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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 121

THURSDAY, 9 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 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Melham (Chair) presented the following report and related papers:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Legislative Instruments Bill 1994—

Report, 9 February 1995.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Melham, Mr Williams, Mr Cadman and Mr Sinclair, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Melham, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

3 **LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1994—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS**

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate, viz.:

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 11, page 4, after subclause (1) insert the following subclause:

“(1A) In order to avoid doubt and without limiting paragraph (1)(b), it is declared that the reference in that paragraph to business that relates to business referred to in paragraph (1)(a) includes business relating to the investment, administration and management of the assets of a statutory fund.”

No. 2—Clause 11, page 4, paragraph (2)(e), line 31, after “provision” insert “, by a person other than a life company,”.

No. 3—Clause 24, page 12, at end of clause add the following subclauses:

“(6) Commissioner’s rules may modify the operation of subsection 23(2) in relation to a specified existing life company.

“(7) If Commissioner’s rules are in force for the purposes of subsection (6), the operation of subsection 23(2) in relation to the existing life company concerned is modified accordingly.”.

No. 4—Clause 30, page 14, paragraph (f), lines 3 to 5, omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(f) profits and losses of a statutory fund may only be dealt with in accordance with Divisions 5 and 6 (the object of those Divisions being to ensure that such profits and losses are dealt with in a manner that protects the interests of policy owners and is consistent with prudent management of the fund).”.

No. 5—Clause 32, page 14, lines 28 to 35, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Duty of company in relation to statutory funds

“32.(1) In the investment, administration and management of the assets of a statutory fund, a life company:

(a) must comply with this Part; and

(b) must give priority to the interests of owners and prospective owners of policies referable to the fund.

“(2) An act or decision of a life company in relation to a statutory fund does not contravene paragraph (1)(b) if, having regard to the circumstances existing at the time of the act or decision, it is reasonable to believe that the act or decision gives priority to the interests of owners and prospective owners of policies referable to the fund.

“(3) An investment by a life company is not ineffective merely because it is made in contravention of paragraph (1)(b).

“(4) A reference in subsection (1) or (2) to the interests of owners of policies referable to a statutory fund is a reference to the interests of such persons viewed as a group.

“(5) Nothing in subsection (1) prevents a life company doing anything that the company is permitted by this Part to do.”.

No. 6—Clause 41, page 18, subclause (1), line 19, after “subsection (2)” insert “and subsection 32(3)”.

No. 7—Clause 43, page 19, subsection (2), line 26, omit “promote”, substitute “further”.

No. 8—Clause 43, page 19, subsection (3), line 27, omit all words from “The” to “following:”, substitute the following:

“(3) The general rule stated in subsection (2) is subject to the following qualifications:”.

No. 9—Clause 48, page 22, subclauses (2) to (4), lines 1 to 14, omit the subclauses, substitute the following subclauses:

“(2) The director’s duty is a duty to take reasonable care, and use due diligence, to see that, in the investment, administration and management of the assets of the fund, the life company:

- (a) complies with this Part; and
- (b) gives priority to the interests of owners and prospective owners of policies referable to the fund.

“(3) In order to avoid doubt, it is declared that, in the event of conflict between the interests of owners and prospective owners of policies referable to a statutory fund and the interests of shareholders of a life company, a director’s duty is to take reasonable care, and use due diligence, to see that the company gives priority to the interests of owners and prospective owners of those policies over the interests of shareholders.

“(4) A reference in subsection (2) or (3) to the interests of owners of policies referable to a statutory fund is a reference to the interests of such persons viewed as a group.”

No. 10—Clause 48, page 22, subclause (8), lines 28 to 30, omit the subclause.

No. 11—Clause 259, pages 116 and 117, subclause (2), line 37 (page 116) to line 1 (page 117), omit the subclause, substitute the following subclause:

“(2) The reference in paragraph (1)(c) to an investigation of a company’s financial condition is a reference to an investigation made under section 113.”

No. 12—Clause 259, page 117, at end of clause add the following subclause:

“(4) Until the end of the first financial year of an existing life company that ends after the commencement of this Act, this section has effect in relation to the company as if:

- (a) all words of subsection (1) after ‘policy’ in paragraph (1)(b) were omitted; and
- (b) subsection (2) were omitted.”

No. 13—Schedule, page 120, definition of “**continuous disability policy**”, paragraph (c), omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(c) the terms of which do not permit alteration, at the instance of the life company concerned, of both the benefits provided for by the contract and the premiums payable under the contract;”—

Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RAAF BASE RICHMOND REPLACEMENT MEDICAL CENTRE

Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs), 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: RAAF Base Richmond replacement medical centre.

Question—put and passed.

5 TAX LAW IMPROVEMENT (SUBSTANTIATION) 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.

Ordered—That Mr L. J. Scott be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

6 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, declared that the Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 5) 1994, the Migration Agents Registration (Application) Levy Amendment Bill 1994, the Migration Agents Registration (Renewal) Levy Amendment Bill 1994 and the Immigration (Education) Charge Amendment Bill 1994 were cognate Bills.

7 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) 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 a later hour this day.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995

Message No. 409, dated 9 February 1995, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Migration Act 1958’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Mrs Crosio, by leave, 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 Mrs Crosio, the Bill was read a third time.

9 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 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

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7, by leave, taken together, and debated.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

It being 3 p.m., the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That the Prime Minister explain why he has been parading around the country and in the Parliament claiming there would be no need for big cuts in expenditure and for demanding that the Coalition releases a list of spending cuts when all the time, his Government was drawing up a Labor hit list which amounts to \$21 billion in cuts over 4 years.

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)—

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 76

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 408, dated 9 February 1995, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Murphy had been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 19 of 1994-95—Efficiency audit—Validation of nursing home funding: Department of Human Services and Health.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 19 of 1994-95; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Education Council—National report on schooling in Australia—1993—

Report.

Statistical annex.

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for period January-June 1994.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Employment and Skills Formation Council, including the Board's comments—Reports—

Cultivating the human factor: Employment and skills in Australia's rural industries, December 1994.

Making it work: Women and small business, December 1994.

More than able: People with a disability and small business, 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:

Australian Education Council—National report on schooling in Australia—1993—

Report.

Statistical annex.

Construction Industry Reform and Development Act—Construction Industry Development Agency—Report for period January-June 1994.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Employment and Skills Formation Council, including the Board's comments—Reports—

Cultivating the human factor: Employment and skills in Australia's rural industries, December 1994.

Making it work: Women and small business, December 1994.

More than able: People with a disability and small business, December 1994.

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

15 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Joint House Department—Corporate plan 1995 to 1997.

16 AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS 1945-1995—PROGRESS REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Sciacca (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement giving a progress report on activities under the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 commemoration, and presented the following paper:

Australia Remembers 1945-1995—Progress report—Ministerial statement.

Mr Sciacca moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

17 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—20TH REPORT

Mr Horne (Chair) presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 20TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 8 December 1994, recommends that the following be printed:

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

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Tasmanian Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—Progress report on implementation to December 1993.

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

Australian Horticultural Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Board—3rd report, for 1993-94.

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

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

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

National Residue Survey Administration Act—National Residue Survey—Report for 1993-94.

National Road Transport Commission Act—National Road Transport Commission—Report for 1993-94.

Pig Industry Act—Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 1993-94.

Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

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

Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 1993-94.

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

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 1993-94.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Australian Telecommunications Authority—Competitive Safeguards and Carrier Performance—Report for 1993-94.

War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves, Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 1993-94.

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Mr Horne, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

18 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET CUTS

The House was informed that Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Prime Minister's collaboration with the Finance Minister and the Treasurer in denying the need for substantial Budget cuts while contemplating a major razor gang review of all expenditure, including many basic entitlements".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

19 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Government Whip had nominated Mr Price to serve on the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training for the purpose of the inquiry into truancy and exclusion of some students.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Message No. 406, dated 2 February 1995, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Crimes Act 1914'*".

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

21 PARLIAMENTARY CONTRIBUTORY SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

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.

Debate ensued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 237, dated 3 February 1995, 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 Elliott, the Bill was read a third time.

22 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1994

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the Bill—

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

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION (APPLICATION) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—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 Mrs Crosio, the Bill was read a third time.

24 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION (RENEWAL) LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—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 Mrs Crosio, the Bill was read a third time.

25 IMMIGRATION (EDUCATION) CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1994

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—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 Mrs Crosio, the Bill was read a third time.

26 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 27 February 1995, at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 February 1995:
Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption No. BKFO/003/95.
Defence Act—Determination under section 58B 1995 No. 4.
Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination 1994 No. 4.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Katter.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

No. 121

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 ENVIRONMENT, SPORT AND TERRITORIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 236, dated 19 December 1994, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

3 FAMILY LAW COUNCIL—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 Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 19 October 1994*), viz.:

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1993-94—

Debate resumed.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Snow, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 1 March 1995, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee unless an alternative day or hour is fixed.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee