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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 7

THURSDAY, 9 MAY 1996

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 TELSTRA (DILUTION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP) BILL 1996**

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 Latham, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with, for the following reasons:*

- (1) it represents the start of a process leading to the full privatisation of Telstra;
- (2) it will lead to a loss of jobs, investment and exports, and the Bill also fails to establish an Australia-first purchasing policy for Telstra;
- (3) the remittance of profits overseas which will follow enactment will damage Australia's balance of payments;
- (4) it provides inadequate protection of universal service obligations and preservation of services in regional, rural and remote Australia;
- (5) the Government's failure to bring outer metropolitan telephone zones into the capital city local call zones;
- (6) the Government's failure to fulfil its commitment to establish an ISDN service throughout Australia plus establish A and B share categories to monitor foreign ownership;
- (7) the failure to preserve Ministerial directions and accountability to the Parliament for the delivery of Telstra's universal service obligations;
- (8) there are much better ways of funding environmental programs than selling Australia's major public asset;
- (9) it represents an ideological obsession with ownership issues instead of focussing on the competitive features of the telecommunications market;
- (10) at a time of rapid technological change in telecommunications, the public sector should continue to hold a major strategic asset like Telstra to avoid

inequity of access and affordability on the so-termed ‘information superhighway’;

- (11) with the Government’s recent decision to review the 1997 telecommunications regulations it is inappropriate for the Parliament to be considering the sale of Telstra”—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr W. L. Smith (Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government) be granted an extension of time.

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

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

AYES, 86

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	

NOES, 47

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 86

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
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Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	

\* Tellers

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 6, dated 2 May 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr Latham moved the clause be omitted, and the following clause be substituted:

**“2 Commencement**

- (1) Subject to this section, this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- (2) Schedule 1 shall not commence until:
  - (a) the Government fulfils its commitment to extend the ISDN fast data link by 1 July 1997; and
  - (b) the Telecommunications Regulations Review is complete and enacted.”.

Debate continued.

*Closure:* Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

AYES, 80

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mrs Bailey	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bishop	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Bradford	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Broadbent	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit

## NOES, 49

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Rocher
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 84

Mr Abbott	Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr Andren	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mrs Bailey	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mr Filing	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mr Bartlett	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Billson	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bishop	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mrs Gash	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mrs E. J. Grace	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Campbell	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit

## NOES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule 1—

Mr Latham rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 48

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Rocher
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That Schedule 1 be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dondas	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp	

## NOES, 47

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title—

Question—That the title be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mr Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	



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Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr W. L. Smith asked leave to move—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 80

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
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Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
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Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Rocher
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
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Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 80

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
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Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
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Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
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Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr M. A. J. Vaile, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Filing	Mr Marek	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

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Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	

\* Tellers

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

### 3 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

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

### 4 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

### 5 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 28B be amended to read:

*General purpose standing committees*

**28B.** (a) General purpose standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament as follows:

- (i) Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs;
- (ii) Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform;
- (iii) Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training;

- (iv) Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts;
- (v) Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs;
- (vi) Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Public Administration;
- (vii) Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology;
- (viii) Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs; and
- (ix) Standing Committee on Primary Industries, Resources and Rural and Regional Affairs.

(b) A standing committee appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be empowered to inquire into and report on any matters referred to it by either the House or a Minister including any pre-legislation proposal, bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or paper.

Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the relevant committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to committees in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee:

Provided that:

- (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
- (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.

(c) Each committee appointed under paragraph (a) shall consist of 14 members, with membership of each committee reflecting the proportion of government to non-government Members in the House, namely, nine government and five non-government Members. Each committee may be supplemented with up to three members for a particular inquiry. Government members are to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and non-government members are to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips in consultation with any minority group or other non-government Member. In the event of disagreement in the nominations, the disagreement shall be notified to the Speaker who shall inform the House and the House shall determine the matter:

Provided that if the appropriate numbers of government and non-government members have been nominated and the committee has met and elected a chair no other nomination or notification of disagreement other than in respect of the filling of a casual or supplementary vacancy shall be made.

Provided further that, for the purpose of consideration of a bill referred to a committee pursuant to standing order 217A, one or more members of the committee may be replaced by other Members nominated in accordance with

the provisions set out in this paragraph. The provisions for the committee to be supplemented by up to three members are not affected by this proviso.

(d) Every nomination of a Member to a committee shall be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.

(e) Each committee shall elect a government member as its chair.

(f) Each committee shall elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.

(g) Three members of a committee shall constitute a quorum of that committee.

(h) Each committee shall have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.

(i) Each committee shall appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.

(j) The quorum of a subcommittee shall be two members of that subcommittee.

(k) Members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.

(l) Each committee or any subcommittee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records.

(m) Each committee or any subcommittee shall have power to move from place to place.

(n) Any subcommittee shall have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.

(o) Each committee or any subcommittee shall have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.

(p) Each committee shall have leave to report from time to time.

(q) Each committee or any subcommittee shall have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the relevant standing committees appointed during previous Parliaments.

(r) Each committee shall have power to confer with a similar committee of the Senate.

It being 2 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 Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence), Mrs Bishop (Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel) would answer questions on his behalf.

## **7 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

## **8 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 30 November 1995 to 29 January 1996, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 9 May 1996.

## **9 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 22 of 1995-96—Performance audit—Workers' compensation case management: Comcare Australia and selected agencies.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 22 of 1995-96; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

## **10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GUN CONTROL**

The House was informed that Mr Kerr had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need to give full support to the Commonwealth's initiatives to secure stricter gun control".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Kerr addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## **11 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 20 May 1996, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

**12 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1996**

Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend or repeal various Acts administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Energy, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anderson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

**13 EDUCATION AND TRAINING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996**

Dr Kemp (Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Training Guarantee Act 1990* and the *Training Guarantee (Administration) Act 1990*, to amend certain other Acts, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**14 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1996**

Dr Kemp (Minister representing the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**15 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1996**

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Miles moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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



# 16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Message No. 1, dated 8 May 1996, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for An Act to amend the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

# 17 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Reith (Leader of the House) relating to amendments to standing order 28B, general purpose standing committees (*see* entry No. 5)—

Debate resumed by Mr Crean who moved, as an amendment—Omit from paragraph (c) “Each Committee appointed under paragraph (a) shall consist of 14 members, with membership of each committee reflecting the proportion of government to non-government Members in the House, namely, nine government and five non-government Members”, substitute “Each Committee appointed under paragraph (a) shall consist of 15 members, with membership of each committee reflecting the proportion of government to non-government Members in the House, namely, nine government and six non-government Members”.

Mr McLeay (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member:* Mr Reith moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hicks*	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp	Mr Zammit

## NOES, 43

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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*Adjournment negatived:* It being past 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—  
That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Reith requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 41

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Bevis	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brereton	Mr Jenkins	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Ms Ellis	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Price	

## NOES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Ms Hanson	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp	

\* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Mr Martin rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Reith moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hicks*	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sharp	Mr Zammit

## NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Ms Hanson	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Ms Hanson	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp	

## NOES, 42

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Jenkins	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

# AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr Lloyd	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs Bishop	Ms Hanson	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Sharp	
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Sinclair	

# NOES, 42

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Jenkins	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 18 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED POWERS AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That, in accordance with section 242 of the *Australian Securities Commission Act 1989*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities shall be as follows:

- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (c) That the committee elect a member nominated by the Government Whips or the Leader of the Government in the Senate as its chair.
- (d) That the committee elect a deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (f) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
- (g) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (h) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee.
- (j) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (k) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (l) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.

- (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
  - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (o) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Mr Crean rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Reith moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

#### AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Sinclair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Slipper	

#### NOES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr Martin	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Nehl, in the Chair)—

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McDougall	Mrs Stone
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mrs Bishop	Ms Hanson	Mr Mutch	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	Mr Zammit
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Sinclair	
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper	

NOES, 42

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Jenkins	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Kerr	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Langmore	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr M. J. Ferguson rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Reith moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.



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

AYES, 71

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Hicks*	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair	

NOES, 45

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brereton	Ms Hanson	Mr Martin	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Brown	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Connor	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 70

Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Ms Gambaro	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mr Hicks*	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mr Hockey	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott	Mr Zammit
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Sinclair	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper	

NOES, 41

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr Martin	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Brown	Ms Hanson	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	
Ms Ellis	Mr Langmore	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at 6.21 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 20 May 1996, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

**PAPER**

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 9 May 1996:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Statement under section 122A 1996 No. 1.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr R. A. Cameron, Mr Forrest, Mr Hawker, Mr Jones, Mr Neville, Mr Randall and Mr Tuckey.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives