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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 145

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2010

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

2 PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY SPEAKER

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

Ms Saffin—World Wetlands Day 2010 (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mrs Gash—Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (*see item No. 6, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Champion—Electronic gaming machines (*see item No. 7, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Ripoll—Global food and water security (*see item No. 8, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Hawker—Proposed House Appropriations and Administrative Committee (*see item No. 9, 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.

3 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:

12 February 2010—Message No. 288—

Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment 2010.

Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment 2010.

4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Nationals Whip had nominated Mr Coulton to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in place of Mr Truss.

Mr Gray (Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia), by leave, moved—That Mr Truss be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and that, in his place, Mr Coulton be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

5 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TORTURE PROHIBITION AND DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION) 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 Georganas addressing the House—

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

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts—Motion of censure

Mr Abbott (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts for his gross and systemic failure in delivering the Government's Home Insulation Scheme that through his incompetence, refusal to heed safety warnings and blatant inability to do the job the public demands of him as Minister, has put at risk the safety of tens of thousands of Australian homes, the jobs of thousands of workers and the lives of installers and householders living with electrocution and fire risk across the country.

Debate ensuing—

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Leader of the Opposition for his extreme and reckless statements regarding the Government's Economic Stimulus Measures, his statement that he would oppose Government measures as a matter of policy, and his failure to advance fully costed alternative policy proposals.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Questions without notice concluded.

7 REGISTRAR OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with resolution (3) of the House of Representatives relating to the registration of Members' Interests, he had appointed Mr D. R. Elder, Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives, as Registrar of Members' Interests.

8 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) presented the following documents:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report on Equity and diversity for 2008-09.

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Risk assessment of the insulation components under the energy efficient homes package—Assessment done by Minter Ellison.

and moved—That the House take note of the documents.

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

9 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TORTURE PROHIBITION AND DEATH PENALTY ABOLITION) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

10 TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT (BUILDING INNOVATIVE CAPABILITY) 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. 289, 23 November 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 Marles (Parliamentary Secretary for Innovation and Industry), the bill was read a third time.

11 FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2009 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. 290, 23 November 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.

12 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING ACCREDITATION) 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 Bidgood addressing the House—

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

13 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.

14 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—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 2010.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

Question—put and passed.

15 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Ripoll (Chair) presented the following document:

Corporations and Financial Services—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report on the 2008-09 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act—
Report, February 2010.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Ripoll made a statement in connection with the report.

16 AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Ms Parke (Chair) presented the following document:

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into the operation of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*—Interim report—
Report, February 2010.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

Question—put and passed.

17 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Bevis presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 55th Annual Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Edinburgh 14-17 November 2009—Report, February 2010.

Mr Bevis and Fran Bailey made statements in connection with the report.

18 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Secker presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the United States of America in September to October 2009—
Report, February 2010.

Mr Secker made a statement in connection with the report.

19 PARLIAMENTARY (JUDICIAL MISBEHAVIOUR OR INCAPACITY) COMMISSION BILL 2010

Mr Kerr, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission.

Document

Mr Kerr presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr Kerr 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.

20 WILD RIVERS (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) BILL 2010

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Abbott (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Lindsay addressing the House—

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

21 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10 p.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 22 February 2010:

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2009-2010—Advance to the Finance Minister—Determination—2009-10 No. 2 [F2010L00340].

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2010 No. 1.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Instrument—2010 No. CASA 59 [F2010L00247].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives under Part 39.001(1)—AD/A330—

No. 67—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2010L00497].

No. 106—Cancellation [F2010L00382].

AD/AS 355 No. 78—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2010L00286].

AD/B767—

No. 78—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2010L00384].

No. 130—Cancellation [F2010L00378].

AD/CL-600 No. 54—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2010L00300].

AD/CRESCO No. 5—Amendment (No. 1)—[F2010L00368].

AD/ECUREUIL No. 101—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2010L00285].

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice under section 45—Deregistration of Cultural Initiatives Australia Pty Ltd.

Corporations Act—ASIC Class Order—2010 No. 94 [F2010L00377].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—

2009—Nos 0914674, 0915556, 0915961, 0916169, 0916494, 0917591, 0917820, 0917964, 0918510, 0918825, 0918885, 0918908, 0918950, 0918988, 0919014, 0919015, 0919016, 0919065, 0919225, 0919226, 0919309, 0919311, 0919365, 0919375, 0919385, 0919388, 0919468, 0919622, 0919828, 0920147, 0920459, 0920460, 0920463, 0920530, 0920578, 0920873, 0920923, 0920930, 0921123, 0921533, 0921556, 0921983, 0922135, 0922175, 0922293, 0922294, 0922296, 0922321, 0922340, 0922436, 0922438, 0922440, 0922445, 0922496, 0922647, 0922724, 0922793, 0923108, 0923307, 0923647, 0923732, 0923733, 0923734, 0923896, 0923935, 0924095, 0924278, 0924282, 0925267, 0925653 [F2010L00169], [F2010L00167], [F2010L00230], [F2010L00229], [F2010L00228], [F2010L00365], [F2010L00204], [F2010L00210], [F2010L00269], [F2010L00214], [F2010L00166], [F2010L00165], [F2010L00216], [F2010L00215], [F2010L00211], [F2010L00217], [F2010L00218], [F2010L00220], [F2010L00221], [F2010L00222], [F2010L00223], [F2010L00224], [F2010L00232], [F2010L00233], [F2010L00234], [F2010L00235], [F2010L00213], [F2010L00238], [F2010L00239], [F2010L00259], [F2010L00355], [F2010L00258], [F2010L00267], [F2010L00268], [F2010L00264], [F2010L00255], [F2010L00266], [F2010L00256], [F2010L00240], [F2010L00246], [F2010L00245], [F2010L00244], [F2010L00243], [F2010L00342], [F2010L00362], [F2010L00363], [F2010L00242], [F2010L00332], [F2010L00353], [F2010L00241], [F2010L00336], [F2010L00348], [F2010L00359], [F2010L00366], [F2010L00334], [F2010L00335], [F2010L00350], [F2010L00345], [F2010L00344], [F2010L00343], [F2010L00354], [F2010L00352], [F2010L00349], [F2010L00333], [F2010L00341], [F2010L00364], [F2010L00361], [F2010L00360], [F2010L00356], [F2010L00358].

2010 No. 0940167 [F2010L00159].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—
Instrument under section 184—9 February 2010 [F2010L00369].

Notice under section 33—Accreditation of a plan for a declaration—Small Pelagic Fishery Management Plan, 7 January 2010.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 3 [F2010L00347].

Fisheries Management Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 1 [F2010L00339].

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 5 [F2010L00292].

Higher Education Support Act—VET provider—Notice of approval—2010 No. 1 [F2010L00392].

Imported Food Control Act—Order—2010 Imported Food Control Amendment (No. 1) [F2010L00386].

Income Tax Assessment Act 1936—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 7 [F2010L00323].

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2010 Nos 8, 9 [F2010L00318], [F2010L00303].

Migration Act—

Migration (United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations—Instrument—2009 Specification of United Nations Security Council resolutions, No. IMMI 09/144 [F2010L00381].

Migration Agents Regulations—Migration Agents (Continuing Professional Development) Notices—2010—

Attendance at a seminar, workshop, conference or lecture, No. MN07-10c [F2010L00337].

Miscellaneous activities, No. MN07-10f [F2010L00338].

Private study of audio, video or written material, No. MN07-10b [F2010L00331].

Migration Regulations—Instrument—2009 Transit passengers who are eligible for a special purpose visa, No. IMMI 09/064 [F2010L00468].

National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009—Proclamation under subsection 2 (1) fixing 1 April 2010 as the day on which sections 3 to 337 and Schedule 1 to the Act commence [F2010L00301].

National Health Act—

Amendment declaration and amendment determination under section 85—2010 No. PB 4 [F2010L00471].

Amendment determinations under—

section 84AF—2010 No. PB 6 [F2010L00473].

sections 85, 85A and 88—2010 No. PB 5 [F2010L00472].

section 85AB—2010 No. PB 7 [F2010L00474].

Amendment special arrangements under section 100—2010 Nos PB 8, PB 9 [F2010L00475], [F2010L00476].

Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act—Notices of grant of exemption under Section 40—

2009—

3 December [3] (Nos OZO0100112, OZO0100134, OZO0112205).

18 December [2] (Nos OZO0100213, OZO0109199).

2010—13 January [3] (Nos OZO0100099, OZO0100101, OZO0100123).

Papua New Guinea (Members of the Forces Benefits) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 11 [F2010L00294].

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 2 [F2010L00330].

Private Health Insurance Act—Rules—2010 Prostheses (No. 1) [F2010L00385].

Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act—Determination—2010 Amendment (No. 1) [F2010L00277].

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determination—2010 Amendment (No. 1) [F2010L00276].

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—2010 No. 1 [F2010L00457].

Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 6 [F2010L00290].

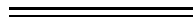
Social Security Act—Principles—2010 Partially asset-test exempt income stream—Exemption—FaHCSIA Amendment (No. 1) [F2010L00389].

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 4 [F2010L00299].

Taxation Administration Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 10 [F2010L00321].

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Direction—2010 Australian Communications and Media Authority (Advice about universal service subsidies) No. 1 [F2010L00387].

Trade Practices Act—Consumer Product Safety Standard—2010 Consumer protection notice (Nos 1, 2, 5) [F2010L00295], [F2010L00296], [F2010L00195].



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Katter, Ms Macklin, Mr Neville, Ms Rishworth, Mr Snowdon, Mr C. R. Thomson and Mr Turnbull.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008-09-10

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 145

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2010

1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 4.13 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 being made—

Petition

Mr Randall presented the following petition approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions:
Marriage Equality Amendment Bill—277 petitioners.

Members' statements continued.

5 **WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2010**

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

(1) notes the:

- (a) theme for World Wetlands Day 2010 is Wetlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change;
- (b) threat to wetlands from climate change and human activity and the role of wetlands in climate change mitigation and adaptation; and
- (c) valuable work of WetlandCare Australia and other non-government organisations in supporting communities to protect and repair wetlands;

(2) acknowledges that wetlands and healthy rivers are a priority under the Government's Caring for our Country program and the 10 year Water for the Future plan; and

(3) requests the Government to consider, on a case by case basis, initiatives such as those adopted by the Lismore City Council and Richmond Council in Page, to develop wastewater treatment facilities that process sewerage and wastewater and create healthy wetlands (*see item No. 2, 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 PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) the growing acceptance of 15 October in Australia as the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;
 - (b) that this day is officially recognised in the United States and Canada; and
 - (c) that this day is only informally celebrated in Australia;
- (2) calls on the Government to consider the adoption of 15 October each year as the official Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and
- (3) recognises the efforts of Nicole Ballinger in promoting the official adoption of this day by Australia (*see item No. 2, 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 ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES

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

- (1) supports the Productivity Commission's recommendation to:
 - (a) lower the maximum bet limit per button push from \$10.00 to \$1.00 on electronic gaming machines;
 - (b) lower the cash input limit on electronic gaming machines; and
 - (c) implement by 2016, a universal pre commitment system for electronic gaming machines;
- (2) notes the observations of Productivity Commission Chairman Mr Gary Banks that “despite progress since our last report 10 years ago, there is considerably more that governments can do to make gaming machines a safer recreational pursuit”; and
- (3) calls on State governments and the gaming industry to support the implementation of the Productivity Commission's recommendations (*see item No. 2, 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.

8 GLOBAL FOOD AND WATER SECURITY

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) global food prices have risen 83 per cent since 2005;
 - (b) the World Bank's 2008 Agriculture for Development report predicts global cereal production must increase by 50 per cent and meat production by 85 per cent between 2000 and 2030 to meet demand;
 - (c) Australia has recently suffered some of the worst droughts on record, increasing water scarcity and affecting our local crops and produce;
 - (d) many Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development countries have diverted large proportions of crops to biofuel production; and
 - (e) foreign aid to agriculture fell from 18 per cent of total aid 30 years ago, to 3.5 per cent in 2004; and
- (2) supports:
 - (a) positive initiatives by the current Government to address climate change;
 - (b) policies, projects and programs that deliver long term solutions for water security; and

- (c) the Government's commitment to tackle the impact of rising food prices and shortages by addressing the root causes of global food security (*see item No. 2, 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.

9 PROPOSED HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House adopt the following standing order, to appear between standing orders 216 and 217:

House Appropriations and Administrative Committee

- (a) A House Appropriations and Administrative Committee shall be appointed to:
- (i) consider estimates of the funding required for the operation of the Department of the House of Representatives each year;
 - (ii) provide to the Speaker for presentation to the House and transmission to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, the committee's estimates of amounts for inclusion in appropriation and supply bills for the Department of the House of Representatives;
 - (iii) consider proposals for changes to the administration of the Department of the House of Representatives or variations to services provided by the Department;
 - (iv) consider and report to the Speaker on any other matters of finance or services as may be referred to it by the Speaker;
 - (v) consider and report to the House on any other matters of finance or services as may be referred to it by the House;
 - (vi) make an annual report to the House on its operations; and
 - (vii) consider the administration and funding of security measures affecting the House and advise the Speaker and the House as appropriate.
- (b) When conferring with the Senate Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing, the House Appropriations and Administrative Committee may:
- (i) consider estimates of the funding required for the operation of the Department of Parliamentary Services each year; and
 - (ii) provide to the Speaker for presentation to the House and transmission to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, estimates of amounts for inclusion in appropriation and supply bills for the Department of Parliamentary Services.
- (c) The committee shall consist of nine members: the Speaker as Chair, and eight other members.
- (d) The committee shall be assisted by the Clerk, Serjeant at Arms and officers of the Department of the House of Representatives appropriate to any matters under consideration (*see item No. 2, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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.

10 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.

11 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mrs Irwin, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 February 2010 for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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DAVID ELDER
Clerk of the Main Committee