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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 142

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 1995

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—DISABLED ACCESS RAMP AND HANDRAILS ON WEST BLOCK OFFICES, PARKES, ACT—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL**

Ms Crawford (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing and Regional Development), for Mr Howe (Minister for Housing and Regional Development), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 31 May 1995, namely: A disabled access ramp and handrails on West Block offices, Parkes, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

3 **LOAN 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 275, dated 29 May 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 Gear (Assistant Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

4 **DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS**

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, declared that the Medicare Levy Amendment Bill 1995 and the Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment Bill 1995 were cognate Bills.

5 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT 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 Lieberman 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.

6 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Brereton (Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Transport) and Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), Mr Johns (Special Minister of State and Assistant Minister for Industrial Relations) would answer questions on behalf of Mr Brereton and Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General) would answer questions on behalf of Mr Kerr.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Dr Lawrence (Minister for Human Services and Health) presented the following paper:

Hospital expenditure—Growth—Commonwealth and Western Australia—1988-89 to 1993-94—Graph.

Questions without notice continued.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 29 of 1994-95—Project audit—Energy management in Defence; Preliminary study—ANZAC Ship Project contract amendments; Preliminary study—Overseas visits by Defence officers; Preliminary study—National Landcare Program.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 29 of 1994-95; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Antarctic Foundation—Report for 1993-94.

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

Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 1995—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Government responses to reports—

Ready or not: Refining the process for election '93—Conduct of the 1990 federal election, Part II, and preparations for the next federal election, December 1992.

The conduct of elections: New boundaries for cooperation, September 1992.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—ANL Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—The use of the Coat of Arms: Armed with national pride—Report, December 1994—Government response.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1994.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

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

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Government responses to reports—

Ready or not: Refining the process for election '93—Conduct of the 1990 federal election, Part II, and preparations for the next federal election, December 1992.

The conduct of elections: New boundaries for cooperation, September 1992.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—ANL Limited—Report for 1993-94.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—The use of the Coat of Arms: Armed with national pride—Report, December 1994—Government response.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1994.

Debate adjourned (Mr Costello—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 JOINT COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

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

Certain Family Law Issues—Joint Select Committee:

Mr M. J. Evans in place of Mr L. J. Scott.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee:

Mr Horne and Mr L. J. Scott.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT

The House was informed that Mrs Gallus had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs to administer the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* in a fair, just and transparent way".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mrs Gallus addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1995-96—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1995-96 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1995-96—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1995-96 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1995-96—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1995-96 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jenkins (Chair) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 19 June 1995.

18 REFURBISHMENT OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE, LONDON—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), for Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Refurbishment of Australia House, London.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

19 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

(1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

Aircraft Noise Levy 1995;

Aircraft Noise Levy Collection 1995;

- Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment 1995;
 Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Amendment 1995;
 Beef Production Levy Amendment 1995;
 Cattle Transaction Levy 1995;
 Cattle Export Charges Amendment 1995;
 Exotic Animal Disease Control Amendment 1995;
 Live-stock Export Charge Amendment 1995;
 Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment 1995;
 Meat and Live-stock Industry 1995;
 Meat and Live-stock Industry Legislation Repeal 1995;
 National Residue Survey Administration Amendment 1995;
 National Residue Survey (Cattle Export) Levy 1995;
 National Residue Survey (Cattle Transactions) Levy 1995;
 National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account Amendment 1995; and
 Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment 1995; and
 (2) the following orders of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:
 Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report on the role and effectiveness of group training—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate; and
 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on aspects of youth homelessness—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

20 MEDICARE LEVY 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.

The House divided (the Second Deputy Speaker, Mr Rocher, in the Chair)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.

21 FRINGE BENEFITS TAX AMENDMENT 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Gear, the Bill was read a third time.

22 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, declared that the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Modification (Excise) Bill 1995, the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Modification (Customs) Bill 1995 and the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Modification (General) Bill 1995 were cognate Bills.

23 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) MODIFICATION (EXCISE) 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.

24 ADJOURNMENT

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

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 June 1995:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1995 No. 12.

Lands Acquisition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1995 No. 110.

Public Service Act—Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination 1995 No. 2.

Road Transport Reform (Vehicles and Traffic) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1995 No. 123.

Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1995 No. 111.

Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act—Declaration under section 9 1995 No. 1.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Dobie, Mr Gibson, Mr Grace, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Kerr, Mr Reith and Mr L. J. Scott.



L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 142

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 12.45 p.m.

2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1995-96**

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Communications and the Arts, \$1 164 888 000—

Department of Tourism, \$104 551 000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Industry, Science and Technology, \$1 443 914 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$468 502 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$2 333 921 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$630 930 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$10 516 267 000—debated and agreed to.

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

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1995-96

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

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

4 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1995-96

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

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

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.55 p.m.

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

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the Main Committee