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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 150

TUESDAY, 27 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 MARALINGA REHABILITATION PROJECT, SA—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: Maralinga rehabilitation project, SA.

Question—put and passed.

3 REDEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING FOR SERVICE FAMILIES AT LAND WARFARE CENTRE, CANUNGRA, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: Redevelopment of housing for service families at Land Warfare Centre, Canungra, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

4 FACILITIES FOR AN INCREASED ARMY PRESENCE IN THE NORTH (APIN) STAGE 2, ROBERTSON BARRACKS, NT—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: Facilities for an increased Army presence in the North (APIN) stage 2, Robertson Barracks, NT.

Question—put and passed.

5 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—COMMONWEALTH LAW COURTS BUILDING, MELBOURNE

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Commonwealth Law Courts building, Melbourne.

Paper: Mr Walker presented plans in connection with the proposed works.

Question—put and passed.

6 SYDNEY WEST AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, and by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient that the following proposed work be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Sydney West Airport development.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7 RAAF BASE RICHMOND REPLACEMENT MEDICAL CENTRE—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: RAAF Base Richmond replacement medical centre, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

8 REDEVELOPMENT WORKS FOR CSIRO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND ECOLOGY, GUNGAHLIN, ACT—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: Redevelopment works for CSIRO Division of Wildlife and Ecology, Gungahlin, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

9 MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF KEDRON BROOK FLOODWAY, BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF WORK

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: Maintenance dredging of Kedron Brook floodway, Brisbane.

Question—put and passed.

10 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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.

Mrs Moylan 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.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

12 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Australian National Maritime Museum—Strategic plan 1994-97.

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Marketing Advisory Committee—Report for 1994.

13 PUBLIC SERVICE (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE) AMENDMENT BILL 1995—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Connolly, by leave, made a statement concerning an omission of one line of type in the Public Service (Abolition of Compulsory Retirement Age) Amendment Bill 1995 introduced by him on 26 June 1995 and, by leave, presented a replacement copy of the Bill.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PACIFIC

The House was informed that Mr Downer had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The damage to Australia’s national interest caused by divisions within the Government on the resumption of French nuclear testing in the Pacific”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Downer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

16 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following orders of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report on proposal to drain and restore Lake Pedder—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate;

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on protection of confidential personal and commercial information held by the Commonwealth—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate; and

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Report on opportunities for Australian industry arising from the Year 2000 Olympic Games—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

17 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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—

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper: Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

Schedule—

Pages 5 and 6, omit item 10.

Pages 6 and 7, omit item 16.

Page 7, after item 21 insert the following new item:

“21A. Subsections 16(3) and (4):

Omit the subsections, substitute:

‘(3) A claimant’s **provisional grant amount** for a claim period is the amount worked out using whichever of the following paragraphs is applicable:

- (a) if section 15 does not apply to the claimant—the amount worked out using the formula:

Adjusted eligible expenditure

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where:

“**Adjusted eligible expenditure**” means the eligible expenditure incurred by the claimant during the claim period, reduced by:

- (i) if no part of that eligible expenditure was in respect of designated tourism services—\$15,000; or
- (ii) if the whole or a part of that eligible expenditure was in respect of designated tourism services (which whole or part is in this subparagraph called the “DTS expenditure”)—the sum of:
- (A) \$15,000; and
- (B) if the DTS expenditure exceeds \$15,000—50% of the excess;
- (b) if section 15 applies to the claimant—the amount worked out using the formula:

Adjusted eligible expenditure

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where:

“**Adjusted eligible expenditure**” means the eligible expenditure in respect of new markets incurred by the claimant during the claim period, reduced by:

- (i) if no part of that eligible expenditure was in respect of designated tourism services—\$15,000; or
- (ii) if the whole or a part of that eligible expenditure was in respect of designated tourism services (which whole or part is in this subparagraph called the “**DTS expenditure**”)—the sum of:
 - (A) \$15,000; and
 - (B) if the DTS expenditure exceeds \$15,000—50% of the excess.

“(4) If paragraph 14(1)(c) applies to a claimant in the claimant’s first grant year, the formula for calculating the provisional grant amount for that year is:

Adjusted eligible expenditure

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where:

“**Adjusted eligible expenditure**” means the eligible expenditure incurred by the claimant as mentioned in paragraph 14(1)(c), reduced by:

- (a) if no part of that eligible expenditure was in respect of designated tourism services—\$30,000; or
- (b) if the whole or a part of that eligible expenditure was in respect of designated tourism services (which whole or part is in this paragraph called the “**DTS expenditure**”)—the sum of:
 - (i) \$30,000; and
 - (ii) if the DTS expenditure exceeds \$30,000—50% of the excess.’.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

18 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY MEASURES) BILL 1995

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

Mr Ruddock moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:

- (1) its neglect of the welfare of families and its inability to deal with the increasing inequality between rich and poor;
- (2) its failure to meet as promised a Maternity Allowance as outlined in Accord Mark VII and the postponement of any future effort to do so until 1999 in Accord Mark VIII;
- (3) its misleading of the Australian public through the introduction of a number of measures affecting families which had not been announced and had not been policy prior or during the 1993 election but were introduced after the election; and
- (4) the failure of its Budget measures to immediately assist families by deferring the implementation until 1996 of modest measures in the rent assistance and the guardian allowance”.

Debate continued.

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

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

27 June 1995—Message—

- No. 475—Meat and Live-stock Industry 1995.
No. 476—Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Amendment 1995.
No. 477—Meat and Live-stock Industry Legislation Repeal 1995.
No. 478—Beef Production Levy Amendment 1995.
No. 479—Live-stock Export Charge Amendment 1995.
No. 480—Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment 1995.
No. 481—Cattle Transaction Levy 1995 (*without requests*).
No. 482—Cattle Export Charges Amendment 1995 (*without requests*).
No. 483—National Residue Survey Administration Amendment 1995.
No. 484—National Residue Survey (Cattle Export) Levy 1995 (*without requests*).
No. 485—National Residue Survey (Cattle Transactions) Levy 1995 (*without requests*).
No. 486—National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account Amendment 1995.
No. 487—Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment 1995.
No. 488—Exotic Animal Disease Control Amendment 1995.
No. 489—Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Fees) Amendment 1995.
No. 490—Passenger Movement Charge Amendment 1995 (*without requests*).
No. 491—Passenger Movement Charge Collection Amendment 1995.
No. 492—Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 2) 1995.

20 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Campbell, by leave, presented the following paper:

Conviction of Brian John Garvey (formerly Brian Love) of criminal offences of perjury and evidence fabrication—Report for Mr Campbell by David Dalgleish MacDonald, 26 June 1995.

Debate continued.

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 27 June 1995:

Defence Housing Authority Act—Statement under section 10 relating to a joint venture between the Defence Housing Authority and Delfin Property Group Limited for the acquisition and development of land at Palmerston, NT.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section 125.

Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act—Determination 1995 No. 1 (Amendment No. 1).

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determination 1995
No. 2 (Amendment No. 3).

Taxation Laws Amendment Act (No. 3) 1994—Transitional RHQ Company
Determination 1995 No. 1.

ATTENDANCE

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

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives