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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 75

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2009

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

**2 WHIPS REPORT**

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, presented the following document:

Whips report—Report relating to committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 23 February 2009—

and moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

**3 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009**

Ms Roxon (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, and for related purposes.

*Document*

Ms Roxon presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill and to the Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Roxon moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**4 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009**

Ms Roxon (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Roxon moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**5 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL**

Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2009).

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

**6 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES, AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2009**

Ms K. M. Ellis (Minister for Youth), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to higher education, and for related purposes.

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Ms K. M. Ellis presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ms K. M. Ellis moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**7 INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Bevis (Chair) presented the following document:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of Abu Sayyaf Group, Jamiat ul-Ansar and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq—Report, February 2009.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Bevis and Mr Ruddock, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**8 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (CARTEL CONDUCT 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.

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

**9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 11 AND 12 FEBRUARY 2009**

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, for the sittings of 11 and 12 February 2009, so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the report from the Main Committee relating to the condolence motion on Victorian bushfires being considered at 2 p.m. and for debate on the motion to ensue;
- (2) the debate being adjourned to a later hour and the matter standing referred to the Main Committee for further consideration; and
- (3) for the remainder of these sittings, orders of the day, government business, having precedence.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**10 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (CARTEL CONDUCT 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.

Mr Bradbury addressing the House—

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting, Mr Bradbury was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**11 VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES—CONDOLENCE MOTION—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

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

Debate resumed.

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) and Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, again addressed the House.

Debate continued.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

In accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting, debate adjourned, resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day, and matter referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

**12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 21 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—The approval of small and medium sized business system projects: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Health and Ageing; Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

**13 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (CARTEL CONDUCT 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 216, 11 February 2009, from the Senate was reported informing the House that:

Senator Barnett had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission, and Senator Boyce had been appointed a member of the committee; and Senator Boyce had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, and Senator Barnett had been appointed a member of the committee.

**15 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (TAXATION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS) 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 Bowen (Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

**16 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION 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.

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**17 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mr Danby, Dr Emerson, Ms Gillard, Ms Macklin and Mr Schultz.

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 75

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2009

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 **VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Gillard (Deputy Prime Minister)—That the House:

- (1) extends its deepest sympathies to families and loved ones of those Australians killed in the weekend's tragic bushfires in Victoria;
- (2) records its deep regret at the human injury, the loss of property and the destruction of communities caused by the weekend's fires;
- (3) praises the work of emergency services, volunteers and community members in assisting friends and neighbours in this time of need; and
- (4) acknowledges the profound impact on those communities affected and the role of governments and the Australian community in assisting their recovery and rebuilding—

Debate resumed.

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Mr Windsor, by leave, presented the following document:

Victorian bushfires—East Gippsland: Burned at the political stake—A presentation by Craig Ingram MP, State Member for Gippsland East, October 2003.

Debate continued.

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

Question—put and passed.

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*Suspension of meeting*

At 1 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of meeting*

At 4.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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4 **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.

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.

**5 VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**

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- (4) acknowledges the profound impact on those communities affected and the role of governments and the Australian community in assisting their recovery and rebuilding—

Debate resumed.

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

**6 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Raguse, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.30 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