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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 67

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 1997

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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the notice lodged by Mr P. J. Baldwin relating to disallowance of Statutory Rules 1996, No. 261, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

3 AUSTUDY REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE

Mr P. J. Baldwin, pursuant to notice, moved—That the AUSTUDY Regulations (Amendment), as contained in Statutory Rules 1996, No. 261, and made under the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 47

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	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 Brereton	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	

NOES, 90

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
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr A. C. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Forrest	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
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	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
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	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Full	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

4 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION 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 G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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) expresses its concern at the monopolisation of economic advice under the Treasury portfolio, with the abolition of EPAC and the BIE meaning the disappearance of independent sources of economic and industry policy advice to the Prime Minister and to the Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism;
- (2) expresses its concern that the centralising of economic and industry policy advice under one Minister increases the risk of the Government adopting inappropriate policies in these areas;
- (3) believes that the Commission should be required to have regard, when providing its advice, not only to Australia’s international obligations but the progress made by Australia’s trading partners in reducing both tariff and non-tariff barriers;

- (4) believes that the Commission should be required to have regard, when providing its advice, to the regional development and employment consequences of that advice; and
- (5) believes that the legislation should reflect the principle that competitive neutrality should apply equally across the public and private sector, and that government businesses should not suffer specific disadvantage in competing against the private sector”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 87

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

NOES, 41

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Consideration in detail

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr Crean moved the following amendment: Page 5 (line 31), at the end of subclause (1), add:

; and (f) to have regard to the regional development and regional employment consequences;

Debate continued.

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 were asked.

6 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Employment Services Act—Employment Services Regulatory Authority—Report for 1995-96.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

7 FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NURSING HOMES ASSETS TEST

The House was informed that Ms Macklin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The consequences for older Australians living alone of the failure to exempt their homes from the assets test when seeking access to nursing home care”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the Customs Depot Licensing Charges Bill 1996 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 134, dated 12 February 1997.

10 EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSAL

Mr Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs) moved Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1997).

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

11 ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (DANGEROUS GOODS) AMENDMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Second Deputy Speaker reported that the Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Amendment Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (HEAVY VEHICLES REGISTRATION) BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Second Deputy Speaker reported that the Road Transport Reform (Heavy Vehicles Registration) Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Second Deputy Speaker reported that the Public Service Amendment Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the Bill—

Clause 8—

Debate resumed on the clause and on the amendment moved by Mr Crean, viz.:
Page 5 (line 31), at the end of subclause (1), add:

; and (f) to have regard to the regional development and regional
employment consequences;

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 44

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

NOES, 87

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Mr Crean moved the following amendment: Page 5 (line 31), at the end of
subclause (1), add:

; and (g) to have regard not only to Australia's international obligations, but also to the progress made by Australia's trading partners in reducing both tariff and non-tariff barriers.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 47

Mr Adams	Mr G. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	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 Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Campbell	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	

NOES, 85

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 20, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 21—

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

Page 14 (line 4), after “person”, insert “or organisation”.

Page 14 (line 11), at the end of subclause (1), add:

; or (c) a particular Commonwealth business or business activity faces net competitive disadvantage and restraints in its capacity to compete against the private sector.

Page 14 (lines 15 to 18), omit all words after “June 1996”, substitute “(the aim of which is to ensure that significant government business activities do not experience net competitive advantages or disadvantages against their competitors by virtue of their public sector ownership)”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 45

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

NOES, 84

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as whole, and agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

15 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION (REPEALS, TRANSITIONAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Lee, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Dobell moving forthwith that consideration of the Telecommunications Bill 1996 and the associated telecommunications measures should not be proceeded with until after the Government has responded to the report on telecommunications reform by the Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 42

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

NOES, 80

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

17 TELECOMMUNICATIONS 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 Lee 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 expresses its concern at the Government’s refusal to:

- (1) maintain the 1 July 1997 cutoff for carriers’ exemptions from State and Territory planning laws;
- (2) ensure that rural and provincial customers benefit from local call price reductions;
- (3) honour its election promise on ISDN connections for rural and provincial Australians; and
- (4) honour the Prime Minister’s guarantee that no charge would be introduced for Directory Assistance”.

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, added to an answer given during question time today and presented the following paper:

Aboriginal health delivery area—Proposed appointment of Mrs G. Hollows by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Legal advice

from Mr H. Burmester, Chief General Counsel, Attorney-General's Department to the Attorney-General, 12 February 1997.

Debate continued.

Mr Filing addressing the House—

18 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 February 1997:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Instrument No. CASA 29/97.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B 1997 Nos. 2, 3, 4.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1997 Nos. SESROB1, SESROB2, SESROB3, SESROB4, SESROB5, SESROB6, SESROB7, SESROB8, SESROB9.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—
Determinations 1996 Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21.
Statement.

Telecommunications Act 1991—
Determinations of a technical standard 1996 Nos. TS 008, TS 009.
Notices 1996 Nos. TN 9, TN 10.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr M. J. Evans and Mrs Sullivan.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 67

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 1997

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

Suspension of sitting: At 10 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

Resumption of sitting: At 10.05 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

2 **ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (DANGEROUS GOODS) 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—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 10.31 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 10.46 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

3 ROAD TRANSPORT REFORM (HEAVY VEHICLES REGISTRATION) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 PUBLIC SERVICE 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

5 CRIMES AND OTHER 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—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: At 12.24 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting: At 12.39 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Mr. R. D. C. Evans was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile, the Main Committee adjourned at 1 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the Main Committee