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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 97

WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 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 DROUGHT RELIEF PAYMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Anderson (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), viz.*—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 House recognises the plight of small business operators in rural and regional Australia who are affected by drought conditions and calls on the Government to act urgently to develop a strategy to assist these operators”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Administrator:* Message No. 189, dated 11 October 1994, from His Excellency the Administrator 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 Beddall (Minister for Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

**3 HUMAN RIGHTS (SEXUAL CONDUCT) BILL 1994**

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

Mr Ruddock 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 House calls on the Federal Government to reform the treaty making process so that the Commonwealth Parliament, the State and Territory governments, and the community are properly consulted on the content and implications of treaties”.

Debate continued.

Mr Latham 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.

#### 4 KOOYONG ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT

The Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ on 14 October 1994 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Kooyong, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Mr Peacock. The dates in connection with the election would be fixed as follows:

Issue of writ . . . . .	Friday, 14 October 1994.
Close of rolls . . . . .	Friday, 21 October 1994.
Date of nominations . . . . .	Tuesday, 25 October 1994.
Date of polling . . . . .	Saturday, 19 November 1994.
Return of writ . . . . .	On or before Sunday, 22 January 1995.

#### 5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice having been called on—

*Prime Minister—Motion to require attendance:* Mr Downer (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) the Prime Minister be required to come into the House now to answer the most serious allegations ever levelled at a serving Prime Minister;
- (2) he answer the charges of the former Prime Minister that he has not told the truth;
- (3) he explain a written record of a meeting which again demonstrates that he has not told the truth; and
- (4) in the true tradition of democratic decency, he answers the charges against him, not just with his own version of events, but with proof to back it up.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 54

Mr Abbott	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr R.D.C. Evans	Mr McArthur	Mr Somlyay
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Filing	Mr McGauran	Mrs Sullivan
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Taylor
Mr Atkinson	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mr Truss
Mrs Bishop	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Bradford*	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Nugent	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Bradford*	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mr Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
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Mr Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffin	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Punch	

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And so it was negatived.

*Paper:* Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Beazley—  
Mr Beazley presented the following paper:

House of Representatives *Hansard*—Copy of extract, 21 January 1991.

Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers:* Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport) presented the following papers:

Civil Aviation Authority—Copies of—

Facsimile from Mr George Macionis, Director of Aviation Safety Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority, to Mr J. Sharp, MP, 5 May 1994.

File note, 25 July 1994.

Letters from—

Mr D. J. Roser, Chief Executive and Managing Director, Civil Aviation Authority, to Mr Sharp, 17 June 1994.

Mr Sharp to—

Mr G. Macionis, 6 June 1994.

Mr D. J. Roser, 4 July 1994.

Media release by Mr Sharp, 20 July 1994.

*Paper:* Mr Fischer, by leave, presented the following paper:

CAA Safety Chief misleading about Seaview complaints—Media release by Mr Sharp, 4 October 1994, together with attachments.

Questions without notice continued.

*Papers:* Mr Costello (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Beazley—

Mr Beazley presented the following papers:

*The Economist*, 8 October 1994—

Financial indicators—Tables.

Emerging market indicators—Tables.

Questions without notice concluded.

## 6 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for September 1994.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during September 1994.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Wool Realisation Commission Act—Australian Wool Realisation Commission—Final report, for period 1 July to 30 November 1993.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1993-94.

Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1993-94.

Public Service Act—Department of Tourism—Report for 1993-94.

Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act—Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority—Report for 1993-94.

## 7 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statement for September 1994.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during September 1994.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1993-94.

Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority Act—Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority—Report for 1993-94.

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

## 8 PAPERS

Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport), by indulgence, adding to answers given to questions without notice on 10 October 1994, presented the following papers:

Department of Transport—Bureau of Air Safety Investigation—Aircraft accidents 1980-94—Summary reports (2), 11 October 1994.

## 9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND TRANSPORT

The House was informed that Mr Howard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The actions of the Minister for Industrial Relations and Transport in carrying out a range of his portfolio responsibilities".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

**10 BANKING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE**

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Jull to be a member of the Standing Committee on Banking, Finance and Public Administration in place of Mr Reith.

**11 DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:

Family Law Reform Bill 1994: Second reading.

Question—put and passed.

**12 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LABORATORY COMPLEX FOR CSIRO DIVISION OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WERRIBEE, VIC.**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for 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: Construction of a new laboratory complex for CSIRO Division of Food Science and Technology, Werribee, Vic.

*Papers:* Mrs Crosio presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

**13 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE BILL 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Howe (Minister for Housing and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to financial assistance to the States, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory in connection with the jointly-funded program known as the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (“SAAP”), and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mrs Crosio presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Supported Accommodation Assistance 1994; and

Supported Accommodation Assistance Amendment 1994.

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

**14 SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Howe (Minister for Housing and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1989*.

Bill read a first time.

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

**15 AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED SALE BILL 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the sale of AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Limited, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mrs Crosio presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**16 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Brereton (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law about industrial relations, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mrs Crosio presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**17 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), for Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*, the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988* and the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mrs Crosio presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**18 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901* and the *Anti-Dumping Authority Act 1988*, to enable Australia to accept the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mrs Crosio presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**19 CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994**

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* to enable Australia to accept the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mrs Crosio presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

## 20 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Ferguson presented the following report and related papers:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Australians all: Enhancing Australian citizenship—

Report, September 1994.

Issues paper, April 1994.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Ferguson, Mr Sinclair and Mr Ruddock, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

## 21 HUMAN RIGHTS (SEXUAL CONDUCT) BILL 1994

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Debate resumed.

Mr Rocher addressing the House—

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

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

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

## 22 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.



And then the House, at 8.16 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 October 1994:

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1994 Nos. 11, 13.

Determinations under section 58B 1994 Nos. 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 156, 158, 159, LES 21.

Quarantine Act—Determinations 1994 No. 3.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Crean, Mr Cunningham, Ms Fatin, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Grace, Mr Hawker, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Dr Lawrence, Mr Lieberman, Mr Mack, Mrs Moylan, Mr Price, Mr Reid, Mr Reith, Mr Sharp, Mr Staples and Mr Willis.

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Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

No. 97

**MAIN COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1994**

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 **NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COUNCIL BILL 1994**

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

Debate ensued.

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

3 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

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

**B. C. WRIGHT**

Clerk of the Main Committee