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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 72

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2009

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 MAIN COMMITTEE—HOUR OF NEXT MEETING

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed 10.30 a.m. today for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

3 DEATH OF PRIVATE GREGORY SHER—CONDOLENCE MOTION—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the order of the day relating to the Prime Minister's motion of condolence in connection with the death of Private Gregory Sher had been debated in the Main Committee and returned to the House, and presented a certified copy of the motion.

Debate resumed.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

4 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE PETER HOWSON)—CONDOLENCE MOTION—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the order of the day relating to the Prime Minister's motion of condolence in connection with the death of the Honourable Peter Howson CMG had been debated in the Main Committee and returned to the House, and presented a certified copy of the motion.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 213, 4 February 2009, from the Senate was reported informing the House that Senator Eggleston had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, and Senator Fierravanti-Wells had been appointed a member of the committee.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REFORM) BILL 2008

Message No. 211, 4 February 2009, from the Senate was reported returning the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr O'Connor (Minister for Employment Participation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (NO. 1) BILL 2008

Message No. 212, 4 February 2009, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to corporations, 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.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2008

Message No. 214, 4 February 2009, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, 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.

9 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION IN SYDNEY, NSW

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support), 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: Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in Sydney, New South Wales.

Question—put and passed.

10 FOREIGN EVIDENCE 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 third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

11 TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

12 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Government Whip had nominated Mrs Irwin to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties in place of Mr Trevor.

Mr Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That Mr Trevor be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and that, in his place, Mrs Irwin be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUDITOR-GENERAL AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Message No. 215, 5 February 2009, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Auditor-General Act 1997*, 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.

14 FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AMENDMENT (EFFICIENCY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 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 Albanese—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THIS SITTING

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent government business today continuing past 2 p.m. and being interrupted at 2.30 p.m. for Question Time.

Question—put and passed.

16 FEDERAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AMENDMENT (EFFICIENCY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 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 third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

17 FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA AMENDMENT (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) 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 2.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

18 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented the following document:
Regional infrastructure—*Chester calls for netball courts funding*—Media release, 23 October 2008.

Questions without notice continuing—

Documents

Ms Gillard (Minister for Education) presented the following documents:

Education funding—

Barker electorate—Lists of schools eligible for—

Primary Schools for the 21st Century Program.

Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools.

The National School Pride Program.

Correspondence to Ms Gillard (Minister for Education) from—

Fran Bailey MP, 15 October 2008.

Mr Wood MP, 9 December 2008.

Mr Coulton MP, 16 January 2009 [2].

Media releases by—

Australian Primary Principals Association.

Australian Special Education Principals' Association.

Millicent North Primary School.

Questions without notice continued.

19 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 20 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—Approval of funding for public works.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

20 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 1) 2008–2009—Explanatory memorandum.

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009—Explanatory memorandum.

Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Funding agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited, 1 July 2007.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Corporate plan for 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Dairy Produce Act 1986—Deed between the Commonwealth of Australia and Dairy Australia Limited, 18 April 2007.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the department for the period 1 January to 30 June 2008.

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

Environment and Heritage—Standing Committee—Managing the flow: Regulating plumbing product quality—Government response.

21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

The House was informed that Mr Cobb had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The adverse effects of high levels of government debt on regional Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Cobb addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

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

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Cobb continued his speech.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under standing order 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

22 SRI LANKA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the situation in Sri Lanka.

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 Robb speaking for a period not exceeding 4½ minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Robb addressed the House.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

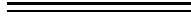
And then the House, at 5.32 p.m., adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, 9 February 2009.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 5 February 2009:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to delay in furnishing report within specified period—LiveCorp and Dairy Australia statutory funding agreements—Reports for 2007-08.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2009 Nos 6, 7, 8, 9.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr Katter, Mr Keenan, Mr Lindsay and Mrs May.



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MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2009

1 The Main Committee met at 10.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2008 MEASURES NO. 2) 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 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 6.40 p.m. on Monday, 9 February 2009.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee