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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 93

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 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 EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) 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 Snowdon, the Bill was read a third time.

3 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 184, dated 6 June 1994, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Clauses 1 to 11, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

4 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING (STUDENT ORGANISATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Easson	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Knott	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gibson	Mr Langmore	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Gorman	Mr Latham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cleary	Mr Grace*	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffin	Dr Lawrence	Mr Snowdon
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Haviland	Mr Lindsay	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Ms Henzell	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Cunningham	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Walker
Ms Deahm	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Willis
Mr Dodd	Mr Horne	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Woods
Mr Duffy	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	

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Mr Abbott	Mr Fischer	Mr Mack	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Aldred	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Atkinson	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Beale	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hawker*	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Dr Hewson	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mr Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher	
Mr R.D.C. Evans	Mr McArthur	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Filing	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 185, dated 6 June 1994, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon, the Bill was read a third time.

5 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), by leave, declared that the International War Crimes Tribunal Bill 1994 and the International War Crimes Tribunal (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

6 INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Duncan presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr Melham 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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

8 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Australian Capital Territory Government response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—The networked nation, September 1994.

9 ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—1992-93 ACT GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Australian Capital Territory Government response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—Report for 1992-93.

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

10 TELECOM NETWORK, CUSTOMER ISSUES AND TELEPHONE AFFORDABILITY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Telecom network, customer issues and telephone affordability, and presented the following papers:

AUSTEL—

First quarterly report on progress of Telecom's implementation of recommendations of AUSTEL's COT cases report, July 1994.

Quality of service bulletin—March quarter 1994.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POLITICAL FUNDS

The House was informed that Mr Filing had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Government to ensure high standards of accountability, recording of donations and ethical behaviour in the use of political funds".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REFURBISHMENT OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE, LONDON

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Refurbishment of Australia House, London.

Question—put and passed.

13 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), for Mr Baldwin (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14 COPYRIGHT (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Copyright Act 1968* to enable Australia to accept the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15 CUSTOMS TARIFF (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1987* to enable Australia to accept the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

16 SALES TAX (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) presented a Bill for an Act relating to sales tax.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

17 DAIRY PRODUCE (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Act 1986* to enable Australia to accept the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18 PATENTS (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law with respect to patents to enable Australia to accept the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

19 TRADE MARKS BILL 1994

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to trade marks.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

20 HUMAN RIGHTS (SEXUAL CONDUCT) BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), for Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to implement Australia's international obligations under Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

21 INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL 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.

Paper: Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), by leave, presented the following paper:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Advisory report, 30 June 1994—International War Crimes Tribunal Bill 1994 and the International War Crimes Tribunal (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994—Government response.

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

Consideration in detail

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 2, definition of “federal prisoner”, lines 32 to 38, omit the definition, substitute:

“ ‘federal prisoner’ means a person who:

(a) is being held in custody pending:

(i) trial for; or

(ii) a committal hearing or a summary hearing in relation to; or

(iii) sentencing for;

an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory; or

(b) is under a sentence of imprisonment for an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory, or is otherwise subject to detention under a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory;

but does not include a person who is at large after having escaped from lawful custody;”.

Page 3, definition of “police officer”, paragraph (a), line 38, omit “, special member or staff member”, substitute “or special member”.

Page 4, definition of “State prisoner”, lines 19 to 25, omit the definition, substitute:

“ ‘State prisoner’ means a person who:

(a) is being held in custody pending:

(i) trial for; or

(ii) a committal hearing or a summary hearing in relation to; or

(iii) sentencing for;

an offence against a law of a State; or

(b) is under a sentence of imprisonment for an offence against a law of a State, or is otherwise subject to detention under a law of a State;

but does not include a person who is at large after having escaped from lawful custody;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the clause was omitted, and the following clause substituted:

Form of requests

“8.(1) The request must be in writing and must indicate:

- (a) who may be, is to be or has been charged with a Tribunal offence as a result of the investigation or prosecution in respect of which the request is made; and
- (b) the nature of any such charge; and
- (c) the intended time and place of any hearing of any such charge.

“(2) The request must also indicate:

- (a) the nature of the investigation or prosecution in respect of which the request is made; and
- (b) the International Convention or other legal basis on which the Tribunal relies for conducting the investigation or prosecution; and
- (c) the nature of the assistance sought; and
- (d) the procedure (if any) that the Tribunal wants the Attorney-General to follow in complying with the request, including the form in which material must be given to the Tribunal; and
- (e) the period within which the Tribunal wants the request complied with; and
- (f) any confidentiality requirements that the Tribunal wants observed; and
- (g) any other matters that might assist in complying with the request.

“(3) Failure to comply with subsection (2) does not invalidate a request.”.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 6, after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph:

“(aa) the request is in accordance with subsection 8(1); and”.

Page 6, add at the end the following subclause:

“(2) A copy of the arrest warrant that was issued by the Tribunal must be attached to the notice.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 7, subclause (2), lines 33 to 36, omit the subclause, substitute the following subclause:

“(2) If a magistrate is satisfied that the person:

- (a) is the person specified in the warrant; and
- (b) is also the person specified in the arrest warrant that was issued by the Tribunal;

the magistrate must remand the person in custody or on bail for such period or periods as may be necessary to enable the Attorney-General to make a surrender determination and (if appropriate) to enable a magistrate to remand the person under section 20.”.

Page 7, subclause (3), line 38, omit “exceptional”, substitute “special”.

Page 8, subclause (4), lines 1 to 3, omit the subclause, substitute the following subclause:

“(4) If a person is remanded in custody after the person has made an application for bail, the person cannot, during that remand, make another application for bail unless there is evidence of a change of circumstances that might justify bail being granted.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the following amendment was made: Page 8, paragraph (1)(b), line 18, omit “45 days”, substitute “14 days”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 9, subclause (2), line 29, omit “exceptional”, substitute “special”.

Page 9, subclause (3), line 32, omit “exceptional”, substitute “special”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 19—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 10, paragraph (1)(a), line 17, after “Australian law” insert “, or is otherwise subject to detention under an Australian law”.

Page 10, subparagraph (1)(b)(i), line 21, after “sentence” insert “or other detention”.

Page 10, subclause (2), lines 27 to 30, omit the subclause, substitute the following subclause:

“(2) For the purposes of this section, the person is not taken to be serving a sentence of imprisonment, or to be otherwise subject to detention, if he or she has been released on parole or licence, or has been otherwise conditionally released, for the remainder of the sentence or period of detention.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 22—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the following amendment was made: Page 11, line 20, omit "A surrender warrant", substitute "Subject to this Division, a surrender warrant".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 23—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the clause was omitted, and the following clause substituted:

Release from remand

"23.(1) If:

- (a) a surrender warrant has been issued in relation to a person; and
- (b) the person is in custody in Australia under the warrant, or otherwise under this Act, more than 21 days after the day on which the warrant was first liable to be executed; and
- (c) the person applies to the Federal Court of Australia or the Supreme Court of the State or Territory in which the person is in custody; and
- (d) reasonable notice of the intention to apply has been given to the Attorney-General;

the Court must, subject to subsection (2), order that the person be released from that custody.

"(2) However, if the Court is satisfied that the surrender warrant has not been executed within the period of 21 days, or since the person last made an application under subsection (1), as the case may be:

- (a) because to do so would have endangered the person's life, or would have prejudiced the person's health; or
- (b) for any other reasonable cause;

the Court must not order that the person be released from custody."

Clause 24—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 12, subclause (1), line 5, after "a Territory" insert ", or was otherwise subject to detention under a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory".

Page 12, paragraph (1)(b), line 8, before "any time spent" insert "subject to subsection (1A),".

Page 12, subclause (1), line 10, after "imprisonment" insert "or period of detention".

Page 12, after subclause (1) insert the following subclause:

"(1A) If the person is convicted of the Tribunal offence, time spent by the person in custody serving a sentence of imprisonment imposed by the Tribunal for the Tribunal offence is not to be counted as time towards the sentence of imprisonment or period of detention referred to in subsection (1)."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 25—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 12, paragraph (a), line 17, after “Australian law” insert “, or was otherwise subject to detention under an Australian law”.

Page 12, paragraph (b), line 18, after “serving” insert “, or each such period of detention to which the person was subject,”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Part 4—

On the motion of Mr Elliott the following note was inserted after the heading to the Part:

“Note: Additional forms of assistance outside the scope of this Act may also be made available to the Tribunal — see section 83.”.

Clauses 26 to 37, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 38—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the following amendment was made: Page 19, lines 3 to 5, omit all the words from and including “A prisoner who” to and including “which the person:”, substitute the following:

“A person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment for an offence against a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory, or is otherwise subject to detention under a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory, is taken to continue to serve that sentence of imprisonment, or to continue to be subject to that detention, at any time during which the person:”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 39 to 77, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 78—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the following amendment was made: Page 39, subclause (2), lines 6 and 7, omit the subclause, substitute the following subclauses:

“(2) The police officer must, as soon as practicable, take the person before a magistrate.

“(3) If the magistrate is satisfied that the person has escaped from custody authorised by this Act, the magistrate may issue a warrant authorising any police officer to return the person to the custody referred to in subsection (1).”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 79 and 80, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

Legal assistance

“80A.(1) A person who:

- (a) has instituted, or proposes to institute, a proceeding before a magistrate or a court under this Act or in respect of detention under this Act; or
- (b) is, or will be, a party to such a proceeding; or
- (c) is, or will be, giving evidence or producing documents or other articles at such a proceeding;

may apply to the Attorney-General for assistance under this section in respect of the proceeding.

“(2) If the Attorney-General is satisfied that:

- (a) it would involve hardship to the person to refuse the application; and
 - (b) in all the circumstances, it is reasonable that the application be granted;
- the Attorney-General may authorise provision by the Commonwealth to the person of such legal or financial assistance in relation to the proceeding as the Attorney-General determines.

“(3) The assistance may be granted unconditionally or subject to such conditions as the Attorney-General determines.”

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22 INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the following amendment was made: Schedule, page 3, amendment of the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*, omit the amendment.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), by leave, declared that the Departure Tax Amendment Bill 1994 and the Departure Tax Collection Amendment Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

24 DEPARTURE TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Elliott—Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 PAPER

Mr Brown, by leave, presented the following paper:

NRMA—Joint opinion by John Garnsey QC and Brian Camilleri: Ms Dawn Fraser, Ms Jane Singleton and Mr Richard Talbot and the proposed restructuring of NRMA Limited and NRMA Insurance Limited, 19 September 1994.

26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 21 September 1994: National Health Act—Determination No. 1994-95/06.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Bilney, Mr Braithwaite, Mr M. J. Evans, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Keating, Mr Lieberman, Mr O'Connor, Mr Punch, Mr Slipper, Mr Staples, Mrs Sullivan and Dr Theophanous.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 1994

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), by leave, declared that the Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994, Wine Grapes Levy Amendment Bill 1994, Primary Industries Levies and Charges (Wine Grapes) Collection Amendment Bill 1994 and the National Residue Survey Administration (Meat Chickens) Amendment Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

3 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr B. C. Scott moved as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the Main Committee, recognising the needs of individuals and families living in rural and regional Australia who face the ravages of severe drought, calls on the Government to make farm household support a grant for up to 12 months and to modify the assets test for other forms of assistance”.

Debate continued.

Mr Reid 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 the next sitting.

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.14 p.m.

The Chair reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed tomorrow at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee