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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 100

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1994

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Howard moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Bennelong moving forthwith—That given:

- (1) the intense public concern regarding the Minister for Industrial Relations and Transport's handling of civil aviation matters, particularly those relating to air safety;
- (2) the Minister's incompetent handling of the industrial relations portfolio as exemplified by his apparently imminent capitulation to the mining unions over the abolition of the Coal Industry Tribunal;
- (3) the reckless conduct of the Minister in talking down the value of a public asset, namely the Australian National Line;
- (4) continuing concerns regarding the Minister's role in the Sydney Harbour Tunnel project which has thrust huge additional burdens on New South Wales' taxpayers; and
- (5) the general aura of incompetence, evasion and a willingness to blame others now surrounding the Minister—

this House requires the attendance of the Minister for Industrial Relations and Transport at question time this afternoon to answer questions relating to his portfolio responsibilities.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

3 CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) ACT REPEAL 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), the Bill was read a third time.

4 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), by leave, declared that the Copyright (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994, Customs Legislation (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994, Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994, Customs Tariff (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994,

Patents (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994, Trade Marks Bill 1994, Dairy Produce (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994 and Sales Tax (World Trade Organization Amendments) Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

5 COPYRIGHT (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) 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.

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

7 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for 1993-94.

8 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Australian National Audit Office—Report for 1993-94.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the report of the Australian National Audit Office for 1993-94; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act—Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1993.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1993-94.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report on progress, October 1994.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—9th report, for 1993-94.

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1993-94.

Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for 1993-94.

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre—Report for 1993-94.

Industrial Relations Act—Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 1993-94.

Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

National Food Authority Act—National Food Authority—Report for 1993-94.

National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report made pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act, for 1993-94.

Public Service Act—

Department of Industry, Science and Technology—Report for 1993-94.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 1993-94.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1993-94.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Social Security Act—Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1993-94.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1993-94.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act—Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Report for 1993.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1993-94.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report on progress, October 1994.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—9th report, for 1993-94.

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1993-94.

Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for 1993-94.

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Department of Industry, Science and Technology—Report for 1993-94.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 1993-94.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1993-94.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Social Security Act—Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1993-94.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training 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.

11 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Spring period of sittings be given to Mr Staples on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Spring period of sittings be given to Mr Braithwaite on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRANSPORT MATTERS

The House was informed that Mr Sharp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "Continuing concern over the Government's maladministration of transport matters which has led to a crisis of confidence in the aviation industry".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sharp addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

14 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 7 November 1994.

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 10, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

16 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

Primary Industries Legislation Amendment 1994;

Excise Tariff Legislation Amendment 1994;

Evidence 1993;

Evidence (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 1994;

Veterans' Affairs (1994-95 Budget Measures) Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1994;

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1994; and

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Legislation Amendment 1994.

Question—put and passed.

17 COPYRIGHT (WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS) 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 Lloyd), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) 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.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 October 1994:

Customs Act—Notices 1994 Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Excise Act—Notices 1994 Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Anderson, Mr Baldwin, Mr Braithwaite*, Mr Cameron, Mr Grace, Dr Hewson, Mr Howe, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Mack, Mr Staples*, Mr Tickner and Mr Willis.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives