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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 77

MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2009



1 The House met, at 12 noon, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

A message from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that Her Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bills:

18 February 2009—Message No. 152—

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) (No. 1) 2008-2009 [No. 2].

Appropriation (Nation Building and Jobs) (No. 2) 2008-2009 [No. 2].

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment 2009 [No. 2].

Household Stimulus Package (No. 2) 2009.

Tax Bonus for Working Australians (No. 2) 2009.

Tax Bonus for Working Australians (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) 2009.

3 PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY SPEAKER

The Speaker presented copies of the terms of the following private Members' motions:

Mrs Moylan—Diabetes (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mrs D'Ath—Computers in Schools Program (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Coulton—Educational services in isolated regions (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Raguse—Adoption (*see item No. 6, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

In accordance with standing order 41(h) the motions were made orders of the day and referred to the Main Committee.

4 ORDER OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), Main Committee order of the day No. 2, government business, relating to the condolence motion on the Victorian bushfires, was returned to the House for further consideration and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 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 the order of the day relating to the Victorian bushfires motion of condolence moved by the Deputy Prime Minister being called on at 2 p.m. today prior to questions without notice.

Question—put and passed.

6 CLIMATE CHANGE, WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Ms George (Chair) presented the following documents:

Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts—Standing Committee—Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2008—

Report, February 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Ms George, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ms George moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Ms George, by leave, moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

7 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (IDENTITY CRIMES 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 earlier this day, 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.

8 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR JOHN MURRAY)

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 25 January 2009, of Mr John Murray MBE, a Member of this House for the Division of Herbert from 1958 to 1961.

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

9 VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES—CONDOLENCE MOTION

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, 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.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

10 SHADOW MINISTRY—DOCUMENT

Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following document:

Coalition Shadow Ministry, 20 February 2009.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 3.59 p.m. the Member for Lyons (Mr Adams) 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 continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 4.16 p.m. the Member for Flinders (Mr Hunt) 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 continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 4.17 p.m. the Member for Forrest (Ms Marino) 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 she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 22 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—Centrelink's complaints handling system.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

13 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2007-08—Addendum.

Finance—Updated economic and fiscal outlook for 2008-09—February 2009.

National Environment Protection Council—Report for 2007-08.

Surveillance Devices Act 2004—Report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.

14 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following document:

Finance—Updated economic and fiscal outlook for 2008-09—February 2009.

Debate adjourned (Ms J. Bishop—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 PAKISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on enhanced Australian engagement with Pakistan.

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 Ms J. Bishop (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 14 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms J. Bishop addressed the House.

16 AFGHANISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Fitzgibbon (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement on discussions in Poland on progress in Afghanistan.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Baldwin speaking for a period not exceeding 13 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Baldwin addressed the House.

17 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT (INTEGRATED PUBLIC NUMBER DATABASE) BILL 2009

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, 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 (Mr Macfarlane), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (IDENTITY CRIMES 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 Debus (Minister for Home Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

19 URANIUM ROYALTY (NORTHERN TERRITORY) 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 Randall addressing the House—

It being 8.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 34, Mr Randall 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 the next sitting.

20 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND MINISTERS' RESPONSES—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Irwin (Chair) presented petitions and Ministers' responses to petitions previously presented to the House.

Mrs Irwin made a statement in connection with petitions.

21 AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Ms Parke (Chair) presented the following documents:

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into law enforcement integrity models—

Report, February 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Ms Parke made a statement in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Ms Parke moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Ms Parke moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

22 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ripoll (Chair) presented the following documents:

Corporations and Financial Services—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—
Report, February 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Ripoll made a statement in connection with the report.

The time for consideration of committee and delegation reports having expired—

Mr Ripoll moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Mr Ripoll moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

23 HEALTH SERVICES IN REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

Ms Ley, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) supports long term viability of regional and rural medical practices, hospitals and services;
- (2) notes with concern the failure of state governments to provide adequate health services for Australians living in regional, rural and remote areas, particularly in relation to cross border health;
- (3) acknowledges the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the significant contribution it makes by providing aeromedical emergency and primary health care services to people who live, work and travel in regional and remote Australia; and
- (4) calls on the Australian Government to eliminate inequality in healthcare access and services experienced by those living in rural and remote areas by:
 - (a) increasing the recruitment and retention of rural medical practitioners and health care professionals;
 - (b) assisting Australians who live in regional, rural and remote areas with the cost of travel to specialist medical appointments in capital cities and regional centres; and
 - (c) providing adequate funding to maintain and expand small rural hospitals and health services and their maternity and other procedural services.

Debate ensued.

Mr Ripoll addressing the House—

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Ripoll 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 the next sitting.

24 FINANCIAL LITERACY AND FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

Mr Clare, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) recognises the heightened importance of financial literacy and financial counselling given the global economic recession and its impact on the Australian economy;
- (2) supports the actions the Government has taken to improve financial literacy and provide additional financial counselling services for people struggling to make ends meet; and
- (3) calls on Australian banks and financial institutions to assist Australian families by providing additional support for financial literacy programs and financial counselling.

Debate ensued.

Mr Hartsuyker addressing the House—

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Hartsuyker 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 the next sitting.

25 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Petitions

Mr Pyne presented the following petitions approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions:

Waterfall Gully Road repairs—145 petitioners.

South Australian water infrastructure—1,382 petitioners.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 10 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 23 February 2009:

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2004-2005, Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2005-2006, Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2006-2007, Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2007-2008 and Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Act (No. 1) 2007-2008—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2008-09 No. 13 [F2009L00422].

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2008-2009—

Advance to the Finance Minister—Determination—2008-09 No. 1 [F2009L00486].

Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2008-09 No.11 [F2009L00419].

Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2008-2009—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2008-09 No. 12 [F2009L00421].

Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2003-2004—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2008-09 No. 15 [F2009L00426].

Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2003-2004, Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2005-2006 and Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Act (No. 2) 2007-2008—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2008-09 No. 14 [F2009L00424].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives under—Part 39-105—

AD/A320—No. 230 [F2009L00632].

AD/A330—No. 99 [F2009L00437].

AD/AS 355—No. 98—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00676].

AD/AT—No. 24—Amendment (No. 2) [F2009L00438].

AD/ATR 42—No. 25 [F2009L00509].

AD/B737—No. 336—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00297].

AD/BEECH 200—No. 67—Amendment (No. 5) [F2009L00439].

AD/BELL 47—No. 94—Cancellation [F2009L00294].

AD/BELL 205—

No. 3—Cancellation [F2009L00440].

No. 9—Cancellation [F2009L00474].

No. 16—Cancellation [F2009L00475].

No. 21—Cancellation [F2009L00476].

No. 29—Cancellation [F2009L00441].

No. 33—Cancellation [F2009L00442].

No. 36—Cancellation [F2009L00477].

No. 41—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L00443].

No. 42—Cancellation [F2009L00444].

