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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 47

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1996

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented the following paper:

Chicken meat imports—Copy of note from Mr O'Keefe to Mr Anderson.

Questions without notice continued.

3 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act—National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for period—

1 July to 30 September 1995.

1 October to 31 December 1995.

1 January to 31 March 1996.

1 April to 30 June 1996.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation Act—Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation—Report for 1995-96.

Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Data-matching program—Reports for 1995-96—

Commissioner of Taxation.

Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—

Higher Education Council—Report, including the Board's comments—Quality and standards of management education, September 1996.

Report for 1995-96.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1995-96.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Report for 1995-96.

Dried Fruits Research and Development Council and Dried Fruits Research and Development Council Selection Committee—Report for 1995-96.

Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme, for 1995-96.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1995-96.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 1992—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 1995.

4 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Nuclear Safety Bureau—Report for period—

1 July to 30 September 1995.

1 October to 31 December 1995.

1 January to 31 March 1996.

1 April to 30 June 1996.

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

Suspension of sitting: At 3.06 p.m., the Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At 3.40 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—QUARANTINE ISSUES

The House was informed that Mr O'Keefe had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat to primary industry and the jobs of thousands of Australians from the failure of the Government to give proper consideration to quarantine issues as

evidenced by the Government's handling of the planned importation of cooked chicken meat in breach of its election commitments".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr O'Keefe addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Second Deputy Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Wednesday, 6 November 1996, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

7 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 18 November 1996.

8 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1996—SENATE'S AMENDMENT

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Senate, viz.:

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Schedule 6, page 13, lines 1 to 9, omit the Schedule, substitute:

Schedule 6—Amendment of the Imported Food Control Act 1992

1 Subsection 3(1) (definition of *authorised officer*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

authorised officer means:

- (a) the Secretary; or
- (b) an officer of AQIS appointed by the Secretary under subsection 40(1); or
- (c) when used in a provision of this Act other than section 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 or 32—a person appointed by the Secretary under subsection 40(2).

2 Section 40

Repeal the section, substitute:

40 Authorised officers

- (1) The Secretary may, by signed instrument, appoint an officer of AQIS to be an authorised officer for the purposes of this Act.

- (2) The Secretary may, by signed instrument, appoint a person to be an authorised officer for the purposes of all the provisions of this Act other than sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 32—

On the motion of Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the amendment was agreed to.

9 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Cadman (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the Wool International Amendment Bill 1996 be referred to the Main Committee for consideration.

Question—put and passed.

10 CHILD CARE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) deplores the Government for abolishing operational subsidies for community-based long day care centres which will have the effect of increasing the costs and reducing the quality of child care for parents using these centres; and
- (2) condemns the Government for breaking its election promise not to means test the Childcare Cash Rebate”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 59, dated 15 October 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 postponed until after schedule 2.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule 1 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Filing	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gamaro	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Ms D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth*
Mr Dondas	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Mr Zammit
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	
Mrs Draper	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 41

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule 2—

On the motion of Ms Macklin, the following amendment was made: Item 15, page 7, line 28, omit “not”.

Ms Macklin moved the following amendment: Page 8, line 30 to page 13, line 13, omit item 18.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 41

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

NOES, 81

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Ms Macklin moved the following amendment: Item 22, page 14, line 26, omit "Penalty: 20 penalty units".

Amendment negated.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

11 HINDMARSH ISLAND BRIDGE 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—

Debate resumed by Mr Melham who 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 is of the opinion that the construction of the Hindmarsh Island bridge can now proceed without further delay and without prejudicing the operation of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*”.

Debate continued.

Mr Slipper addressing the House—

12 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 November 1996:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Exemption 1996 No. 185/FRS/197/1996.

Health Insurance Act—Statements under section 106AA (Dr David Geoffrey Creighton-Kelly and Dr Mark Donohoe), 1 November 1996.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1996 Nos. 194, 205, LES 27, LES 33, LES 34, LES 35.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr R. C. Baldwin, Mr Beazley, Mr Brereton, Mr E. H. Cameron, Mr Fischer, Mr Jones, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Reid*, Mr Tuckey and Mr Willis*.

* On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives