

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 140

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 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 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Construction of a multi-level carpark for the Federal Airports Corporation at Melbourne Airport (7th report of 1995).

Housing development at HMAS *Coonawarra*, NT (8th report of 1995).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

3 TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—PAPERS

Mr P. F. Morris (Chair), by leave, presented the following papers:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 1995 and Air Services Bill 1995—Advisory report, 11 May 1995—Minutes of proceedings.

4 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 5 and 6 (1995).

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

5 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) 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. 273, dated 4 April 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill :

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Clause 3, page 2, at the end of the clause add:

“(7) The *Qantas Sale Act 1992* is amended in accordance with Schedule 8.

“(8) The *Aerospace Technologies of Australia Limited Sale Act 1994* is amended in accordance with Schedule 9.”.

After Schedule 7, page 46, add:

“SCHEDULE 8

Subsection 3(7)

AMENDMENT OF THE QANTAS SALE ACT 1992

1. Subsection 34(1):

Omit ‘section 139’, substitute ‘Division 3 of Part IX’.

“SCHEDULE 9

Subsection 3(8)

AMENDMENT OF THE AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED SALE ACT 1994

1. Subsection 8(1):

Omit ‘section 139’, substitute ‘Division 3 of Part IX’.”.

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

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Tickner, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1995-96—BUDGET DEBATE

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.

Mrs Bishop 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

Mr Keating (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Lump sum superannuation benefits—Impact on employee on average weekly ordinary time earnings (AWOTE) working from 2002-03 to 2041-42—Table.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—Report for 1993-94—

Volume 1—Overview reports.

Volume 2—Reports on programs and recommendations.

Provision for running costs borrowings—

Statements for March and April 1995.

Supporting applications for issues from the provision during March and April 1995.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Implementation of Commonwealth Government responses to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—Report for 1993-94—

Volume 1—Overview reports.

Volume 2—Reports on programs and recommendations.

Provision for running costs borrowings—

Statements for March and April 1995.

Supporting applications for issues from the provision during March and April 1995.

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

11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the matter of public importance being discussed after the receipt of reports from the Main Committee and notice No. 1, government business.

Question—put and passed.

12 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

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

Appropriation (No. 1) 1995-96;

Appropriation (No. 2) 1995-96; and

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1995-96.

Question—put and passed.

13 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 1995 had been fully considered in the Main Committee, Governor-General's messages recommending appropriations had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to with amendments, and an amended title (*see item No. 2, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments and amended title made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1995 had been fully considered in the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL CARE STUDY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER— MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Dr Lawrence (Minister for Human Services and Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a study of Australian hospital care, and presented the following papers:

Australian hospital care study—

History and methodology.

Ministerial statement, 1 June 1995.

Dr Wooldridge, by leave, also made a statement on the matter.

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

16 AUSTRALIAN SECRET INTELLIGENCE SERVICE—REPORT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Bilney (Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented the following papers:

Australian Secret Intelligence Service—Commission of Inquiry—

Government response, 1 June 1995.

Report—Public edition, March 1995—

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Bilney, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Downer speaking for a period not exceeding 25 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Downer addressed the House.

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

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5.50 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 June 1995:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1995 No. 10.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B 1995 Nos. 16, 17, 18.

Fisheries Management Act—Plans of management—Directions 1995 Nos. NPFD 02, NPFD 03, NPFD 04, NPFD 05, NPFD 06, NPFD 07, NPFD 08.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1995 Nos. 126, LES 13, LES 14, LES 15, LES 16.

Superannuation Act 1976—Determinations under section 238 1995 Nos. 9, 10, 11.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baldwin, Mr Beddall, Mr Dobie, Mr Gibson, Mr Gorman, Mr Grace, Mr Hicks, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr Kerr, Mr Langmore, Mr Lavarch, Ms McHugh, Mr Punch, Mr Tuckey and Mr Woods.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1993-94-95

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS****No. 140****MAIN COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 1995**

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

Messages from the Governor-General: The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 270, dated 6 April 1995, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 271, dated 29 May 1995, recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Amendment—

Clause 3, page 2, line 8, omit “Schedules 1 to 5”, substitute “Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 5A”.

New schedule—

After Schedule 5 insert the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 5A

Section 3

**AMENDMENT OF THE SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND
COMPENSATION ACT 1988****1. Subsection 6A(2):**

Omit the subsection, substitute:

‘(2) If, at any time, whether before, on, or after, 1 December 1988:

- (a) an employee to whom this section applies received or receives medical treatment paid for by the Commonwealth; and
- (b) as an unintended consequence of that treatment the person suffered or suffers an injury;

the injury to the employee is taken to have arisen out of, or in the course of, the person’s employment, whether or not the person has remained an employee to whom this section applies.’”.

Amendment—

Title, page 1, after “**relating to defence**” insert “**and the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988**”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments and with an amended title.

3 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bevis (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) 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. 272, dated 13 March 1995, 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 Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

4 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMERCIALISATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR OPERATIONS—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 L. J. Scott—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 11 May 1995*), viz.:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 336—Public business in the public interest: An inquiry into commercialisation in the Commonwealth public sector—

Debate resumed.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Crawford (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development), the Main Committee adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Monday, 5 June 1995, at 12.45 p.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee