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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 116

WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 1995

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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 2 FEBRUARY 1995**

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Thursday, 2 February 1995, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Members' statements.
2. Grievance debate (at 9.45 a.m.).
3. Notices and other orders of the day, government business (at 11 a.m.).
4. Questions without notice (at 3 p.m.).
5. Presentation of papers.
6. Ministerial statements, by leave.
7. Matter of public importance.
8. Notices and other orders of the day, government business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**3 HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), by leave, moved—That Ms Crawford be discharged from attendance on the House Committee, and that, in her place, Mr Cunningham be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

**4 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Cleeland (Chairman), by leave, presented the following paper:

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Asian organised crime in Australia—Discussion paper, February 1995.

Mr Cleeland and Mr Filing, by leave, made statements in connection with the paper.

##### 5 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (ORIGIN LABELLING) 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*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs), the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 1, line 7, omit “thirteenth”, substitute “nineteenth”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Truss moved the following amendment: Page 2, at the end of proposed section 65VB, add the following subsections:

“(2) Without affecting the operation of subsection (1), Australia is to be taken to be the place of origin of marine produce if that produce is landed by an Australian vessel authorised to do so under the *Fisheries Act 1952* or the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.

“(3) In this section ‘Australian vessel’ has the same meaning as in the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Ms McHugh, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 3, line 18, proposed subsection 65VE(2), after “set out in the Table.” insert “A representation in the Table may be followed by words that identify a particular place in Australia or a particular part of Australia.”.

Mr Truss, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 3, proposed subsection 65VE(2), the Table, Category A, Representations, after “‘Product of Australia’”, add “or ‘Made in Australia’”.

Page 3, proposed subsection 65VE(2), the Table, Category B, Representations, omit “‘Made in Australia’”, substitute “‘Manufactured in Australia’”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 61

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

## NOES, 71

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Ms McHugh moved the following amendment: Page 4, lines 8 and 9, proposed section 65VG, omit “also carry a representation in words that identifies the place or places of origin of the components or ingredients of the goods”, substitute:

“also carry a representation in words that identifies:

- (a) the place of origin of the goods; or
- (b) the place or places of origin of the components or ingredients of the goods”.

*Paper:* Ms McHugh presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Ms McHugh, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

#### 6 ANZAC DAY BILL 1994

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Gibson 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 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 13 May 1994 to 8 December 1994, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 8 December 1994.

#### 9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 1993-94.

Tobacco Research and Development Council and the Tobacco Research and Development Council Selection Committee—Reports for 1993-94.

*Telecommunications Act 1991*—Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Competitive safeguards and carrier performance—Report for 1993-94.

#### 10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

ANL Act—ANL Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Australia-India Council—Report for 1993-94.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—

Higher Education Council—Report, including the Board's comments—Increasing the learning options, November 1994.

Report—Credit transfer and the recognition of prior learning, October 1994.

Report No. 33—Costs and quality in resource-based learning on- and off-campus, October 1994.

Report No. 34—A study of the academic results of on-campus and off-campus students, October 1994.

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Report—Australian Government purchasing policies: Buying our future, 3 March 1994—Government response.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 69—Part II—Equality before the law: Women's equality.

Leasing by the Commonwealth of accommodation in Centenary House—Royal Commission—Report of the Commissioner (Hon T R Morling QC)—Government response.

Public Service Act Review Group—Report on the review of the Public Service Act, December 1994.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—45th report, for 1993-94.

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

#### 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC STRATEGY

The House was informed that Mr Costello (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The abject failure of the Government's economic strategy, which has led Australia to a runaway current account deficit, rising interest rates and higher taxes".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Costello addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### 12 PARLIAMENTARY CONTRIBUTORY SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1948* and the *Superannuation Laws Amendment Act 1994*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Walker presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

#### 13 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Walker presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**14 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR 10 TERMINAL REGIMENT AND THE ARMY MARITIME SCHOOL, TOWNSVILLE**

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: Development of facilities for 10 Terminal Regiment and the Army Maritime School, Townsville.

Question—put and passed.

**15 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REDEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR CSIRO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND ECOLOGY, GUNGAHLIN, 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: Redevelopment works for CSIRO Division of Wildlife and Ecology, Gungahlin, ACT.

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

Question—put and passed.

**16 DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR 10 TERMINAL REGIMENT AND THE ARMY MARITIME SCHOOL, TOWNSVILLE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), by leave, made a statement in connection with the proposed work for the development of facilities for 10 Terminal Regiment and the Army Maritime School, Townsville.

**17 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT GOLF COURSE ESTATES, PALMERSTON, NT**

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: Housing development at Golf Course Estates, Palmerston, NT.

Question—put and passed.

**18 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1994 be referred to the Main Committee for consideration.

Question—put and passed.

**19 ANZAC DAY 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.

Mr Neville addressing the House—

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**20 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 Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 February 1995:  
Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Central Land Council—Report for 1993-94.  
Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement 1995 No. 1.

Health Insurance Act—Statement under section 106AA (Dr Edward Phillip Kremer, Dr Luigi Genua and Dr Natale Romeo), 15 December 1994.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and provisions of Acts shall come into operation—

*Copyright (World Trade Organization Amendments) Act 1994*—The World Trade Organization Agreement, within the meaning of section 2 of that Act, enters into force—1 January 1995.

*Corporations Legislation Amendment Act 1994*—

Items and paragraphs of items of Schedules 3 and 4—1 January 1995.

Item 1, paragraph (b) of item 3 and items 4, 13, 14 and 15 of Schedule 8—1 January 1995.

*Employment Services Act 1994*—Chapter 4 (other than Part 4.6)—1 January 1995.

*Horticultural Levy Amendment Act 1994*—1 January 1995.

*Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1994*—Part 4—16 December 1994.

*Primary Industries Legislation Amendment Act 1994*—Parts 3 and 4—1 February 1995.

*Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Act 1986*—Sections 11, 26 and 27—10 January 1995.

*Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993*—Chapters 1, 2 and 4—8 January 1995.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Halverson, Dr Hewson, Mr Howe, Mr Keating and Mr Langmore.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives