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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 113

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 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 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1994-95

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 Beddall (Minister for Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1994-95

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—

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

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.

4 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1994-95

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—

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

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.

5 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 6 December 1994, were reported:

- (a) returning the Veterans' Affairs (1994-95 Budget Measures) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994 and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 367.
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:
- Message—
- No. 368—Copyright (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 369—Customs Legislation (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 370—Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 371—Customs Tariff (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 372—Patents (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 373—Trade Marks 1994.
- No. 374—Dairy Produce (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 375—Sales Tax (World Trade Organization Amendments) 1994.
- No. 377—Social Security (New Zealand Agreement) Amendment 1994.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SOCIAL SECURITY (1994 BUDGET AND WHITE PAPER) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Message No. 216, dated 29 November 1994, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of requests for amendments by the Senate in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY (1994 BUDGET AND WHITE PAPER) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 376

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Social Security Act 1991', and for related purposes*", and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the bill.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 6 December 1994

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

**SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR
AMENDMENTS**

No. 1—Schedule 1, page 4, item 2, proposed subsection 519(4A), after "person" (last occurring) insert "or their partner".

No. 2—Schedule 1, page 4, item 4, proposed subsection 598(4A), after “person” (last occurring) insert “or their partner”.

No. 3—Schedule 1, page 4, item 6, proposed subsection 676(6), after “person” (last occurring) insert “or their partner”.

No. 4—Schedule 7, page 47, before item 1 insert the following items:

“1A. Subsection 1157G(1):

Omit ‘If’, substitute ‘Subject to subsection (1A), if’.

1B. After subsection 1157G(1):

Insert:

‘(1A) The making of the loan does not constitute a loan benefit provided by the provider to the recipient if:

(a) the provider is the Defence Force, or a body one of the objects or functions of which is making loans to employees of the Defence Force; and

(b) the recipient is an employee of the Defence Force.’.”

No. 5—Schedule 7, page 47, item 1, proposed subsection 1157I(2), after “an employee” insert “(other than an employee of the Defence Force)”.

No. 6—Schedule 7, page 47, item 1, after proposed subsection 1157I(2) insert the following subsection:

“(2A) The payment of money or other valuable consideration by an employer directly or indirectly to an employee of the Defence Force to meet costs associated with a loan to which subsection (3) applies does not constitute a housing benefit provided by the employer to the employee.”.

No. 7—Schedule 7, page 48, item 1, proposed subsection 1157I(5), omit “subsection (2)”, substitute “subsection (2) or (2A)”.

On the motion of Mr Beddall (Minister for Resources), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

8 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance), by leave, declared that the Financial Management and Accountability Bill 1994, the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Bill 1994 and the Auditor-General Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

9 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. J. Scott), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Minister for Transport—Motion of censure: Mr Sharp, by leave, moved—That this House censures the Minister for Transport for his failure to exercise proper ministerial standards and the maladministration resulting from his failure to perform his portfolio responsibilities.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1994-95—

No. 14—Project audit—Department of Housing and Regional Development—Office of Local Government: Local Capital Works Program and Preliminary study—The Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Development Authority.

No. 15—Project audit—Department of Veterans' Affairs: Follow-up of an efficiency audit on compensation pensions to veterans and war widows.

No. 16—Follow-up audit—Accrual reporting: Are agencies ready?

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 14, 15 and 16 of 1994-95; and
- (2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1993-94.

Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—

Quality of Service Bulletin—June quarter 1994.

Second quarterly report on progress of Telecom's implementation of recommendations of AUSTEL's COT cases report, 9 November 1994.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—13th report, for 1993-94—Corrigenda.

Better Cities Program—Report on progress 1993-94.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report—R classified programs on pay TV, November 1994.

Civics Expert Group—Whereas the people: Civics and citizenship education—Report, 30 November 1994.

Statement by Mr Keating (Prime Minister), 7 December 1994.

Copyright Act—

Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1993-94.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Council of Financial Supervisors—Report for 1994.

Defence Housing Authority Act—Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedules for the period 1 January to 30 June 1994.

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report—Sticks and stones: Violence in Australian schools, March 1994—Government response.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for period 1 February 1993 to 31 January 1994.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner—Report—State of the Nation: People of non-English speaking background, 1994.

National Health Act—Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations for 1993-94.

National Rail Corporation Agreement Act—National Rail Corporation Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund, for 1993-94.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme, for 1993-94.

Small Business in Australia—Fourth annual review by the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, December 1994.

Tax expenditures statement—Report by the Department of the Treasury, December 1994.

14 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Better Cities Program—Report on progress 1993-94.

Civics Expert Group—Whereas the people: Civics and citizenship education—Report, 30 November 1994.

Statement by Mr Keating (Prime Minister), 7 December 1994.

Council of Financial Supervisors—Report, 1994.

Defence Housing Authority Act—Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedules for the period 1 January to 30 June 1994.

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report—Sticks and stones: Violence in Australian schools, March 1994—Government response.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner—Report—State of the Nation: People of non-English speaking background, 1994.

National Health Act—Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations for 1993-94.

National Rail Corporation Agreement Act—National Rail Corporation Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Small Business in Australia—Fourth annual review by the Department of Industry, Science and Technology, December 1994.

Tax expenditures statement—Report by the Department of the Treasury, December 1994.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fischer—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 DEFENDING AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Punch (Minister representing the Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the Defence White Paper 1994 and presented the following papers:

Defending Australia—

Defence White Paper 1994.

Ministerial statement, 7 December 1994.

Mr Reith, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

16 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

The House was informed that Mr Sharp had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Minister for Transport’s handling of his portfolio that has led to concerns in the community about his judgement”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

17 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE SERVICE (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) BILL 1994—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Royal Commission into the New South Wales Police Service (Access to Information) Bill 1994 had been fully considered in the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

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

18 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1994—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Australian Capital Territory Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 1994 had been fully considered in the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

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

19 INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION—75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr Brereton (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on the 75th anniversary of its foundation and on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Philadelphia;
- (2) notes that Australia was a founding member of the ILO when it was formed in 1919 with 45 member states;
- (3) notes that on this anniversary, as a result of the ongoing international support for the Organisation, there are now 171 member states;
- (4) recognises and appreciates the uniqueness of the Organisation within the framework of UN specialised agencies by way of its tripartite structure, which enables governments, employers and workers to participate directly in its activities;
- (5) reaffirms its support for the important role played by the ILO as an international forum dedicated to the objectives of promoting and raising labour and social standards with a view to advancing social justice and ensuring world peace; and
- (6) wishes the ILO continued success in building links of friendship and understanding through the improvement of working conditions, general welfare and the human rights of working people and their families throughout the world.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

20 HEALTH LEGISLATION (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM) AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and the *Health Insurance Commission Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Dr Theophanous presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

21 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPLAINTS LEVY BILL 1994

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on health insurance businesses conducted by registered organisations.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Dr Theophanous presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

22 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

Ordered—That notices Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

23 PRAWN EXPORT PROMOTION BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the promotion of the export of sea-caught prawns, parts of sea-caught prawns and sea-caught prawn products, the collection of levy imposed by the *Prawn Boat Levy Act 1994* and the collection of charge imposed by the *Prawn Export Charge Act 1994*, and for related purposes.

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.

24 PRAWN BOAT LEVY BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on commercial prawn boats.

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.

25 PRAWN EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge on the export of sea-caught prawns, parts of sea-caught prawns and sea-caught prawn products.

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.

26 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

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.

27 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1994 [NO. 2]

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), for Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), 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 Kerr presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

28 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), for Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes.

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.

29 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION (APPLICATION) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Agents Registration (Application) Levy Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

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.

30 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION (RENEWAL) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Agents Registration (Renewal) Levy Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

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.

31 IMMIGRATION (EDUCATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Immigration (Education) Charge Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

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.

32 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING COMPLEX FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ORGANISATION AT SYMONSTON, ACT

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 building complex for the Australian Geological Survey Organisation at Symonston, ACT.

Paper: Mr Walker presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

33 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-LEVEL CAR PARK FOR THE FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION AT MELBOURNE AIRPORT

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 multi-level car park for the Federal Airports Corporation at Melbourne Airport.

Paper: Mr Walker presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

34 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MARALINGA REHABILITATION PROJECT, SA

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: Maralinga rehabilitation project, SA.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

35 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—INCREASED ARMY PRESENCE IN THE NORTH (APIN) STAGE 2

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: Increased Army Presence in the North (APIN) Stage 2.

Question—put and passed.

36 DEVELOPMENT OF 2ND FIELD HOSPITAL AT ENOGGERA, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of 2nd Field Hospital at Enoggera, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

37 UPGRADING OF ACCOMMODATION AT HMAS WATSON, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Upgrading of accommodation at HMAS *Watson*, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

38 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT BLIGH PARK, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Housing development at Bligh Park, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

39 MIDLIFE UPGRADE OF BLAMEY BARRACKS, KAPOOKA, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Midlife upgrade of Blamey Barracks, Kapooka, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

40 UPGRADE OF TRANSONIC WIND TUNNEL AT DSTO FISHERMENS BEND, VIC.—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Upgrade of transonic wind tunnel at DSTO Fishermens Bend, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

41 STAGE 2 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, DUNTRON, ACT—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Stage 2 redevelopment of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

42 NEW LABORATORY COMPLEX FOR DSTO AT SALISBURY, SA—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: New laboratory complex for DSTO at Salisbury, SA.

Question—put and passed.

43 ADJOURNMENT

It being past 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 Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 December 1994:
Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1994 No. 30.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments 1994 24(2), 29 November, 1(3), 2 December.

106—Amendments 1994 24, 25(3), 29 November.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 189, 192, 193, 194.

Student Assistance Act—Determination 1994 No. 1.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Braithwaite*, Mr Gear, Mr Nehl, Mr Staples*, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Williams.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

No. 113

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 1994

- 1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.
- 2 **ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE SERVICE (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) BILL 1994**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerr, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

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

Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.
- 4 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA AND THE 92ND INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Taylor—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 December 1994*), viz.:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Inter-Parliamentary Union—92nd Conference, Copenhagen, 1-17 September 1994—Report—

Debate resumed.

Mr Taylor, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate. Debate adjourned (Mr Griffiths), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Humphreys—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 December 1994*), viz.:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to southern Africa, July 1994—Report—

Debate resumed.

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

6 CERTAIN FAMILY LAW ISSUES—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE OPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEME—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 December 1994*), viz.:

Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Report, incorporating a dissenting report—Child Support Scheme: An examination of the operation and effectiveness of the scheme, November 1994—

Debate resumed.

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

7 UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, CAIRO—OUTCOMES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 20 October 1994*), viz.:

United Nations International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, 5-13 September 1994—Outcomes—Joint statement by Senator Bolkus (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) and Mr Baldwin (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), October 1994—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr O'Keefe—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), the Main Committee adjourned at 12.32 p.m.

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

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee