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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 66

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 1994

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 SUB JUDICE CONVENTION—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement in response to a question asked of him yesterday by Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) concerning the rights of the House and its Members to comment on certain matters before the High Court. The Speaker stated that he would consider the application of the *sub judice* convention and make a more detailed statement to the House in due course.

3 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised yesterday by Mr Howard in connection with an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 29 March 1994 which reported that a Mr Roger Boland had not been appointed to a position on the Industrial Relations Commission because of evidence Mr Boland had given to a Senate committee. The Speaker stated that he had examined Mr Howard's remarks and the article on which the remarks were based and did not see that the allegations went to the powers, privileges or immunities of the House or its Members. Accordingly, he was not willing to allow precedence to a motion on the matter.

Mr Sinclair addressed the House on the matter.

4 CRIMES (CHILD SEX TOURISM) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

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 Costello), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—CRIMES (CHILD SEX TOURISM) AMENDMENT BILL 1994—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Justice from moving a motion to refer the Crimes (Child Sex Tourism) Amendment Bill 1994 to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and an advisory report.

Question—put and passed.

6 CRIMES (CHILD SEX TOURISM) AMENDMENT BILL 1994—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) moved—That:

- (1) the Crimes (Child Sex Tourism) Amendment Bill 1994 be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and an advisory report; and
- (2) the committee present its report to the House by 30 May 1994.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr O’Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr O’Keefe, the Bill was read a third time.

8 NATIVE TITLE—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr Holding, Mr Knott and Mr Quick to be members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title.

9 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Horne addressing the House—

It being 3 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Horticultural Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Board—2nd report, for 1992-93.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for period 1 July to 30 September 1993.

Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report on the state of the automotive industry for 1993.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Limited—Report for 1993.

Family Law Council—Letter of advice to the Attorney-General on the operation of the (UK) *Children Act 1989*, 10 March 1994.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Reports—

No. 35—Impediments to regional industry adjustment, 17 December 1993—

Volume I—Report.

Volume II—Appendices.

No. 36—Workers' compensation in Australia, 4 February 1994.

Landcare Australia Limited—4th report, for 1992-93.

National Common Police Services—Australasian Police Ministers' Council—Report for 1992-93.

12 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report on the state of the automotive industry for 1993.

Family Law Council—Letter of advice to the Attorney-General on the operation of the (UK) *Children Act 1989*, 10 March 1994.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 35—Impediments to regional industry adjustment, 17 December 1993—

Volume I—Report.

Volume II—Appendices.

Landcare Australia Limited—4th report, for 1992-93.

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

13 WORKING NATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Keating (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining Government policies and programs for employment and growth, and presented the following papers:

Working nation, 4 May 1994—

Ministerial statement.

Policies and programs.

White paper on employment and growth.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes when the debate is resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 5 MAY 1994

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Thursday, 5 May 1994, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Notices and orders of the day, government business (to be interrupted at 1.30 p.m. in order that the grievance debate can be called on):
Provided that:
 - (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced; and
 - (b) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the interruption.
2. Grievance debate.
3. Members' statements (at approximately 2.45 p.m.).
4. Questions without notice (at 3 p.m.).
5. Presentation of papers.
6. Ministerial statements, by leave.
7. Notices and orders of the day, government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 250, dated 4 May 1994, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Gibson had been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities in place of Senator Campbell, discharged.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CIVIL AVIATION

The House was informed that Mr Jull had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to properly administer civil aviation".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Jull addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Refurbishment of Australian Federal Police College, Barton, ACT (2nd report of 1994).

Relocation of the Salisbury Explosive Ordnance testing facilities to Port Wakefield, SA (3rd report of 1994).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr J. N. Andrew, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

18 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (COLLECTION OF INTERIM LEVY) BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection of an interim levy on agricultural and veterinary chemical products, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

19 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INTERIM LEVY IMPOSITION (EXCISE) BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose the levy payable under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Interim Levy) Act 1994*, so far as that levy is a duty of excise.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

20 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INTERIM LEVY IMPOSITION (CUSTOMS) BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose the levy payable under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Interim Levy) Act 1994*, so far as that levy is a duty of customs.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INTERIM LEVY IMPOSITION (GENERAL) BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose the levy payable under the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Interim Levy) Act 1994*, so far as that levy is neither a duty of customs nor a duty of excise.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (COLLECTION OF LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994*.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 58 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

24 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* and the *Offshore Minerals Act 1994* and to repeal certain Acts consequential upon the enactment of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Fees Act 1994*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (USER CHARGE) BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a user charge on exploration permits and retention leases under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

26 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) FEES BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of fees in respect of permits, leases and licences under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

27 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

28 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Sullivan addressing the House—

29 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 May 1994:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Declarations under section—

9 (1994 No. 4).

12 (1994 No. 3).

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement 1994 No. 2.

Migration Act—Statements (2) under section 115.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Classification of Publications Ordinance—Determination of fees, 28 March 1994.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Bilney, Mr Gear, Mr Halverson, Mr Jones, Mr Lloyd, Mr Ruddock and Mr Woods.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives