

2008-09

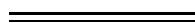
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2009



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

2 ORDER OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), Main Committee order of the day No. 1, private Members' business, relating to a motion on the Australian Defence Industry Manufacturers, 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.

3 WHIPS REPORT

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

Whips report—Report relating to committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 17 August 2009—

and moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

4 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:

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) 2009; and

Access to Justice (Civil Litigation Reforms) Amendment 2009.

Question—put and passed.

5 VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PENSION REFORM) BILL 2009

Mr Griffin (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, social security, military rehabilitation and compensation and aged care, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Griffin presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 NATIONAL GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY REPORTING AMENDMENT BILL 2009

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.

Document

Mr Combet (Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change) presented a correction to the explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Combet presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Combet, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Combet, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

7 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2009

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 Neumann was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

8 MISSING PLANE—OWEN STANLEY RANGE—PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by indulgence, informed the House of the discovery of the crash site for the plane reported missing yesterday and of the attempts to gain access to the site.

Ms J. Bishop (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also referred to the matter.

9 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2009

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 L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949

Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes the sixtieth anniversary of the Four Geneva Conventions of 1949;
- (2) congratulates the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement for continuously fostering the principles of international humanitarian law to limit human suffering in times of armed conflict and to prevent atrocities, especially against civilian populations, the wounded, and prisoner of war;
- (3) recalls Australia's ratification of the Conventions and of the two Additional Protocols of 1977;
- (4) affirms all parliamentary measures taken in support of such ratification;
- (5) encourages the fullest implementation of the Conventions and Additional Protocols by the military forces and civilian organisations of all States;
- (6) encourages ratification by all nations of the Conventions and Additional Protocols; and
- (7) recognises the extraordinary contribution made by many individual Australians, including Australian Red Cross members, volunteers and staff, in carrying out the humanitarian ideals expressed in the Conventions and Additional Protocols.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson (Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services), by leave, moved—That the motion be referred to the Main Committee for further debate.

Question—put and passed.

11 DOCUMENT

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), by indulgence, added to an answer to a question without notice given during a previous sitting of the House, and presented the following document:

Bulk wheat exports—Wheat Exports Australia (WEA) fact sheet—Minute to Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry from Acting Executive Manager, Agriculture Productivity Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, 12 August 2009.

12 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2009

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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 220, 28 May 2009, 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 Griffin (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14 SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA BILL 2008 [NO. 2]

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 Tuckey addressing the House—

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Tuckey 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.

15 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

16 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 January to 30 June 2009.

Australian Research Council—Strategic plan for 2009-10 to 2011-12.

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2006-07.

Primary Industries and Resources—House of Representatives Standing Committee—More than honey: The future of the Australian honey bee and pollination industries—Government response.

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2006-07.

17 CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Combet (Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the scientific imperative for action on climate change.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Combet, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hunt speaking in reply to the ministerial statement for a period not exceeding 21 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Hunt addressed the House.

18 NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to reforms to national security legislation.

Document

Mr McClelland presented the following document:

National Security Legislation—Discussion paper on proposed amendments, July 2009.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr McClelland, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Ms Ley speaking in reply to the ministerial statement for a period not exceeding 10 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms Ley addressed the House.

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EDUCATION REVOLUTION

The House was informed that Mr Pyne had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to deliver a real Education Revolution”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Pyne addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

20 SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA BILL 2008 [NO. 2]

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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 221, 13 May 2009, 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 Shorten (Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children’s Services), the bill was read a third time.

21 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (2009 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2009

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 Chester addressing the House—

22 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 12 August 2009:

Charter of the United Nations Act—Declaration—2009—UN Sanction Enforcement Law—Amendment (No. 3) [F2009L03099].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption—2009—No. CASA EX60 [F2009L03017].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives under—

Part 39-105—

AD/DAUPHIN—

No. 20—Cancellation [F2009L03051].

No. 21—Cancellation [F2009L03050].

No. 33—Cancellation [F2009L03045].

AD/ENST 28—

No. 6—Cancellation [F2009L03044].

No. 8—Cancellation [F2009L03043].

No. 17—Cancellation [F2009L03042].

No. 22—Cancellation [F2009L03041].

No. 28—Cancellation [F2009L03040].

AD/F406—No. 18 [F2009L03039].

AD/FA-200—No. 27 [F2009L03038].

AD/HILLER 12—

No. 2—Cancellation [F2009L03037].

No. 3—Cancellation [F2009L03036].

No. 6—Cancellation [F2009L03035].

AD/GBK 117—No. 32 [F2009L03129].

AD/L.40—

No. 2—Cancellation [F2009L03034].

No. 4—Cancellation [F2009L03033].

No. 5—Cancellation [F2009L03092].

No. 6—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L03032].

No. 7—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L03091].

No. 10—Cancellation [F2009L03090].

AD/MCH—

No. 3—Cancellation [F2009L03028].

No. 4—Cancellation [F2009L03027].

No. 7—Cancellation [F2009L03081].

No. 8—Cancellation [F2009L03026].

AD/MSR—No. 29—Cancellation [F2009L03025].

AD/PA-23—No. 93 [F2009L03024].

AD/PA-31—No. 131 [F2009L03023].

AD/PA-42—No. 26 [F2009L03022].

AD/PZL—No. 2—Cancellation [F2009L03021].

AD/WILGA—No. 5 [F2009L03019].

AD/WINJEEL—No. 1—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L03018].

Part 39-106—

AD/LTS—

No. 2—Cancellation [F2009L03089].

No. 3—Cancellation [F2009L03088].

AD/LYC—No. 87—Cancellation [F2009L03087].

Corporations Act—ASIC Class Orders—2009—No. 626 [F2009L03131].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—2009—Nos 0902630, 0903182, 0903183, 0903185, 0903333, 0903763, 0903764, 0904232, 0905015, 0905484, 0905485, 0905486 [F2009L02887], [F2009L02879], [F2009L02880], [F2009L02878], [F2009L02894], [F2009L02896], [F2009L02901], [F2009L02895], [F2009L02931], [F2009L02888], [F2009L02889], [F2009L02892].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instrument under section 303EC—2009—4 August [F2009L03132].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination—Varying and abolishing a special account—2009—No. 23 [F2009L03141].

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, for Parliament House—External closed circuit television camera locations.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2009—Nos 9, 10, 11 [F2009L03118], [F2009L03116], [F2009L03117].

Therapeutic Goods Act—

Exemption—2009—Emergency—No. 6.

Standard—Poisons—2009—Amendment (No. 2) [F2009L03013].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrews, Mrs May, Mr C. R. Thomson and Mr Windsor.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008-09

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2009

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 JAKARTA BOMBINGS—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Rudd (Prime Minister)—That the House record its deep regret at the deaths in Jakarta on 17 July 2009 of Mr Nathan Verity of Western Australia, Mr Garth McEvoy of Victoria and Mr Craig Senger of the Australian Capital Territory, and tender its profound sympathy to their families and friends in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

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

4 DEATH OF PRIVATE BENJAMIN RANAUDO—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Rudd (Prime Minister)—That the House record its deep regret at the death on 18 July 2009, of Private Benjamin Ranaudo while serving with the second Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force in Afghanistan, and place on record its appreciation of his service to the country, and tender its profound sympathy to his family and friends in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

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

5 PRIVATE EDWARD KENNA VC—STATEMENTS

By indulgence, further statements were made.

6 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Melham—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 22 June 2009*), viz.—

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto—Report, June 2009—

Debate resumed.

Mr Melham, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Raguse, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.54 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