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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2008

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 2.42 p.m. the Member for Aston (Mr Pearce) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

3 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2007.

General Practice Education and Training—Report for 2006-07.

Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—Report pursuant to section 47B, December 2007.

Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2006.

4 GLOBAL MARKET TURBULENCE AND THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Swan (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement on global market turbulence and the Australian economy.

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Mr Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Turnbull speaking for a period not exceeding 17½ minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Turnbull addressed the House.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RISING COSTS

The House was informed that Mr Hartsuyker had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to adequately address the impact of rising costs on struggling families”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hartsuyker addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) 2008; and
Tradex Scheme Amendment 2008.

Question—put and passed.

7 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Butler (Chair) presented the following documents:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Seventy-first annual report, March 2008 (1st report of 2008).

HMAS Creswell redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory (2nd report of 2008).

Land Engineering Agency test services relocation, Monegeetta, Victoria (3rd report of 2008).

Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan (4th report of 2008).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

Mr Butler, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

8 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT 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.

Mrs Hull addressing the House—

9 ADJOURNMENT

It being 8.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 18 March 2008:

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2006-2007—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2007-08 No. 4 [F2008L00742].

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2008 No. 1.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives under—

Part 39-105—

AD/BEECH 23—No. 38—Cancellation [F2008L00749].

AD/BEECH 33—

No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L00748].

No. 15—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L00747].

No. 21—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L00746].

No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L00745].

AD/BEECH 200—No. 31—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L00753].

Part 39-107—AD/FSM—No. 31 [F2008L00795].

Exemption—2008 No. CASA EX20 [F2008L00817].

Corporations Act—Accounting standard—2008 AASB 1 [F2008L00714].

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Determination of reporting standards under section 13—2008 Nos 37, 39, 41, 48 [F2008L00462], [F2008L00467], [F2008L00473], [F2008L00513].

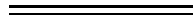
Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variations to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—2008 Amendment No. 97 [F2008L00708].

Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act—Rules—2008 Transition—Amendment [F2008L00711].

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—2008 No. 3 [F2008L00794].

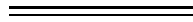
Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2008 No. 3.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Determination—2008 Veterans' entitlements income (Exempt lump sum)—Exceptional circumstances exit grant, No. R9 [F2008L00670].



ATTENDANCE

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



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 13

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 4.32 p.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES AND COMPANIES AMENDMENT 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.

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 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR L. J. KEOGH, DR K. L. FRY AND MS H. MAYER), FORMER SENATOR AND MINISTER (THE HONOURABLE R. L. COLLINS), MR M. PRICE, MR B. D. BANTON, THE HONOURABLE SIR CHARLES WALTER MICHAEL COURT AND SIR EDMUND PERCIVAL HILLARY—SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion—That the House take note of the Speaker's announcement informing the House of the deaths of—

Mr Leonard Joseph Keogh, on 10 October 2007, a Member of this House for the Division of Bowman from 1969 to 1975 and 1983 to 1987;

Dr Kenneth Lionel Fry, on 10 October 2007, a Member of this House for the Division of Fraser from 1974 to 1984;

Ms Helen Mayer, on 7 February 2008, a Member of this House for the Division of Chisholm from 1983 to 1987;

The Honourable Robert Lindsay Collins AO, on 21 September 2007, a former Senator for the Northern Territory from 1987 to 1998 and Minister;

Mr Matt Price, journalist, on 25 November 2007;

Mr Bernard Douglas (Bernie) Banton AM, victim of asbestosis, mesothelioma and asbestos-related pleural disease, on 27 November 2007;

The Honourable Sir Charles Walter Michael Court AK KCMG OBE, a former Premier of Western Australia, on 22 December 2007; and

Sir Edmund Percival Hillary KG ONZ KBE, on 11 January 2008, New Zealand mountaineer and first known climber to reach the summit of Mount Everest—

Debate resumed.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

Ms Owens moved that further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

5 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, express our loyalty to the Sovereign, and thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Grierson, the Main Committee adjourned at 8.24 p.m.

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



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee