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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2008

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

2 **FINANCIAL SYSTEM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL CLAIMS SCHEME AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008**

Mr Swan (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to banking and insurance, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mrs Mirabella), and the resumption of the debate, by leave, made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

3 **FINANCIAL CLAIMS SCHEME (GENERAL INSURERS) LEVY BILL 2008**

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the imposition of a levy on general insurers.

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mrs Mirabella), and the resumption of the debate, by leave, made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 **FINANCIAL CLAIMS SCHEME (ADIS) LEVY BILL 2008**

Mr Swan (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the imposition of a levy on liabilities of authorised deposit-taking institutions to their depositors.

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mrs Mirabella), and the resumption of the debate, by leave, made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 14 October 2008, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 137—Safe Work Australia (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) 2008.

No. 138—Migration Amendment (Notification Review) 2008.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA BILL 2008

Message No. 136, 14 October 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

7 NATIONAL RENTAL AFFORDABILITY SCHEME 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 by Mr Morrison who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give this bill a second reading, the House calls on the Government to make such amendments to the National Rental Affordability Scheme as would:

- (1) provide for incentives to be given on a sliding scale to take account of the different development and land costs in different locations;
- (2) provide for successful applicants to transfer their tax offsets on a once only basis to project financiers in return for a lower cost of funds, including providing such tax offsets to not for profit entities for this purpose;
- (3) require that State and Territory governments match the incentives provided by the Commonwealth under the Scheme;
- (4) extend project eligibility criteria to include conversions to affordable housing from existing residential stock, particularly where such projects involve substantial redevelopment to provide for specific needs groups such as aged or disabled accommodation;
- (5) extend the upper level income limits for tenant income eligibility criteria by 30 per cent in each band to ensure greater access for key workers and those seeking to save to buy their first homes;
- (6) provide ‘as of right’ eligibility for the Federal Government’s solar panel rebate and solar hot water rebate schemes; and
- (7) extend the establishment phase criteria that approximately 20 per cent of incentives be available for projects of not less than 20 dwellings, to the entire Scheme”.

Debate continued.

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

8 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

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

National Rental Affordability Scheme 2008;

National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) 2008.

Question—put and passed.

9 WHIPS’ REPORT

Ms Hall (Acting Chief Government Whip) presented the following document:

Whips’ report—Report relating to committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 20 October 2008—

and moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

10 WATER 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hunt, 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, in respect of the Lower Lakes and Coorong area of South Australia, the House acknowledges the dire situation faced by the local people, local businesses, local communities and wildlife due to the devastation of the area’s economy, and calls on the Government to support the

Opposition in its commitment to the provision of \$50 million for immediate and practical assistance to provide support to:

- (1) the local community, small business, tourism operators, the fishing industry and farmers; and
- (2) protect wildlife and flora in the region”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

* 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. 90, 26 September 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

12 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2008—Redistribution of Northern Territory into electoral divisions.

Australian Federal Police—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Film Television and Radio School—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2007-08.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2007-08.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2007-08.

CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2007-08.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 455/08 to 480/08—

Commonwealth Ombudsman's report.

Government response to Commonwealth Ombudsman's report.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2007-08.

Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—Regional Telecommunications Review: Framework for the future—Report, September 2008.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2007-08.

13 IRAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Iran.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr S. F. Smith, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) speaking for a period not exceeding seven minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Truss addressed the House.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS

The House was informed that Ms J. Bishop (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The worsening impact of the global financial crisis on the Australian economy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms J. Bishop addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT LEVY TERMINATION BILL 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 Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

16 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (CLARITY IN PRICING) BILL 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 Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

17 FINANCIAL SYSTEM LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FINANCIAL CLAIMS SCHEME AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.

Suspension of standing order 76—Debate confined to present question

Ms Hall (Acting Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That standing order 76 be suspended for the duration of the first speech by the Member for Mayo on the second reading debate on this bill.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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. 91, 14 October 2008, from Her 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 Swan (Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

18 FINANCIAL CLAIMS SCHEME (ADIS) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Swan (Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

19 FINANCIAL CLAIMS SCHEME (GENERAL INSURERS) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Swan (Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

20 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Swan (Treasurer) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 9 a.m. tomorrow.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mrs Gash*, Mrs Irwin, Ms Macklin, Mr Price, Mrs Vale and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (CLARITY IN PRICING) 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 PRIVATE DAVID FISHER—STATEMENTS

By indulgence, further statements were made.

5 SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF BALI BOMBINGS—STATEMENTS

By indulgence, further statements were made.

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Marles, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.55 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