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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 141

MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2010

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

2 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH**

Mr Price raised, as a matter of privilege, a briefing given to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and subsequent disclosure of details in a Townsville newspaper.

Mr Price stated that the committee would consider the matter.

3 **PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY SPEAKER**

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

Mr Briggs—South Australian National Archives Office (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Ms Parke—Haitian earthquake (*see item No. 6, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Haase—Proposal for heritage listing—the Kimberley (*see item No. 7, 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 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 4 February 2010, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 385—Health Insurance Amendment (New Zealand Overseas Trained Doctors) 2009.

No. 386—Higher Education Support Amendment 2009.

No. 387—Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment 2009.

No. 388—Statute Law Revision 2009.

5 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDEPENDENT NATIONAL SECURITY LEGISLATION MONITOR BILL 2010**

Message No. 382, 3 February 2010, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to provide for the appointment of an Independent National Security Legislation Monitor, 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.

6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS AMENDMENT (RE-REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2009**

Message No. 389, 4 February 2010, from the Senate was reported returning the Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Bill 2009 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

**7 CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME BILL 2010**

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—

*Suspension of standing order 76—Debate confined to present question*

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That standing order 76 be suspended for the duration of the first speech by the Member for Higgins on the second reading debate on this bill.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Turnbull be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Hayes 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 MINISTRY—DOCUMENT**

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) presented the following document: Rudd Ministry, 14 December 2009.

**9 SHADOW MINISTRY—DOCUMENT**

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

Coalition Shadow Ministry, 2 February 2010.

**10 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved*

Mr Abbott (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Warringah moving the following motion forthwith: That this House censures the Prime Minister for dishonouring the solemn pledges he made to the Australian people and for now walking away from those promises after being forced to admit he can't keep them and they should never have been made in the first place, and:

- (1) in particular, for promising:
  - (a) in this House that no working family would be worse off as a consequence of the Government's industrial relations law changes when day by day, we have examples of workers losing pay at a time when the cost of living is increasing;
  - (b) to fix public hospitals, or take them over, and having done neither, by now walking away from his promise to give the Australian people more say in how their health system is run;
  - (c) to help everyday Australians cope with rising costs of living yet failing to help families and pensioners manage increasingly tight household budgets including the failure of his flawed FuelWatch and GroceryChoice schemes;
  - (d) to do something about homelessness and Indigenous housing when after two years, communities are still in crisis; and
  - (e) to leave the superannuation system alone, in his own words, "no change to the superannuation laws, one jot, one tiddle", before then ripping \$4 billion out of superannuation and slashing the Superannuation Co-contribution Scheme for low and middle income earners; but
- (2) most of all:
  - (a) for trying to obscure the truth behind many of his Government's policies with a wall of incomprehensible words and an army of spin-doctors when all the Australian people want is simple, straightforward answers about the issues that affect them and a real plan to pay off debt, safeguard the economy, protect jobs and take this country forward.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 1 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mr Abbott        | Mrs Gash           | Ms Marino     | Mr Secker         |
| Mr Andrews       | Mr Georgiou        | Mrs Markus    | Mr Simpkins       |
| Fran Bailey      | Mr Haase           | Mrs May       | Mr Slipper        |
| Mr Baldwin       | Mr Hartsuyker      | Mrs Mirabella | Mr A. D. H. Smith |
| Mr Billson       | Mr A. G. Hawke     | Mr Morrison   | Mr Somlyay        |
| Mrs B. K. Bishop | Mr D. P. M. Hawker | Mrs Moylan    | Dr Southcott      |
| Ms J. I. Bishop  | Mr Hockey          | Ms O'Dwyer    | Dr Stone          |
| Mr Briggs        | Mr Hunt            | Mr Pearce     | Mr Truss          |
| Mr Broadbent     | Mr Irons           | Mr Pyne       | Mr Tuckey         |
| Mr Chester       | Dr Jensen          | Mr Ramsey     | Mr Turnbull       |
| Mr Ciobo         | Mr Johnson*        | Mr Randall    | Mrs Vale          |
| Mr Coulton       | Mr Keenan          | Mr Robb       | Dr Washer         |
| Mr Dutton        | Mr Laming          | Mr Robert     | Mr Wood           |
| Mr Farmer        | Ms Ley             | Mr Ruddock    |                   |
| Mr Fletcher      | Mr Lindsay         | Mr Schultz    |                   |
| Mr Forrest*      | Mr Macfarlane      | Mr Scott      |                   |

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| Mr Adams       | Mr Debus             | Mrs Irwin     | Mr Ripoll        |
| Mr Albanese    | Mr Dreyfus           | Ms Jackson    | Ms Rishworth     |
| Mr Bevis       | Mrs Elliot           | Dr Kelly      | Ms Roxon         |
| Mr Bidgood     | Ms A. L. Ellis       | Mr Kerr       | Mr Rudd          |
| Ms Bird        | Ms K. M. Ellis       | Ms King       | Ms Saffin        |
| Mr Bowen       | Dr Emerson           | Ms Livermore  | Mr Shorten       |
| Mr Bradbury    | Mr L. D. T. Ferguson | Mr McClelland | Mr Sidebottom    |
| Ms A. E. Burke | Mr M. J. Ferguson    | Ms McKew      | Mr S. F. Smith   |
| Mr A. S. Burke | Mr Fitzgibbon        | Ms Macklin    | Mr Sullivan      |
| Mr Butler      | Mr Garrett           | Mr Melham     | Mr Swan          |
| Mr Byrne       | Mr Georganas         | Mr Murphy     | Mr Symon         |
| Ms Campbell    | Ms George            | Mr Neumann    | Mr Tanner        |
| Mr Champion    | Mr Gibbons           | Mr O'Connor   | Mr C. R. Thomson |
| Mr Cheeseman   | Ms Gillard           | Ms Owens      | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mr Clare       | Mr Gray              | Ms Parke      | Mr Trevor        |
| Ms Collins     | Ms Grierson          | Mr Perrett    | Mr Turnour       |
| Mr Combet      | Mr Griffin           | Ms Plibersek  | Ms Vamvakinou    |
| Mr Crean       | Mr Hale              | Mr Price      | Mr Zappia        |
| Mr Danby       | Ms Hall*             | Mr Raguse     |                  |
| Mrs D'Ath      | Mr Hayes*            | Ms Rea        |                  |

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

#### 11 AUSTRALIA'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Swan (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the exit from the Government guarantee of large deposits and wholesale funding.

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech*

Mr Swan, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hockey speaking in reply to the ministerial statement for a period not exceeding 16 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Hockey addressed the House.

**12 BURMA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to current developments in Burma.

*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 19 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms J. Bishop addressed the House.

**13 CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME BILL 2010**

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.

Ms Owens addressing the House—

It being 8.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 34, Ms Owens was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**14 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.

**15 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Bevis presented the following document:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Defence Sub-Committee visit to East Timor, 5 August 2009—Report, February 2010.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

**16 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Dreyfus (Chair) presented the following documents (sent to the Speaker on 11 December 2009, pursuant to standing order 247):

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—A time for change: Yes/No? Inquiry into the machinery of referendums—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, December 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

**17 WILD RIVERS (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) BILL 2010**

Mr Abbott, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to protect the interests of Aboriginal traditional owners in the management, development and use of native title land situated in wild river areas, and for related purposes.

Mr Abbott 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.

**18 SEXUALISATION OF GIRLS IN THE MEDIA**

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

- (1) notes with concern the increasing sexualisation and objectification of girls in mainstream media;
- (2) recognises that both media and peer influences contribute to the sexualisation of girls including:
  - (a) television, music videos, magazines, music lyrics, movies, cartoons, clothing, toys, computer games and the internet; and
  - (b) attitudes of peers and family;
- (3) notes with concern the potential negative consequences of the sexualisation of girls on children and young adults, including negative body image, eating disorders, low self esteem, mental illness, poor physical health and gender role stereotyping;
- (4) believes further research is necessary to understand the full effects that early sexualisation and objectification of girls in the mainstream media has on children and young adults; and
- (5) urges governments, publishers, broadcasters, advertisers, retailers and manufacturers to:
  - (a) work together to review and develop appropriate standards and industry guidelines to address the sexualisation of children and limit its negative impact; and
  - (b) assist parents and children to understand and manage the influence of sexualisation of girls in the mainstream media and associated negative consequences.

Debate ensued.

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

**19 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensuing—

*Document*

Mr Truss, by leave, presented the following document:

Permanent mobile phone tower for Widgee and environs—(*Receipt of document as a petition subject to approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions*).

Debate continued.

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

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cobb, Mrs Hull, Mr Katter, Mr McMullan, Mr Marles, Ms Neal, Mr Neville and Mr Oakeshott.

**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 141

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2010

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1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2009-2010**

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 approximately 6.40 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 192, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

5 **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ARCHIVES OFFICE**

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

(1) notes that:

- (a) archives are an important source of primary information for researchers, school students and the general public; and
- (b) the South Australian National Archives Office provides South Australians with access to valuable and relevant Australian Government records, including but not limited to important information on migrant arrivals and residencies, government decisions and actions, High Court judgements and prominent people such as Governors-General and Prime Ministers;

(2) recognises that records, especially of the Australian Government, should be available in each State and Territory to ensure all Australians have reasonable access to these important documents; and

(3) calls on the Special Minister of State to reverse the decision to close the South Australian National Archives Office to ensure South Australians continue to have readily available access to national archive collections in South Australia (*see item No. 3, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Zappia was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 **HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE**

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

- (1) expresses its:
  - (a) deep sympathy for the people of Haiti following the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck on 12 January 2010 causing terrible devastation, including large-scale loss of life and injury; destruction of homes, buildings and infrastructure; and widespread hunger, thirst, homelessness and lack of security;
  - (b) deep sympathy for the United Nations as this disaster has caused the greatest loss of life of United Nations staff members in the organisation's history; and
  - (c) strong appreciation for the critical work of the United Nations in Haiti, which it continues to perform under extremely difficult circumstances;
- (2) strongly supports the actions of the Government in providing funding in the amount of \$10 million for immediate emergency relief in Haiti, and \$5 million for reconstruction, as well as technical assistance in the relief and reconstruction effort;
- (3) urges the Government to consider the provision of further funding and assistance towards the reconstruction effort over the months and years ahead;
- (4) notes its appreciation of the contribution of many United Nations' member states and Non Government Organisations (NGOs) to the aid effort in Haiti; and
- (5) recognises and welcomes the generous and compassionate contributions made by many Australians, and by Australian-based NGOs and charities to the relief efforts in Haiti (*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 PROPOSAL FOR HERITAGE LISTING—THE KIMBERLEY

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

- (1) recognises that:
  - (a) the proposal to heritage list 17 million hectares of the Kimberley will deter mining companies from investing in the region, further disadvantage all local communities and seriously damage the future of mining in Australia;
  - (b) those involved in mineral exploration and mining projects, particularly in Western Australia, are subject to an already burdensome approvals process;
  - (c) adding more red tape by applying National Heritage status to such a vast area would be the breaking point for many companies who would consider moving their investments to other locations;
  - (d) an ill defined approach suggests a lack of research and understanding of heritage listings; and
  - (e) the indiscriminate listing fails to recognise the contributions that others such as miners and pastoralists make to the economic viability and heritage of regional areas;
- (2) ensures that the Government commits to meaningful consultation across a broad section of the community; and
- (3) condemns:
  - (a) the blanket listing of this vast area of the Kimberley; and
  - (b) the additional restrictions placed on pastoralists and miners (*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.

#### 8 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.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

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

9 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr C. R. Thomson, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.29 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 February 2010 for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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