No. 47—Cancellation [F2009L00478].
 No. 49—Cancellation [F2009L00445].
 No. 50—Cancellation [F2009L00446].
 No. 51—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L00447].
 No. 59—Cancellation [F2009L00479].
 No. 75 [F2009L00448].
 AD/BELL 206—
 No. 130—Amendment (No. 2), Amendment (No. 3) [F2009L00296], [F2009L00449].
 No. 175 [F2009L00631].
 AD/BELL 212—No. 14—Cancellation [F2009L00481].
 AD/BELL 412—No. 17—Cancellation [F2009L00295].
 AD/CESSNA 188—No. 20—Amendment (No. 2) [F2009L00450].
 AD/CESSNA 560—No. 10 [F2009L00510].
 AD/CL-600—
 No. 54—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00451].
 No. 107 [F2009L00508].
 AD/DHC-8—No. 144 [F2009L00511].
 AD/DO 228—No. 12—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00452].
 AD/ECUREUIL—
 No. 107—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2009L00674].
 No. 118—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L00675].
 No. 131—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00677].
 No. 134 [F2009L00512].
 AD/EMB-145—No. 22 [F2009L00513].
 AD/F100—No. 93 [F2009L00514].
 AD/GA8—No. 5—Amendment (No. 2) [F2009L00458].
 AD/HU 369—No. 108—Amendment (No. 3) [F2009L00293].
 AD/JBK 117—No. 31 [F2009L00459].
 AD/PA-36—
 No. 4—Cancellation [F2009L00460].
 No. 5—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L00461].
 No. 7—Cancellation [F2009L00462].
 No. 8—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00463].
 No. 10—Cancellation [F2009L00500].
 No. 11—Cancellation [F2009L00501].
 No. 13—Cancellation [F2009L00502].
 No. 16—Cancellation [F2009L00464].
 No. 18—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00465].
 No. 20—Amendment (No. 2) [F2009L00466].
 AD/PA-46—
 No. 1—Cancellation [F2009L00467].
 No. 2—Cancellation [F2009L00468].
 No. 4—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2009L00469].
 No. 34 [F2009L00516].
 AD/PC-12—Nos 54, 55 [F2009L00471], [F2009L00518].
 AD/PZL—No. 1—Amendment (No.3)—Cancellation [F2009L00292].
 AD/S-PUMA—No. 83 [F2009L00472].
 AD/TBM 700—No. 51 [F2009L00517].
 Part 39-106—
 AD/AE 3007—No. 6—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L00473].
 AD/ARRIEL—Nos 30, 31 [F2009L00506], [F2009L00507].
 Part 39-107—
 AD/EMY—
 No. 8—Cancellation [F2009L00453].
 No. 9—Cancellation [F2009L00454].
 No. 17—Cancellation [F2009L00455].
 No. 19—Cancellation [F2009L00456].

No. 21—Cancellation [F2009L00457].
AD/INST—

No. 1—Cancellation [F2009L00482].

No. 7—Cancellation [F2009L00483].

No. 12—Cancellation [F2009L00515].

No. 13—Cancellation [F2009L00484].

No. 14—Cancellation [F2009L00488].

No. 16—Cancellation [F2009L00489].

No. 17—Cancellation [F2009L00490].

No. 18—Cancellation [F2009L00491].

No. 20—Cancellation [F2009L00492].

No. 21—Cancellation [F2009L00493].

No. 25—Cancellation [F2009L00494].

No. 26—Cancellation [F2009L00495].

No. 28—Cancellation [F2009L00496].

No. 33—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L00497].

No. 35—Cancellation [F2009L00498].

No. 36—Cancellation [F2009L00499].

AD/PR—No. 33—Amendment (No. 3) [F2009L00503].

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Order—2009 Financial statements for reporting periods ending on or after 1 July 2008 [F2009L00253].

Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act—Direction—2009 Functions of the Chief Executive Officer [F2009L00565].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—

2008—Nos 0823647, 0824442, 0826498, 0826800, 0826878, 0826906, 0826920, 0826982, 0826986, 0827077, 0827187, 0827293, 0827609, 0827690, 0828154, 0828156, 0828157, 0828158, 0828162, 0828244, 0828351, 0828678, 0828778, 0828806, 0829125, 0829126, 0829165, 0829207, 0829416, 0829421, 0829426, 0829428, 0829430, 0829432, 0829532, 0829698, 0829703, 0829717, 0829729, 0829756, 0829760, 0829783, 0829785, 0829792, 0829844, 0829953, 0829956, 0829971, 0830154, 0830244, 0830251, 0830750, 0833445, 0833446 [F2009L00410], [F2009L00389], [F2009L00409], [F2009L00381], [F2009L00394], [F2009L00379], [F2009L00372], [F2009L00380], [F2009L00392], [F2009L00364], [F2009L00391], [F2009L00378], [F2009L00390], [F2009L00367], [F2009L00366], [F2009L00368], [F2009L00347], [F2009L00370], [F2009L00361], [F2009L00408], [F2009L00362], [F2009L00344], [F2009L00358], [F2009L00363], [F2009L00371], [F2009L00357], [F2009L00354], [F2009L00369], [F2009L00373], [F2009L00323], [F2009L00320], [F2009L00349], [F2009L00359], [F2009L00360], [F2009L00350], [F2009L00355], [F2009L00353], [F2009L00325], [F2009L00322], [F2009L00330], [F2009L00310], [F2009L00321], [F2009L00351], [F2009L00356], [F2009L00352], [F2009L00331], [F2009L00319], [F2009L00332], [F2009L00348], [F2009L00318], [F2009L00316], [F2009L00317], [F2009L00309], [F2009L00308].

2009—Nos 0836801, 0836803, 0836839, 0836866, 0836868, 0837499 [F2009L00313], [F2009L00314], [F2009L00315], [F2009L00407], [F2009L00324], [F2009L00387].

Dairy Produce Act—Declaration—2009 Termination of dairy adjustment levy [F2009L00097].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—

Determination—Transfer of functions from Health to AOTDTA—2009 No. 2 [F2009L00418].

Orders—2009 Financial statements for reporting periods ending on or after 1 July 2008 [F2009L00252].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variations to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—2009 Amendment No. 106 [F2009L00307].

Health Insurance Act—Determination under section 3—2009 No. HIB 01 [F2009L00434].

Higher Education Support Act—VET provider—Notices of approval—2009 Nos 6, 7 [F2009L00614], [F2009L00652].

Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Act—Immigration (Guardianship of Children) Regulations—Instrument—2008 No. IMMI 08/118 [F2009L00301].

Migration Act—

Migration Agents Regulations—Migration Agents (Continuing Professional Development) Notice—2009 Attendance at a seminar, workshop, conference or lecture, No. MN05-09c [F2009L00241].

Migration Regulations—Instrument—2009 Designated APEC economies, No. IMMI 08/096 [F2009L00290].
Statements under—

section 33—1 July to 31 December 2008 [1].
section 46A—1 July to 31 December 2008 [2].
section 48B—1 July to 31 December 2008 [25].
section 91L—1 July to 31 December 2008 [1].
section 195A—1 July to 31 December 2008 [25].
section 197AB—1 July to 31 December 2008 [10].
section 197AD—1 July to 31 December 2008 [3].
section 351—1 July to 31 December 2008 [58].
section 417—1 July to 31 December 2008 [228].

Nation-building Funds Act—

Criteria—2009 EIF evaluation (No. 1) [F2009L00630].

Determination—2009 Health and hospitals fund (Initial credits) [F2009L00584].

Instrument—2009 Specification of higher education institutions, research institutions and vocational education and training providers (No. 1) [F2009L00629].

National Health Act—

Amendment declaration and amendment determination under section 85—2009 No. PB 8 [F2009L00420].

Amendment determinations under—

section 84AF—2009 No. PB 10 [F2009L00425].

sections 85, 85A and 88—2009 No. PB 9 [F2009L00423].

section 85AB—2009 No. PB 15 [F2009L00435].

Amendment special arrangements under section 100—2009 Nos PB 12, PB 13 [F2009L00429], [F2009L00432].

Determination under sections 85A and 88—2009 No. PB 11 [F2009L00427].

Private Health Insurance Act—Rules—2009—

Complying product—Amendment [F2009L00433].

Registration [F2009L00654].

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—2009 No. 2 [F2009L00306].

Social Security (Administration) Act—Determination—2009 Declared relevant Northern Territory areas—Various (No. 1) [F2009L00436].

Social Security Act—Determination—2009 Australian Government disaster recovery payments (No. 3) [F2009L00622].

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—

2007—

PR No. 71 (Addendum).

TR No. 8 (Withdrawal).

2009—CR Nos 4, 5.

Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Management Plan—2009 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery [F2009L00505].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Katter and Mr McMullan.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2009

1 The Main Committee met at 6.40 p.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 DIABETES

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Moylan—
That the House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) on 20 December 2006 a landmark decision was made by the United Nations General Assembly to adopt Resolution 61/225;
- (b) the Resolution recognised the risks that diabetes and its complications pose to families, Member States and world health and was adopted by consensus;
- (c) the Resolution declared 14 November as World Diabetes Day;
- (d) this resolution joins HIV/Aids and Autism as the only diseases having their own resolutions and declared days of observation;
- (e) an estimated 246 million people worldwide, in the age range from 20 to 79 years, have diabetes and this number is expected to grow by 44 per cent, reaching 380 million by 2025;
- (f) each year 3.8 million adults die from diabetes related illnesses, representing one death every 10 seconds;
- (g) an estimated 7.4 per cent of the Australian population has diabetes according to an AusDiab study in 2000; and
- (h) according to an AusDiab study, in 2002 the social and medical costs of diabetes in Australia were estimated to total \$6 billion annually;

(2) acknowledges the work of Professor Martin Silink AM MD FRACP, as President of the International Diabetes Federation and his colleagues world-wide for their work to ensure that this Resolution was carried;

(3) recognises that:

- (a) in the catalogue of chronic illness, few conditions would be more needful of attention than the scourge of diabetes;
- (b) the prevention and management of diabetes are the responsibility of the whole of society;
- (c) parliaments should play a leading role in promoting community education and implementing effective policies and health-care for sufferers of this world-wide scourge;
- (d) left undiagnosed and untreated, diabetes dramatically affects quality of life and shortens life span and its malevolent course inevitably leads to many serious associated health complications including heart disease, stroke, renal failure, limb amputation and blindness; and

- (e) unless national governments act to deliver comprehensive policies, the implications for health budgets will be calamitous; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) continue to make diabetes a National Health Priority;
 - (b) commission a Productivity Commission Report into the real and increasing cost of diabetes to the community;
 - (c) adequately fund best practice medicine for the treatment of diabetes; and
 - (d) continue to promote healthy lifestyle programs, especially targeted to children and young people (*see item No. 3, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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

4 COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs D'Ath—
That the House:

- (1) congratulates the Rudd Government on the delivery of Round Two of the computers in schools program which will provide 141,600 new computers to 1,394 secondary schools across Australia, worth more than \$141 million;
- (2) notes that the Rudd Government has already invested \$116.82 million for computers in schools during Round One in 2008 and that this latest round will bring the ratio of computers to students to 1:2 for all students in years 9 to 12 in those secondary schools who applied for and were granted computers;
- (3) notes that the Petrie electorate will receive 1,267 new computers and \$1.273 million in funding to the schools in the Petrie electorate in Round Two, in addition to the computers provided in Round One;
- (4) acknowledges the ongoing commitment of the Rudd Government to achieve a 1:1 computer to student ratio for all Year 9 to 12 students across the country by 2011;
- (5) recognises that:
 - (a) the future of this country lies within our young people and that as a government, we must invest in our schools to invest in our future; and
 - (b) the commitment made by the Rudd Government through the COAG Agreement to deliver a further \$807 million for legitimate costs to install and maintain the computers and costs associated with subsequent rounds; and
- (6) congratulates the Rudd Government for delivering on its Education Revolution and the commitment we made to the Australian people in 2007 (*see item No. 3, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ISOLATED REGIONS

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Coulton—
That the House:

- (1) notes that children living in isolated regions of Australia face unique challenges when trying to access educational services; and
- (2) calls on the Government to provide the additional assistance and support that would enable isolated children and students to access a full range of educational services from early childhood to tertiary education (*see item No. 3, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 ADOPTION

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Raguse—
That the House:

- (1) recognises the importance of National Adoption Awareness Week and the significance of encouraging adoptees, adoptive parents and biological parents to opening and continuing the dialogue on adoption in Australia and encouraging people to discuss how adoption has impacted on their lives; and
- (2) calls on the governments at the State and Federal levels to support all participants in the adoption process (*see item No. 3, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 192B, the order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That grievances be noted—

Debate ensued.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Irwin, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.25 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 4 p.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee