financial Arrangements) Act—Determination—Final GST per capita relativities for 2006-07—21 May 2007 [F2007L01686].

Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2006-2007—Advance to the Finance Minister—Determination—2006-07 No. 3, 4 June 2007 [F2007L01678].

Australian National University Act—Statute—2007 Parking and traffic [F2007L01682].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2007—

8 (2) June [F2007L01728], [F2007L01729].

12 (2) June [F2007L01748], [F2007L01749].

Corporations Act—

Accounting standard—2007—Amendment No. AASB 4 [F2007L01669].

Variations under paragraphs 1020F(1)(a) and 1020F(1)(c)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 07/386 [F2007L01697].

Customs Act—Orders—

Tariff Concession—2007—

25 (16) May [F2007L01627], [F2007L01628], [F2007L01629], [F2007L01639], [F2007L01640], [F2007L01641], [F2007L01642], [F2007L01645], [F2007L01647], [F2007L01648], [F2007L01649], [F2007L01650], [F2007L01651], [F2007L01707], [F2007L01708], [F2007L01709].

1 (4) June [F2007L01659], [F2007L01660], [F2007L01661], [F2007L01663].

4 (2) June [F2007L01656], [F2007L01657].

8 (2) June [F2007L01740], [F2007L01741].

Tariff Concession Revocation—8 May 2007 [F2007L01634].

Disability Services Act—Guidelines—2007 Disability Services (Rehabilitation services) [F2007L01683].

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements under—

sub-section 40(3)—June 2007.

section 125(5)—June 2007.

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instrument—2007 Addresses for applications for the subclass 420 (entertainment) visa No. IMMI 07/023 [F2007L01737].

National Measurement Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 147 [F2007L01672].

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal to extend the National Gallery of Australia, June 2007.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2007 No. 6.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2007—

No. CR 49.

Nos PR 52, PR 53, PR 54, PR 55, PR 56, PR 57.

Nos ST 2414 (Withdrawal), ST 2415 (Withdrawal), ST 2417 (Withdrawal), ST 2418 (Withdrawal), ST 2419 (Withdrawal), ST 2420 (Withdrawal), ST 2421 (Withdrawal), ST 2422 (Withdrawal), ST 2425 (Withdrawal), ST 2426 (Withdrawal), ST 2427 (Withdrawal), ST 2428 (Withdrawal), ST 2429 (Withdrawal), ST 2430 (Withdrawal), ST 2432 (Withdrawal), ST 2434 (Withdrawal), ST 2435 (Withdrawal), ST 2436 (Withdrawal), ST 2437 (Withdrawal), ST 2438 (Withdrawal).

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Determination of hazardous service—24 May 2007 [F2007L01654].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baker, Mrs Draper, Mr Murphy and Mr Richardson.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 179

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 4.05 p.m.

2 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING 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 Baird—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 18 June 2007*), *viz.*—

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Servicing our future—Inquiry into the current and future directions of Australia's services export sector—Report, June 2007—

Debate resumed.

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

3 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING 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 Hardgrave—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 18 June 2007*), *viz.*—

Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation—Standing Committee—Current vacancies: Workforce challenges facing the Australian tourism sector—Report, June 2007—

Debate resumed.

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

4 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008

The order of the day having been read for further consideration in detail of the bill—Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, \$289,439,000—debated and agreed to.

Attorney-General's Portfolio, \$3,724,746,000—debated and agreed to.

Finance and Administration Portfolio, \$661,821,000—debated and agreed to.

Remainder of bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

5 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2007-2008

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—

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.

6 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008

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—

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.

7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 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—

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.

8 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 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—

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.

9 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr C. P. Thompson, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 June 2007 for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee