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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 147

WEDNESDAY, 21 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 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Ferguson presented the following papers:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Protecting the vulnerable?: The Migration Agents Registration Scheme—

Report, May 1995.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Ferguson, Mr Ruddock and Mr Sinclair, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

3 BANKRUPTCY 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.

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 Member for Berowra from moving a motion to refer the Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 1995 to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for inquiry and report as soon as possible.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 68

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Amendments—

Clause 49, page 17, paragraph (a), lines 33 and 34, omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(a) by omitting subsection (1) and substituting:

‘(1) Before accepting a declaration presented by a debtor under section 54A, the Official Receiver must give the debtor the information prescribed by the regulations.’”

Clause 54, page 18, line 34, after proposed subsection 55(3) insert the following subsection:

“(3AA) Before accepting a debtor’s petition, the Official Receiver must give the debtor the information prescribed by the regulations.”

Clause 55, page 21, line 22, after proposed subsection 56B(4) insert the following subsection:

“(5) Before accepting a debtor’s petition against a partnership, the Official Receiver must give the information prescribed by the regulations to each member of the partnership who joined in presenting the petition.”.

Clause 56, page 24, line 25, after proposed subsection 57(3) insert the following subsection:

“(3AA) Before accepting a debtor’s petition against joint debtors, the Official Receiver must give each petitioning debtor the information prescribed by the regulations.”.

New clauses—

After clause 57, page 26, insert the following new clause:

Definitions

“57A. Section 63A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (b) of the definition of ‘joint bankruptcy’ in subsection (1) ‘56’ and substituting ‘56E’.”.

After clause 58, page 26, insert the following new clause:

Agenda to be set out in notice of meeting

“58A. Section 64G of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (1) ‘his or her remuneration to be fixed by the Registrar’ and substituting ‘to be remunerated as prescribed by the regulations’.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

4 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS

Mr Johns (Special Minister of State), by leave, declared that the Overseas Missions (Privileges and Immunities) Bill 1995 and the Overseas Missions (Privileges and Immunities) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1995 were cognate Bills.

5 OVERSEAS MISSIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Johns (Special Minister of State) 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 Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

6 OVERSEAS MISSIONS (PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General) 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 Duncan, the Bill was read a third time.

7 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

On the motion of Mr Walker, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Schedule 1—

Page 3, omit item 3, substitute:

“3. Subsection 7A(1):

Omit the subsection, substitute:

‘(1) Subject to this section, the Commission may make arrangements for the supply of goods or services to any person or body. The arrangements that may be made by the Commission include an arrangement under which an authorised person enters into an agreement, on behalf of the Commonwealth, for the supply of goods or services to a person or body. For this purpose, “**authorised person**” means a person who is authorised in writing by the Commission to enter into agreements under this subsection.’.

Note: The heading to section 7A is replaced by the heading ‘**Supply of goods and services**’.’.

Page 3, omit item 6, substitute:

“6. Section 7B:

Omit ‘the Commission may charge fair and reasonable fees for the goods and services that it provides’, substitute ‘reasonable fees may be charged for goods or services supplied under section 7A’.

Note: The heading to section 7B is replaced by the heading ‘**Fees for goods and services**’.’.

Page 4, after item 10 insert:

“10A. After subsection 91(9):

Insert:

‘(9A) A tape or disk containing information that discloses particulars of the sex of electors may be provided by the Electoral Commission to a person or organisation that:

- (a) conducts medical research; or
- (b) provides a health screening program.’.

10B. Subsection 91A(1):

Omit ‘or (5A)’, substitute ‘, (5A) or (9A)’.’.

Page 8, after item 43 insert:

“43A. Subsection 265(2):

Omit ‘or DRO’, substitute ‘, DRO or Australian Electoral Officer’.

43B. Subsection 273(1):

Omit the subsection, substitute:

‘(1) In a Senate election for a particular State or Territory, the scrutiny must be conducted, and the vacancies filled:

- (a) under section 273A, if that section applies; or
- (b) otherwise, under this section.’

43C. After section 273:

Insert:

Computerised scrutiny of votes in Senate election*Determination that computerised scrutiny applies*

‘273A.(1) This section applies to the scrutiny in a Senate election for a particular State or Territory if the Electoral Commissioner, before polling day, makes a written determination that this section applies to the scrutiny of votes for that State or Territory.

Processing of ballot-papers by Assistant Returning Officers

‘(2) Each Assistant Returning Officer must deal with ballot-boxes and ballot-papers in the manner required by subsection 273(2).

Processing of ballot-papers by Divisional Returning Officers

‘(3) Each Divisional Returning Officer must deal as follows with all ballot-papers received by him or her:

- (a) reject any of the wholly above-the-line ballot-papers that are informal and arrange the unrejected ones into parcels by placing under the name of each candidate all the ballot-papers on which a first preference is indicated for that candidate;
- (b) reject any informal ballot-papers that have no mark at all on them, and any other ballot-papers that are obviously informal, and place the rejected ballot-papers in one or more parcels;
- (c) place in a parcel or parcels all the ballot-papers received by the Divisional Returning Officer, other than:
 - (i) the unrejected wholly above-the-line ballot-papers; and
 - (ii) the ballot-papers rejected as informal;
- (d) seal up all the parcels and endorse on each parcel a description of the contents, and permit any scrutineers present, if they so desire, to countersign the endorsement;
- (e) as soon as possible, transmit the parcels or parcels referred to in paragraph (c) to the Australian Electoral Officer;
- (f) transmit the following information to the Australian Electoral Officer:
 - (i) the number of first preference votes given for each candidate on unrejected wholly above-the-line ballot-papers;
 - (ii) the total number of ballot-papers rejected as informal.

Processing of ballot-papers received by Australian Electoral Officer

‘(4) The Australian Electoral Officer must scrutinise all the ballot-papers received by him or her, and must reject the informal ones.

Determining election result

'(5) The Australian Electoral Officer must then ascertain the successful candidates, and their order of election, by using a computer to apply the principles set out in subsections 273(8) to (32) (inclusive). A tie at any step in the process is to be resolved in the same way as a tie in the corresponding step is resolved under section 273.

Rights of scrutineers

'(6) For proceedings under subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the requirements of paragraph 265(1)(c) are met if the scrutineers have access to:

- (a) a record of the preferences on the ballot-papers that have been received by the Australian Electoral Officer and whose details have been stored in the computer (including informal ballot-papers, and formal ballot-papers that are not sequentially numbered); and
- (b) a record of the ballot-papers that are notionally transferred, or exhausted, at each count; and
- (c) a record of the progress of the count of the votes, at each count.

Modified rules for re-count

'(7) If ballot-papers that are to be re-counted under section 278 are in the possession of the Australian Electoral Officer immediately before the re-count begins, the Australian Electoral Officer must deal with those ballot-papers as follows:

- (a) open the parcels (for those ballot-papers that are in parcels) in the presence of an officer of the Australian Public Service and of any scrutineer who attends;
- (b) scrutinise all the ballot-papers, and make a decision on each one either to admit it or reject it;
- (c) after scrutinising all the ballot-papers, restore the ones that were in parcels to their original covers, and place the remaining ballot-papers in a parcel or parcels;
- (d) seal up all the parcels and write on each cover:
 - (i) the number of ballot-papers contained in the cover; and
 - (ii) a statement that all the ballot-papers have been the subject of decisions by the Australian Electoral Officer;
- (e) sign the cover of each parcel and permit other persons who were present when the ballot-papers were scrutinised to add their signatures.

'(8) If:

- (a) a re-calculation by computer occurs following a re-count; and
- (b) during the re-calculation, the same tie that occurred on the previous calculation by computer occurs again;

for the purposes of the re-calculation that tie is to be resolved in the favour of the candidate in whose favour it was resolved during the previous calculation.

'(9) If a re-count is required under section 282, the Australian Electoral Officer must conduct the re-count by using a computer to apply the principles set out in subsections 273(8) to (30) (inclusive), modified in the way set out in section 282.

Definitions

(10) In this section:

“**dividing line**” means the line on the ballot-paper that separates the voting method described in subsection 239(1) from the voting method described in subsection 239(2);

“**wholly above-the-line ballot-paper**” means a ballot-paper that:

(a) has one or more numbers, ticks, crosses or other marks above the dividing line; and

(b) has no marks on the ballot-paper below the dividing line.’”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

8 HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Lavarch (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Williams 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.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT—WORKING GROUP—DRAFT PROPOSALS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Code of conduct for all Members of the Commonwealth Parliament—Working group—Draft proposals—

A framework of ethical principles for Members and Senators.

A framework of ethical principles for Ministers and Presiding Officers—

and made a statement in connection with the papers.

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

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

11 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1994.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Report for 1994.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1994.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POVERTY

The House was informed that Mr Ruddock had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to address and take steps to reduce the problem of poverty in Australia which poverty is evidenced in the recent report prepared by the Queensland Council of Social Service, the Social Action Office, the Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, Brisbane Lifeline and the Sisters of Mercy of Rockhampton titled ‘Drawing the Line on Poverty’”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Ruddock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PAY-ROLL TAX) BILL 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Commonwealth Authorities (Australian Capital Territory Pay-roll Tax) Bill 1995 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 O’Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had resolved that further proceedings on the Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill 1995 be conducted in the House, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Ordered—That further proceedings on the Bill be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

21 June 1995—Message No. 285—

Dairy Produce Amendment 1995.

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment 1995.

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 2) Amendment 1995.

Loan 1995.

16 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Mr O’Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), by leave, moved—That Mr Filing be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee, and that, in his place, Mr B. M. Smyth be appointed a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

17 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Thomson to be a member of the Standing Committee on Procedure in place of Mr Filing.

18 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Redevelopment works for CSIRO Division of Wildlife and Ecology, Gungahlin, ACT (11th report of 1995).

RAAF Base Richmond replacement medical centre (12th report of 1995).

Severally ordered to be printed.

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

19 PUBLIC ORDER (PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), for Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the protective security of certain Federal Courts and Tribunals, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

20 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY MEASURES) BILL 1995

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), for Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation administered by the Minister for Social Security, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

21 OZONE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ozone Protection Act 1989* and to repeal the *Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) Act 1989* and the *Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Snowdon presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Ozone Protection Amendment 1995;
Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) 1995; and
Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) 1995.

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

22 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—IMPORTS) BILL 1995

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for payment of fees in respect of the importation of HCFCs and methyl bromide under licences granted under the *Ozone Protection Act 1989*.

Bill read a first time.

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

23 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—MANUFACTURE) BILL 1995

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for payment of fees in respect of the manufacture of HCFCs and methyl bromide under licences granted under the *Ozone Protection Act 1989*.

Bill read a first time.

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

24 HUMAN RIGHTS 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.

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.

25 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1995

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) 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 Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

26 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Government business

Australian Secret Intelligence Service—Report of Commission of Inquiry—Government response and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Committee and delegation reports

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report of review of procedural changes operating since 21 February 1994—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

27 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

21 June 1995—Message—

No. 470—Medicare Levy Amendment 1995.

No. 471—Fringe Benefits Tax Amendment 1995.

28 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 21 June 1995:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Statement under section 65, 7 June 1995.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption No. DASR 10/1995.

Treaties—

List of multilateral treaties under negotiation or active consideration for Australian Government signature or adherence.

Texts of—

Bilateral—

- (1) Extradition Treaty with Turkey, done at Canberra on 3 March 1994 and exchange of Notes of 27 and 28 March 1995 constituting an Agreement to rectify an error in Article 2.1 of the English text of the Treaty and clarify the interpretation of the corrected version. The Treaty and subsequent Agreement will enter into force 30 days after Notes are exchanged pursuant to Article 17.1.
- (2) Development Cooperation Agreement with the Philippines, done at Sydney on 28 October 1994. The Agreement will enter into force when Notes are exchanged pursuant to Article 19.1.

- (3) Trade and Investment Agreement with Mexico, done at Jakarta on 13 November 1994. The Agreement will enter into force when Notes are exchanged pursuant to Article 7.
- (4) Exchange of Notes, done at Hong Kong on 30 November and 2 December 1994, constituting an Agreement with Hong Kong to further extend the Agreement concerning the Investigation of Drug Trafficking and the Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking of 22 April 1991. The Agreement entered into force on the date of the initiating Note (2 December 1994) in accordance with the provisions of the Notes.
- (5) Subsidiary Agreement to the Agreement of 17 October 1979 with Japan concerning Japanese Tuna Long-Line Fishing, done at Melbourne on 21 December 1994. The Subsidiary Agreement entered into force on the date of signature, pursuant to Article IX.
- (6) Agreement with Germany concerning the Landing and Recovery of a Space Capsule in Australia (EXPRESS Agreement) and Exchange of Notes, done at Canberra on 4 January 1995. The Agreement and Exchange of Notes entered into force when Notes were exchanged on 4 January 1995, pursuant to Article 16.
- (7) Agreement with New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Melbourne on 27 January 1995. The Agreement will enter into force when Notes are exchanged pursuant to Article 28.1.
- (8) Exchange of Letters, done at Brussels on 8 February 1995, constituting an Agreement with the European Community further amending and extending the Agreement of 22 January 1990 which amended the Agreement on Trade in Mutton, Lamb and Goatmeat of 14 November 1980. The Agreement entered into force retrospectively from 31 December 1994, the date specified in the Letters.
- (9) Agreement with Singapore concerning the Use of Shoalwater Bay Training Area and the Associated Use of Storage Facilities in Australia, done at Singapore on 17 February 1995. The Agreement entered into force on signature, pursuant to Article 17.1.
- (10) Agreement with the Philippines on the Promotion and Protection of Investments, and Protocol, done at Manila on 25 January 1995. The Agreement and Protocol will enter into force 30 days after Notes are exchanged, pursuant to Article 15.
- (11) Air Services Agreement with Mauritius, done at Port Louis on 31 March 1995. The Agreement entered into force on signature, pursuant to Article 24.
- (12) Exchange of Letters, done at Canberra on 30 December 1994 and 27 January 1995, constituting an Agreement with Sweden to amend Article 1(1) of the Agreement on Medical Treatment for Temporary Visitors of 14 February 1989. The Agreement entered into force on 1 February 1995, the date specified in the Letters.
- (13) Agreement with the Czech Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Canberra on 28 March 1995. The Agreement will enter into force when Notes are exchanged, pursuant to Article 27.

- (14) Exchange of Notes, done at Canberra on 28 and 30 March 1995, constituting an Agreement with the United States concerning the continued Operation in South-Eastern Australia of the Omega Navigation Facility. The Agreement entered into force on 30 March 1995, the date of the Note in reply.
- (15) Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the Provision of Personnel to Support De-Mining Programmes in Cambodia, done at New York on 31 January 1995. The Agreement entered into force on the date of signature, pursuant to Article I.

Multilateral—

- (16) Amendments, done at Manila in April 1983, to Articles II, III, IV and XIV [concerning financial obligations] of the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific Region of 27 February 1956. Instrument of acceptance deposited for Australia on 27 December 1994. The Amendments are not yet in force.
- (17) Amendments [elections to the Council], done at London on 4 November 1993, to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization of 6 March 1948, as amended. Instrument of acceptance deposited for Australia on 10 March 1995. The Amendments are not yet in force.
- (18) Energy Charter Treaty, done at Lisbon on 17 December 1994. Signed, subject to ratification, on 17 December 1994. The Treaty is not yet definitively in force.
- (19) Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and related Environmental Aspects, done at Lisbon on 17 December 1994. Signed for Australia, subject to ratification, on 17 December 1994. The Protocol is not yet in force.
- (20) Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, done at New York on 9 December 1994. The Government is considering taking action toward becoming a party to the Convention.
- (21) International Tropical Timber Agreement 1994, done at Geneva on 26 January 1994. The Government is considering taking action toward becoming a party to the Agreement.
- (22) ILO Convention (No. 69) concerning Certification of Ships' Cooks, adopted at Geneva on 27 June 1946. The Government is considering ratifying the Convention
- (23) ILO Convention (No. 73) concerning the Medical Examination of Seafarers, adopted at Geneva on 29 June 1946. The Government is considering ratifying the Convention.
- (24) ILO Convention (No. 166) concerning the Repatriation of Seafarers (revised), adopted at Geneva on 9 October 1987. The Government is considering ratifying the Convention.
- (25) International Grains Agreement 1995, consisting of two separate legal instruments (a) the Grains Trade Convention 1995 and (b) the Food Aid Convention, 1995, done at London on 7 December 1994. The Government is considering becoming party to this Agreement.

- (26) Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), done at Kyoto, 14 October 1994. The Amendments were signed for Australia, subject to ratification, on 14 October 1994. The Government is considering ratification.
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ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beale, Mr Keating, Mr Lee, Mr L. J. Scott and Mr Swan.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 147

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 1995

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES (AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PAY-ROLL TAX) 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.

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 Gear, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

3 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—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 A. A. Morris—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 June 1995*), viz.:

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of youth homelessness—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 11 May 1995—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr R. D. C. Evans), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 ORDER OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

On the motion of Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport), order of the day No. 2, government business, to be returned to the House for further consideration.

5 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF YOUTH HOMELESSNESS—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 A. A. Morris—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 June 1995*), viz.:

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of youth homelessness—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 11 May 1995—

Debate resumed.

Mr A. A. Morris, by leave, addressing the Main Committee without closing the debate—

Suspension of sitting: At 11.07 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 11.21 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Mr A. A. Morris concluded his speech.

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

6 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GROUP TRAINING—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 Fitzgibbon—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 10 May 1995*), viz.:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—A best kept secret: Report on the role and effectiveness of group training, March 1995—

Debate resumed.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Gibson, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.20 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