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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 111

TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2009

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

2 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.

3 QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION AMENDMENT BILL 2009

Order of the day No. 1, private Members' business, having again been called on—

Bill read a first time.

Mr Katter, by indulgence, made a statement in relation to the bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 41.

4 RENEWABLE ENERGY AMENDMENT (FEED-IN-TARIFF FOR ELECTRICITY) BILL 2009

Mr Oakeshott, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Renewable Energy* (*Electricity*) *Act 2000* to support the greater commercialisation of renewable energy technologies, and for related purposes.

Mr Oakeshott made a statement in relation to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 41.

5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Ms Parke presented the following documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Australia's relationship with India as an emerging world power—

Report, July 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Ms Parke made a statement in connection with the report.

6 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Danby (Chair) presented the following documents:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Immigration detention in Australia: Facilities, services and transparency—

Report, incorporating two dissenting reports and a minority report, August, 2009.

Minutes of proceedings.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

7 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr K. J. Thomson (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 103: Treaties tabled 12 March and 13 May 2009—Report, August 2009.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr K. J. Thomson made a statement in connection with the report.

8 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT— STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Hayes presented the following documents:

Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into the legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups—

Report incorporating additional comments, August 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

9 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY MANUFACTURERS

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) in February 2009, the Rudd Labor Government awarded a \$40 million dollar contract to an American Company for the development of nine Joint Light Tactical Vehicle prototypes; and
 - (b) the Rudd Labor Government failed to consider an Australian Defence Industry Manufacturer as a possible supplier;
- (2) condemns the Rudd Labor Government for failing to recognise Australian defence industry's capability and expertise in delivering Military Vehicles;
- (3) acknowledges that the contract for 1300 vehicles will be in excess of \$1.3 billion and would support over 250 direct jobs and hundreds more indirect jobs in Australia;
- (4) acknowledges the economic and social contribution to the Bendigo community of the successful Bushmaster project; and

(5) calls on the Rudd Labor Government to immediately provide funding to the Bushmaster plant at Bendigo to enable it to progress Australian designed and built prototypes for consideration in the replacement program.

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.

10 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.

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 being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 3.29 p.m. the Member for Canning (Mr Randall) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Member directed to leave

At 3.29 p.m. the Member for Solomon (Mr Hale) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Ouestions without notice continued.

12 DOCUMENT

Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Tax reform in Australia: Some alternatives and indicative costings—Malcolm Turnbull MP, Federal Member for Wentworth and Jeromey Temple, Demography Program, The Australian National University.

13 PACER—PACIFIC AGREEMENT ON CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND DOCUMENT

Mr Crean (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the commencement of PACER Plus negotiations and presented the following document:

PACER Plus consultations—Summary of views expressed.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Crean, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) speaking in reply to the ministerial statement for a period not exceeding 20 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Truss addressed the House.

14 AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Afghanistan and 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 in reply to the ministerial statement for a period not exceeding 21 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms J. Bishop addressed the House.

15 HOMELESSNESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Ms Plibersek (Minister for Housing), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's progress on reducing homelessness.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Ms Plibersek, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Morrison speaking in reply to the ministerial statement for a period not exceeding 14 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Morrison addressed the House.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXES

The House was informed that Mr Hockey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's need for higher taxes to pay for unnecessary debt and deficits".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hockey addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 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:

Statute Stocktake (Regulatory and Other Laws) 2009;

Personal Property Securities 2009; and

Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists 2008.

Question—put and passed.

18 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 Zappia addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 8.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 18 August 2009:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2009—Confidentiality No. 11 [F2009L03211].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives under Part 39-105—AD/BEECH 23—No. 43—Cancellation [F2009L03059].

AD/BELL 206-No. 178 [F2009L03192].

AD/BELL 222—No. 45 [F2009L03197].

AD/BELL 407—No. 37 [F2009L03199].

AD/BELL 427—No. 11 [F2009L03200].

AD/BELL 430—No. 14 [F2009L03201].

AD/DAUPHIN—

No. 23—Cancellation [F2009L03049].

No. 25—Cancellation [F2009L03048].

AD/JETSTREAM—No. 106—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L03203].

AD/MCH—No. 6—Cancellation [F2009L03082].

Export Market Development Grants Act—Declaration—2009—Democratic People's Republic of Korea Sanctions [F2009L02986].

Fair Work Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2009—No. 207 [F2009L03140].

Health Insurance Act—Determinations under section 3C—2009—Positron emission tomography—[F2009L03134].

Facilities [F2009L03207].

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2009—No. 204 [F2009L03156].

Migration Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2009—Nos 143, 201 [F2009L02518], [F2009L03097].

National Health Act—Amendment determinations under—

section 84AF-2009-No. PB 77 [F2009L03150].

sections 85, 85A and 88—2009—No. PB 76 [F2009L03149].

section 98C—2009—No. PB 81 [F2009L03153].

Navigation Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2009—No. 205 [F2009L03157].

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2009—No. 206 [F2009L03159].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Abbott, Mr Billson, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Georganas, Mr Gray, Mr Macfarlane, Mrs May and Mr Windsor.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives