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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 41

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 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 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (HON. R. McN. HOLTEN)

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable R. McN. Holten, and moved—That the House expresses its deep regret at the death on Saturday, 12 October 1996, of the Honourable Rendle McNeilage (Mac) Holten, CMG, a Member of this House for the Division of Indi from 1958 to 1977, Minister for Repatriation from 1969 to 1972 and Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Industry from 1971 to 1972, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service, and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

3 NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 1996—DRAFT AMENDMENTS—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That:

- (a) the amendments to the Native Title Amendment Bill 1996 which are contained in the exposure draft presented to the House this day be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund for consideration and an advisory report to the House in conjunction with the Committee's consideration and reporting on the matter referred to the Committee on 27 June 1996;

- (b) the time for the advisory report by the Committee to the House be extended from 1 November 1996 to 18 November 1996; and
 - (c) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this reference to the Committee.

Paper: Mr Williams presented the following paper:

Native Title Amendment Bill 1996—Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government—Exposure draft.

Question—put and passed.

4 NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST OF AUSTRALIA 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 Dr Lawrence, 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 be withdrawn and redrafted to provide, in the interest of certainty, for \$1 billion from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to be credited upon enactment to the Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Reserve”—

Debate resumed.

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.

5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr K. J. Thomson, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Howard (Prime Minister)—

Mr Howard presented the following paper:

AUSTUDY—Wright family case—Copy of letter from D. A. Hollway, Secretary, Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs to Senator John Tierney, Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs Legislation, 17 October 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented the following paper:

Cyprus issue—Copy of letter from Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, MP, to Mr Bilal Simsir, Ambassador of Turkey, 1 October 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House censures the Prime Minister:

- (1) for his failure in leadership in not ensuring that the standards he set for his government are met which require that his ministers be honest in their public dealings and that they not intentionally mislead the Parliament or the public;
- (2) for not demanding that a number of his ministers including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism, the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs and the Minister for Trade fully meet those standards;
- (3) for his failure to ensure adherence to his guidelines which require the avoidance of a conflict or an apparent conflict between interests and duties including by the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism; and
- (4) for the confusion and incompetence pervading his government which has meant that clear attention to the nation's needs for job growth and job security have been neglected; and

This House calls on the Prime Minister to show leadership, stop the double standards and dismiss the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and his Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

7 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister:

- (1) for his failure in leadership in not ensuring that the standards he set for his government are met which require that his ministers be honest in their public dealings and that they not intentionally mislead the Parliament or the public;
- (2) for not demanding that a number of his ministers including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism, the Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs and the Minister for Trade fully meet those standards;
- (3) for his failure to ensure adherence to his guidelines which require the avoidance of a conflict or an apparent conflict between interests and duties including by the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism; and
- (4) for the confusion and incompetence pervading his government which has meant that clear attention to the nation's needs for job growth and job security have been neglected; and

This House calls on the Prime Minister to show leadership, stop the double standards and dismiss the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and his Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism.

Debate ensued.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House censures the Leader of the Opposition for the abuse of parliamentary process in pursuing groundless allegations against some Government Ministers when he himself has stated publicly that there is no suggestion of any impropriety by those Ministers and when he should have spent his time pursuing the proper interests and concerns of the Australian people”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 83

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	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
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr Campbell	Ms Jeanes	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 44

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

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Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1996-97—Performance audits—Follow-up audits—

No. 11—The Export Market Development Grants Scheme: Australian Trade Commission.

No. 12—Data-matching: Department of Social Security.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 11 and 12 of 1996-97; and
- (2) the reports be printed.

Question—put and passed.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—15th report, for 1995-96.

Public Service Act—Department of Transport and Regional Development—Report for 1995-96.

10 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 28 October 1996, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

11 ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

- (1) the House invites Mr William Clinton, President of the United States of America, to attend and address the House, on Wednesday, 20 November 1996, at a time to be notified by the Speaker;
- (2) the House invites the Senate to meet with the House in this chamber for this purpose;
- (3) at the meeting of the two Houses for this purpose:
 - (a) the Speaker shall preside at the meeting;
 - (b) the only proceedings shall be an address by the President of the United States of America, after which the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House and declare the meeting concluded; and
 - (c) the procedures of the House shall apply to the meeting so far as they are applicable;
- (4) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders; and
- (5) a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**12 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—
COMMONWEALTH DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

The House was informed that Mr Lee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The detrimental effect on the lives of hundreds of thousands of disadvantaged Australians as a result of the Government’s decision to abolish the Commonwealth Dental Health Program”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee rising to address the House—

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
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Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
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Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13 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.

14 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Dr Wooldridge presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

15 HINDMARSH ISLAND BRIDGE BILL 1996

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), for Dr Wooldridge (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to facilitate the construction of the Hindmarsh Island bridge, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Miles completed his second reading speech.

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

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

16 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Income Tax Assessment Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 2, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee of 16 October 1996*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 INCOME TAX (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Income Tax (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee of 16 October 1996*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 INCOME TAX (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee of 16 October 1996*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

17 October 1996—Message No. 81—Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1996.

20 COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Government Whip had nominated Mr Lindsay to be a member of the Standing Committee on Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform in place of Mrs D. S. Vale.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Message No. 82, dated 17 October 1996, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, 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.

22 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—3RD REPORT

Mr R. D. C. Evans presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 3RD REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 17 September 1996, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Review by the Hon. Elizabeth Evatt, AC.

Archives Act—Australian Archives and Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Reports for 1995-96.

Australian Film Commission Act—Film Australia Limited—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report—Evaluation of the impact of Part VII of the Family Law Reform Act 1995: Public attitudes to parental responsibilities and children's rights after parental separation.

Australian Postal Corporation Act—Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 1995-96.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Economic Planning Advisory Commission Act—Economic Planning Advisory Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Fisheries Administration Act—Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—Inquiry into complaints of discrimination in employment and occupation: Compulsory age retirement.

Immigration Review Tribunal—Report for 1995-96.

Industrial Relations Act—

- Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 1995-96.
- Enterprise Bargaining in Australia—Report for 1995.
- Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report—
No. 49—Packaging and labelling—Volumes 1 and 2.
No. 50—Tourism accommodation and training.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 1995-96.
- Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- International Air Services Commission Act—International Air Services Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Australian Law Reform Commission—
Reports—
No. 79—Making rights count: Services for people with a disability.
No. 80—Legal risk in international transactions.
- Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1995-96.
- Murray-Darling Basin Act—Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1995-96.
- National Gallery Act—National Gallery of Australia—Report for 1995-96.
- National Library Act—National Library of Australia—Report for 1995-96.
- Native Title Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Report for 1995-96.
- Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—National Landcare Advisory Committee—Report for 1995-96.
- Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1995-96.
- Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report for 1995-96, including a report pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act.
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1995-96.
- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—Report for 1995-96 [Final] and July and August 1996.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report for 1995-96.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Report for 1995-96.
- Primary Industry Councils Act—Australian Pig Industry Council—Report for 1995-96.
- Public Service Act—
Department of Industry, Science and Tourism—Report for 1995-96.
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1995-96.

Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 1995-96.

Department of Tourism—Financial statements for period 1 July 1995 to 10 March 1996.

Radiocommunications Act—Spectrum Management Agency—Report for 1995-96.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1995-96.

Trade Practices Act—National Competition Council—Report for period 6 November 1995 to 30 June 1996.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

R. D. C. EVANS

17 October 1996

Mr R. D. C. Evans, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 28 October 1996, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 October 1996:

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park—

Cairns Section Zoning Plan—Amendment 1996 No. 1.

Central Section Zoning Plan—Amendment 1996 No. 1.

Mackay/Capricorn Section Zoning Plan—Amendment 1996 No. 1.

Health Insurance Act—Determination No. HS/3/1996.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following provisions of Acts shall come into operation—

Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Act 1986—Part IV, 9 October 1996.

Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) Act 1993—Chapter 3 (other than Part 3.1), 9 October 1996.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Gash, Mr Lieberman, Mr Marek, Mr Mutch, Mr Reid and Mr Willis.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives

1996

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 41

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 1996

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Ms Worth, the Main Committee adjourned at 10.01 a.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 30 October 1996, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee