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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 132

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 1995

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1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL 1994**

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 433

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to provide for the proper use and management of public money, public property and other Commonwealth resources, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN  
 President

The Senate

Canberra, 27 March 1995

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

**SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE**

No. 1—Clause 5, page 3, at end of clause add the following subclauses:

“(2) Subject to subsection (3), each of the following persons is taken to be part of the Agency that administers the appropriation that authorises payment of the person’s remuneration:

- (a) a person employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*;
- (b) a member of the Defence Force;
- (c) an officer, instructor or cadet of the Australian Cadet Corps, the Naval Reserve Cadets or the Air Training Corps.

“(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person while regulations are in force that:

- (a) allocate the person to a Department of State, or a Department of the Parliament, for the purposes of the definition of ‘Agency’ in subsection (1); or
- (b) prescribe the person to be part of an Agency for the purposes of the definition of ‘prescribed Agency’ in subsection (1).”.

No. 2—Clause 36, line 31 (page 14) to line 6 (page 15), omit the clause.

No. 3—Clause 59, page 22, after subclause (1) insert the following subclause:

“(1A) Regulations referred to in subsection (1) must not take effect before the time within which they may be disallowed by each House of the Parliament has expired.”

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), amendments Nos. 1 and 3 were disagreed to.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Mr Elliott moved—That Mr L. J. Scott, Mr M. J. Evans and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to amendments Nos. 1 and 3 of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Elliott, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to amendments Nos. 1 and 3 of the Senate*

The Senate proposed three amendments to this Bill. The House rejects two of the three amendments as being unacceptable.

It is not appropriate to compel the intelligence and security agencies—which have a genuine operational need to function differently to ordinary Commonwealth Departments—to be hamstrung by non-standard disallowance provisions for delegated legislation.

Also, given the technical care that has gone into shaping this Bill, the House believes it is unnecessary to propose an amendment to the General Definitions which would have the effect of including MOPS Act staff, members of the Australian Defence Force or any other officials.

The House reluctantly accepts the amendment that deletes the proposed scheme to reward informants who assist in detecting fraud and theft against the Commonwealth.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the committee’s reasons were adopted.

**3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES AND COMPANIES BILL 1994**

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 434

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to provide reporting, accountability and other rules for Commonwealth authorities and Commonwealth companies, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN  
President

The Senate  
Canberra, 27 March 1995

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Clause 45, page 20, after subclause (1) insert the following subclause:

“(1A) Regulations referred to in subsection (1) must not take effect before the time within which they may be disallowed by each House of the Parliament has expired.”.

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the amendment was disagreed to.

Mr Elliott moved—That Mr L. J. Scott, Mr M. J. Evans and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Elliott, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate*

The Senate made one amendment to this Bill. The amendment addresses provisions in the Act concerning the intelligence and security agencies. The House rejects that amendment for the following reasons.

The Senate has sought to depart from the accepted process for delegated legislation and, in so doing, has placed at risk the ability of the intelligence and security agencies to undertake their operational tasks with financial surety.

The House rejects the proposition that regulations exempting these agencies from the requirements of the CAC Act should not take effect until after the period of disallowance.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the committee's reasons were adopted.

#### 4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUDITOR-GENERAL BILL 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 435

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to provide for the appointment of an Auditor-General, to set out the functions of the Auditor-General, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN  
President

The Senate

Canberra, 27 March 1995

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

#### SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 5, page 2, before definition of “**Minister**” insert the following definition: “ ‘**Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit**’ means the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit established under the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*;”.

No. 2—After clause 8, page 3, insert the following clause:

**Auditor-General and Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit**

“8A. The Auditor-General should, so far as is practicable:

- (a) have regard to audit priorities advised by the Committee in accordance with paragraph 8(1)(h) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*; and
- (b) have regard to any reports of the Committee made in accordance with paragraph 8(1)(j) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*.”.

No. 3—Clause 14, page 4, subclause (2), lines 24 to 27, omit the subclause, substitute the following subclause:

“(2) The Auditor-General may at any time conduct a performance audit of a Commonwealth authority that is a GBE or any of its subsidiaries.”.

No. 4—Clause 15, page 5, subclause (2), lines 1 to 5, omit the subclause, substitute the following subclause:

“(2) The Auditor-General may at any time conduct a performance audit of a Commonwealth company that is a GBE (other than a GBE accepted by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit as a GBE with significant private sector financial ownership) or any of its subsidiaries.”.

No. 5—Clause 16, page 5, subclause (4), definition of “**Commonwealth public sector**”, lines 27 and 28, after “GBEs” (twice occurring) insert “accepted by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit as GBEs with significant private sector financial ownership”.

No. 6—Clause 17, page 5, after proposed subclause (3) insert the following subclause:

“(3A) A person to whom the Auditor-General gives a copy of a report under this section must not disclose the information contained in the report in any manner other than as may be necessary in the consideration of the report or the preparation of comments on the report.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.”.

No. 7—Clause 27, page 8, at end of clause add the following subclause:

“(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any law relating to the powers, privileges and immunities of a House of the Parliament, its members or committees.”.

No. 8—Clause 28, page 8, paragraph (b), line 13, omit “22 or”.

No. 9—Clause 34, page 10, paragraph (1)(b), line 33, after “the Attorney-General” insert “, after consulting with the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit,”.

No. 10—Clause 34, page 11, paragraph (2)(f), lines 9 to 11, omit the paragraph.

No. 11—Clause 34, page 11, after subclause (2) insert the following subclause:

“(2A) A certificate issued under paragraph (1)(b) must be laid before each House of the Parliament within 5 sitting days after the day it is issued by the Attorney-General.”.

No. 12—Clause 34, page 11, at end of subclause (3) add “and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit”.

No. 13—Clause 34, page 11, subclause (4), definition of “**public report**”, lines 20 and 21, omit “tabled in either House of the Parliament”, substitute “published”.

No. 14—After clause 39, page 12, insert the following clause:

**Independent Auditor and Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit**

“39A. The Independent Auditor should, so far as is practicable, have regard to the audit priorities advised by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit in accordance with paragraph 8(1)(i) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*.”.

No. 15—Clause 51, page 14, after subclause (1) insert the following subclause:

“(1A) Regulations referred to in subsection (1) must not take effect before the time within which they may be disallowed by each House of the Parliament has expired.”.

No. 16—Schedule 1, page 16, subitem 1(2), omit the subitem, substitute the following subitems:

“(2) A person is not to be appointed as Auditor-General until:

- (a) a proposal that the person be appointed has been referred to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit under section 8A of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951* and the proposed recommendation has obtained the approval of at least a two-thirds majority of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit; and
- (b) either the period that the Committee has under that section to veto the proposed appointment has ended without the Committee having vetoed the proposed appointment or the Committee notifies the Minister that it has decided not to veto the proposed appointment.

“(2A) A person may be proposed for appointment on more than one occasion.”.

No. 17—Schedule 2, page 19, subitem 1(2), omit the subitem, substitute the following subitems:

“(2) A person is not to be appointed as Independent Auditor of the Australian National Audit Office until:

- (a) a proposal that the person be appointed has been referred to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit under section 8A of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951* and the proposed recommendation has obtained the approval of at least a two-thirds majority of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit; and
- (b) either the period that the Committee has under that section to veto the proposed appointment has ended without the Committee having vetoed the proposed appointment or the Committee notifies the Minister that it has decided not to veto the proposed appointment.

“(2A) A person may be proposed for appointment on more than one occasion.”.

No. 18—Schedule 2, page 19, subitem 1(4), omit “Joint Committee of Public Accounts”, substitute “Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit”.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 66

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

NOES, 58

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Elliott moved—That Mr Price, Mr M. J. Evans and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Elliott, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate*

The Senate requested a total of 18 amendments to this Bill. They generally fall into four categories:

- (i) those that seek to formalise the role of the Auditor-General through creating the Audit Committee of the Parliament;
- (ii) those that propose a broader role for the Auditor-General in respect of GBEs;
- (iii) those that create a risk for national security; and
- (iv) unnecessary amendments.

The House believes it is undesirable to foster, by statute, a dependency by the Auditor-General on a single parliamentary committee.

The notion that GBEs should be subject to the same kind of performance audit as government departments is rejected by the House. Both the Parliament and the public can glean substantive information about the performance of a GBE from that enterprise's financial statement which is also audited by the Auditor-General or from a GBE's performance in the market place.

The House believes it would be inappropriate to require a range of disclosures of sensitive information, including security information, of matters which the Auditor-General would not provide in a public report. The House also rejects the imposition of non-standard disallowance procedures to regulations under this Act which would affect the operations of the intelligence and security agencies.

The House also finds it unacceptable that the Auditor-General should be cast in the role of "Parliamentary Inquisitor" with force of law to obtain information about any person and access any documents at the direction of the Parliament.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the committee's reasons were adopted.

**5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUDIT (TRANSITIONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 436

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to deal with transitional and consequential matters arising from the repeal of the 'Audit Act 1901' and the enactment of the 'Auditor-General Act 1995', the 'Financial Management and Accountability Act 1995' and the 'Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1995', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN  
President

The Senate

Canberra, 27 March 1995

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Schedule, page 9, after item 51 insert the following items:

**“51A. Subsection 192W(1):**

Omit ‘fund’, substitute ‘reserve’.

**51B. Subsections 192W(2) to (5):**

Omit the subsections, substitute:

‘(2) The Land Fund is a component of the Reserved Money Fund.

‘(3) So far as practicable, money in the Land Fund that is not required for the purpose of making payments out of the Land Fund must be invested under section 40 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1995*.

‘(4) If income is received by the Commonwealth from the investment of money from the Land Fund, an amount equal to the income must be transferred to the Land Fund from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.’.

**51C. Section 193F:**

Repeal the section.

**51D. Paragraph 193G(1)(b):**

Omit the paragraph, substitute:

‘(b) any person to whom the Finance Minister has delegated powers conferred on the Finance Minister by section 40 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1995*, in so far as those powers relate to the Land Fund; and’.

**51E. Subsection 193G(1) (note):**

Omit the note.

**51F. Section 193K:**

Repeal the section, substitute:

**Modifications of Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act**

‘193K.(1) Subsection 18(3) of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1995* does not apply to the Indigenous Land Corporation.

‘(2) The annual report of the Indigenous Land Corporation under section 9 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1995* must include such additional information (if any) as is specified in the regulations under this Act.

‘(3) Division 2 of Part 3 (except section 10) of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1995* applies as if the first category A year were a financial year.’.”.

No. 2—Schedule, page 10, heading to item 52, omit “193”, substitute “193V”.

No. 3—Schedule, page 17, item 120, omit the item.

No. 4—Schedule, page 18, item 133, omit the item, substitute the following item:

**“133. Section 78:**

Add at the end:

‘(7) Without limiting subsection (6), section 28 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1995* does not apply in relation to the Corporation.’.”.



No. 5—Schedule, page 42, after item 353 insert the following item:

**“353A. Paragraph 53(c):**

Omit ‘appropriated out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund’, substitute ‘required to be transferred to the Reserve’.”.

No. 6—Schedule, page 86, item 736, omit the item, substitute the following items:

**“736. Wherever occurring:**

Omit ‘Joint Committee of Public Accounts’, substitute ‘Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit’.

**736A. Section 5:**

Repeal the section, substitute:

**Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit**

‘5.(1) As soon as is practicable after the commencement of the first session of each Parliament, a joint committee of 16 members of the Parliament, to be known as the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, is to be appointed according to the practice of the Parliament with reference to the appointment of members to serve on joint select committees of both Houses of the Parliament.

‘(2) Subject to subsection (4), five members of the Committee must be members of, and must be appointed by, the Senate, and 10 members of the Committee must be members of, and must be appointed by, the House of Representatives.

‘(3) If there are minority groups or independents in the Parliament, one member of the Committee is to be a member of the Parliament nominated by such minority groups or independents.

‘(4) If there are no minority groups or independents in the Parliament, six members of the Committee must be members of, and appointed by, the Senate.

‘(5) Each member is to hold office during the pleasure of the House by which he or she was appointed.

‘(6) Either House of the Parliament may appoint one of its members to fill a vacancy amongst the members of the Committee appointed by that House.

‘(7) Each member ceases to hold office when the House of Representatives expires by effluxion of time or is dissolved.

‘(8) At any time at which:

(a) there is constituted a Standing Committee of the House of Representatives known as the Expenditure Committee; and

(b) the chairman of that Committee is not a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit by virtue of an appointment under subsection (2);

that chairman must, by virtue of his office as Chairman of the Expenditure Committee, be a member of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit in addition to the members referred to in subsection (1), but is not eligible to be elected as chairman of the last-mentioned Committee.’.

**736B. Subsection 8(1):**

Omit the subsection, substitute:

**Duties of the Committee**

‘8.(1) Subject to subsection (2), the duties of the Committee are:

- (a) to examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Commonwealth including the financial statements transmitted to the Auditor-General under subsections 50(1) and 56(2) of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1995*; and
- (b) to examine the financial affairs of authorities of the Commonwealth to which this Act applies and of intergovernmental bodies to which this Act applies; and
- (c) to examine all reports of the Auditor-General (including reports of the results of performance audits), copies of which have been laid before the Houses of the Parliament; and
- (d) to report to both Houses of the Parliament, with such comment as it thinks fit, on any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Parliament should be directed; and
- (e) to report to both Houses of the Parliament any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts or in the method of keeping them or in the mode of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys; and
- (f) to inquire into any question in connection with the public accounts which is referred to it by either House of the Parliament, and to report to that House upon that question; and
- (g) to report to the Parliament each year on the annual budget estimates of the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO); and
- (h) to advise the Auditor-General on the audit priorities of the Parliament; and
- (i) to advise the Independent Auditor of the ANAO on the audit priorities of the Parliament in respect of audits of the ANAO; and
- (j) to report to both Houses of the Parliament on any matters arising out of the Committee’s consideration of ANAO resources, reports of the Independent Auditor on operations of the ANAO, or other matters relating to the performance of the Auditor-General’s functions which the Committee considers should be drawn to the attention of the Parliament; and
- (k) to prepare a report each year for presentation to both Houses of the Parliament on the exercise of its functions; and
- (l) to review the operations of the ANAO;

and include such other duties as are assigned to the Committee by Joint Standing Orders approved by both Houses of the Parliament.

‘(1A) Subsection (1) should not be read as authorising the Committee to direct the activities of the Auditor-General or the Independent Auditor of the ANAO.’.”

No. 7—Schedule, page 86, after item 736 insert the following item:

**“736C. After section 8:**

Insert:

**Power to veto proposed appointments of Auditor-General or Independent Auditor**

‘8A.(1) The Minister is to refer a proposal to appoint a person as:

- (a) Auditor-General; or
- (b) Independent Auditor of the ANAO;

to the Committee and the Committee is empowered to veto the proposed appointment as provided by this section. The Minister may withdraw a referral at any time.

‘(2) The proposed appointment is vetoed if it is not supported by at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Committee.

‘(3) The Committee has 14 days after the proposed appointment is referred to it to veto the proposal and has a further 30 days (after the initial 14 days) to veto the proposal if it notifies the Minister within that 14 days that it requires more time to consider the matter.

‘(4) The Committee is to notify the Minister, within the time that it has to veto a proposed appointment, whether or not it vetoes it.

‘(5) A referral or notification under this section is to be in writing.

‘(6) To avoid doubt it is declared that the Committee is to report to the Parliament whether it has vetoed a proposed appointment.

‘(7) In this section, “**Minister**” means the Minister for the time being administering the *Auditor-General Act 1995*.’.”

No. 8—Schedule, page 99, heading to amendment of the *Taxation (Interest on Overpayments) Act 1983* after “*Overpayments*”, insert “*and Early Payments*”.

No. 9—Schedule, page 103, heading to item 896, omit “**Paragraph 33(b)**”, substitute “**Paragraphs 33(b) and (c)**”.

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), amendments Nos. 1 to 5 and 8 and 9 were agreed to.

Mr Elliott moved—That amendments Nos. 6 and 7 be disagreed to.

Question—put.

## The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 59

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Elliott moved—That Mr Price, Mr M. J. Evans and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to amendments Nos. 6 and 7 of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Elliott, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to amendments Nos. 6 and 7 of the Senate*

It was intended that this Bill would primarily be of a machinery nature. The Senate has, however, sought to include, via amendment, a major policy change in regard to the way Parliament does business.

In requesting a consequential amendment to the Public Accounts Committee Act to make that Committee the Audit Committee of the Parliament, the Senate has done a disservice to the Parliament. The effect of the amendment would be to have one committee have two roles in relation to the Auditor-General which are incompatible. The first would have the Auditor-General, in effect, receive instructions from the Committee and the second would have the Auditor-General judged by the Committee; this would have the potential to undermine the independence of the Auditor-General.

The original JCPA Report No. 296 on the audit function had correctly identified the appropriate roles for separate committees. The House, therefore, rejects the amendment. The House has no difficulty supporting an Audit Committee of the Parliament, separate from the JCPA, and chaired by a Presiding Officer.

On the motion of Mr Elliott, the committee's reasons were adopted.

## 6 CORPORATIONS LAW (SECURITIES AND FUTURES) AMENDMENT 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 Ruddock, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill, the House deplores the manner in which the Government and the Attorney-General have handled the Bill to date, and in particular condemns:

- (1) the inappropriate provisions contained in the Bill for facilitating the ASX's desire to trade share ratios;
- (2) the initial attempt to pass the amendments without consultation;
- (3) the Government's clear inability to come to grips with the regulation of derivatives in Australia; and
- (4) the Attorney-General's administrative bungling of the proposed legislation”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 57

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved*

Mr Ruddock moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Berowra from moving a motion to refer the following matter to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities for consideration and an advisory report, namely, whether the collapse of Barings Plc requires that the Corporations Law (Securities and Futures) Amendment Bill 1994 should be amended.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 58

Mr Abbott	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr R.D.C.Evans	Mr Mack	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Connolly	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Costello	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

## NOES, 70

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negated.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

#### 7 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (DROUGHT RELIEF MEASURES) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Tuckey 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.

#### 8 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport and Minister for Industrial Relations), Mr Beazley would answer questions on behalf of Mr Brereton in the transport portfolio, Mr Johns (Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations) would answer questions relating to industrial relations and Mr Baldwin (Minister for Social Security) would answer questions relating to the environment, sport and territories portfolio.

#### 9 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH

Mr Reith raised, as a matter of privilege, the content of articles in an Australian Associated Press report of 28 March 1995 and in the *Australian, Herald Sun* and *Sydney Morning Herald* of 29 March 1995, which attributed remarks to Mr Keating (Prime Minister) relating to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker and the performance of their duties.

Mr Reith produced copies of the articles and an extract from the *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987*.

The Acting Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House at a later time.

## 10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

## 11 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Review of Auditor-General's audit report No. 20 of 1992-93—Efficiency audit: Northern Land Council—Report, 29 April 1994—Government response.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 1993-94.

Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Child Support Scheme: An examination of the operation and effectiveness of the scheme—Report, November 1994—Interim government response.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—An island tiger: An unofficial visit to Taiwan, 22-28 May 1994—Report, June 1994—Government response.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—2nd report, for 1993-94.

## 12 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Review of Auditor-General's audit report No. 20 of 1992-93—Efficiency audit: Northern Land Council—Report, 29 April 1994—Government response.

Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee—Child Support Scheme: An examination of the operation and effectiveness of the scheme—Report, November 1994—Interim government response.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—An island tiger: An unofficial visit to Taiwan, 22-28 May 1994—Report, June 1994—Government response.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—2nd report, for 1993-94.

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

## 13 STANDING COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed of the nominations by the Chief Opposition Whip of Members to be members of the following standing committees:

*Community Affairs:*

Mr Cameron in place of Mr Dobie.



*Employment, Education and Training:*

Mr Georgiou for the purpose of the inquiry into the non-attendance at schools by young people under the age of 15 years.

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 437, dated 28 March 1995, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Abetz had been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in place of Senator Tierney, discharged.

**15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC CONCERN IN HEALTH**

The House was informed that Dr Wooldridge had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to address the major issues of public concern in health, as shown by public hospital waiting lists, access to health care, and a lack of positive outcomes in health programs".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Wooldridge addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

*Papers:* Dr Lawrence (Minister for Human Services and Health), by leave, presented the following papers:

Hospital expenditure—

Expenditure of States own funds for hospital services, 1989-90 to 1993-94—Table.

Real growth trends in hospital expenditure—Commonwealth and all States, 1988-89 to 1993-94—Graph.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

**16 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to redevelopment of Defence office accommodation, Russell, ACT (3rd report of 1995).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr Chynoweth, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**18 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Punch (Minister representing the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to defence, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**19 MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the Australian meat and live-stock industry. Bill read a first time.

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

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

**20 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK (QUOTAS) AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**21 MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal certain legislation relating to the Australian meat and live-stock industry, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**22 BEEF PRODUCTION LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Beef Production Levy Act 1990*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**23 LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**24 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**25 CATTLE TRANSACTION LEVY BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on certain transactions and other dealings involving cattle, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**26 CATTLE EXPORT CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Cattle Export Charge Act 1990*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**27 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Residue Survey Administration Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**28 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CATTLE EXPORT) LEVY BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to impose National Residue Survey Levy in respect of the export of cattle from Australia.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**29 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CATTLE TRANSACTIONS) LEVY BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to impose National Residue Survey Levy in respect of certain transactions and other dealings involving cattle.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**30 NATIONAL CATTLE DISEASE ERADICATION TRUST ACCOUNT AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**31 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEVIES AND CHARGES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**32 EXOTIC ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Exotic Animal Disease Control Act 1989*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**33 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**

Ordered—That notice No. 6, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

**34 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995**

Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**35 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995**

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to human services and health, 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.

**36 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (DROUGHT RELIEF MEASURES) BILL 1995**

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 Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

**37 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

Message No. 438, dated 29 March 1995, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘National Health Act 1953’, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

*Paper:* Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**38 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

29 March 1995—Message—

No. 439—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1994-95.

No. 440—Appropriation (No. 3) 1994-95 (*without requests*).

No. 441—Appropriation (No. 4) 1994-95.

**39 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Clothing—List of labels reported to be producing clothes by using outworkers.

Debated continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 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 29 March 1995:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Statements under sections—

40—1995 No. 1.

127C—1995 No. 1.

127G—1995 No. 1.

Fisheries Management Act—Plan of management—Direction No. NPF01.

Health Insurance Act—Statement under section 106AA (Dr Evangelos Angelos), 29 March 1995.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements under section—

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125.

National Health Act—

Declarations 1995 Nos. PB 3, PB 4.

Determination 1995 No. PB 5.

Social Security Act—Social Security (Approved Visas) Determination No. 2.

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Filing, Mr Gorman, Mr Holding, Mr Keating, Mr McLeay, Mr Martin, Mr Rocher, Mr Sawford and Mr Somlyay.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 132

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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 1995**

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- 1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 10.10 a.m.
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*Suspension of sitting:* At 10.10 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 10.20 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

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- 2 **SHIPPING IN AND AROUND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF—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 Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 7 March 1995*), viz.:

Shipping in and around the Great Barrier Reef—Ministerial statement by Mr Brereton (Minister for Transport)—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting:* At 10.41 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 10.42 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

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Debate continued.

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

**3 BANKING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF AUSTRALIA'S TAXATION REGIME ON THE TOURISM INDUSTRY—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 Simmons—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 27 March 1995*), viz.:

Banking, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Taxing relaxing: Report on the inquiry into the impact of Australia's taxation regime on the tourism industry, 9 March 1995—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting:* At 11.51 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 12.04 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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*Suspension of sitting:* At 12.19 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting:* At 12.31 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Snowdon—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the Main Committee adjourned at 1 p.m. The Chair reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed tomorrow at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the Main Committee