

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 11

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2008

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

2 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985*, and for related purposes.

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Mr Albanese presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

3 ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY) REPEAL BILL 2008

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Act 1993*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Albanese presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 ELECTION COMMITMENTS) BILL 2008

Mr Griffin (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' entitlements, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Griffin presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

5 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF APARTMENTS—AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COMPLEX, TOKYO, JAPAN

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work

be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Refurbishment of staff apartments—Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan.

Question—put and passed.

6 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HMAS CRESWELL REDEVELOPMENT, JERVIS BAY TERRITORY

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: HMAS Creswell redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory.

Question—put and passed.

7 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT FACILITIES, RAAF BASE TINDAL, NT

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Airborne early warning and control aircraft facilities, RAAF Base Tindal, Northern Territory.

Question—put and passed.

8 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ROBERTSON BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT, DARWIN, NT

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Robertson Barracks redevelopment, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Question—put and passed.

9 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HARDENED AND NETWORKED ARMY (HNA) FACILITIES AT EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT, SA

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Hardened and Networked Army (HNA) facilities at Edinburgh Defence Precinct, South Australia.

Question—put and passed.

10 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—LAND ENGINEERING AGENCY TEST SERVICES RELOCATION, MONEGETTA, VIC

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Land Engineering Agency test services relocation, Monegetta, Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MULTI ROLE HELICOPTER FACILITIES

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Multi role helicopter facilities.

Question—put and passed.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 11, 12 March 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Skills Australia Bill 2008 without amendment.

13 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSITION TO FORWARD WITH FAIRNESS) BILL 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—

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.

14 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 3.18 p.m. the Member for Dickson (Mr Dutton) 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—

Suspension of standing orders moved

Mr Turnbull moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Wentworth from moving immediately—That this House condemns the Government's continued efforts to misrepresent Australia's economic circumstances and in so doing are exacerbating our nation's economic challenges:

- (1) the Prime Minister and the Treasurer persist in their efforts to misrepresent our economic history and present circumstances in a partisan attempt to blacken the economic reputation of the previous Government;
- (2) in doing so, they are themselves a significant risk to our economy, rather than providing sound and objective economic leadership;
- (3) the Prime Minister and Treasurer are fuelling inflationary expectations with their use of immoderate and irresponsible language;
- (4) the Prime Minister and Treasurer are driving down consumer and business confidence with their use of such language;
- (5) the Prime Minister and Treasurer refuse to tell the truth that their economic policy is designed to put Australians out of work in the name of fighting inflation;
- (6) the Prime Minister and Treasurer refuse to take into account the reality that economic activity is much slower outside of Queensland and Western Australia, and that their so-called fight against inflation is likely to have a disproportionately harsh impact on those states; and
- (7) finally, this House formally recognises the Westpac–Melbourne Institute consumer confidence survey as the real report card on the Prime Minister and Treasurer's first 100 days in office.

The time allowed by standing order 1 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Haase	Ms Marino	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Markus	Mr Simpkins
Fran Bailey	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs May	Mr Slipper
Mr Baldwin	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs Mirabella	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Billson	Mr Hockey	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hunt	Dr Nelson	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Irons	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Pearce	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Randall	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Coulton	Mr Laming	Mr Robb	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Schultz	
Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Scott	

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Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bidgood	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms King	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Ms Saffin
Mr Bradbury	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr Shorten
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Butler	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
Ms Campbell	Mr Gibbons	Ms Neal	Mr Swan
Mr Champion	Ms Gillard	Mr Neumann	Mr Symon
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Gray	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Clare	Ms Grierson	Ms Owens	Mr C. R. Thomson
Ms Collins	Mr Griffin	Ms Parke	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Combat	Mr Hale	Mr Perrett	Mr Trevor
Mr Crean	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	Mr Turnour
Mr Danby	Mr Hayes*	Mr Price	Ms Vamvakinou
Mrs D'Ath	Mrs Irwin	Mr Raguse	Mr Zappia

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

15 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 53rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, India, and to the Republic of the Philippines—24 September to 5 October 2007—Report, March 2008—
and made a statement in connection with the report.

16 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Commonwealth Ombudsman's report on inspections of surveillance device records for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007—Australian Crime Commission and Australian Federal Police.

War Crimes Act 1945—Report for 2006-07.

17 WHEAT EXPORT MARKETING BILL 2008—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and presented the following documents:

Wheat marketing—Assorted media releases in relation to wheat, from various bodies, dating from March 2008.

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Mr A. S. Burke, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Truss speaking for a period not exceeding 14 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Truss addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put immediately without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Truss continued to address the House.

18 ADJOURNMENT

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Document

Dr Southcott, by leave, presented the following document:

Water infrastructure plan for South Australia—(*Receipt of document as a petition subject to approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions*).

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12 noon on Monday, 17 March 2008.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 13 March 2008:

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Determination of reporting standards under section 13—2008 Nos 30, 31, 32, 33 [F2008L00453], [F2008L00454], [F2008L00455], [F2008L00456].

Fuel Tax Act—Determination—2008 Road user charge (No. 1) [F2008L00713].

National Health Act—

Amendment declaration and amendment determination under section 85—2008 No. PB 30 [F2008L00691].

Amendment determinations under—

section 84AF—2008 No. PB 32 [F2008L00696].

sections 85, 85A and 88—2008 No. PB 31 [F2008L00692].

section 85AB—2008 No. PB 39 [F2008L00703].

section 85B—2008 No. PB 33 [F2008L00698].

section 98C—2008 No. PB 34 [F2008L00699].

Amendment special arrangements under section 100—2008 Nos PB 36, PB 37 [F2008L00701], [F2008L00702].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Gash, Mr Pyne and Mr Tuckey.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 11

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements being made—

Document

Ms Owens, by leave, presented the following document:

Humanitarian aid to Burma and the Thai-Burmese border area—(*Receipt of document as a petition subject to approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions*).

Members' statements continued.

3 INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA BILL 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—

Debate resumed.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.02 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday, 17 March 2008.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee