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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1997

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- 1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**
Mr Bradford (Chairman) presented the following papers:
National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Law enforcement in Australia: An international perspective—
Report, February 1997.
Evidence received by the committee.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
Mr Bradford, Mr Sercombe and Mr Filing made statements in connection with the report.
Mr Bradford moved—That the House take note of the report.
Mr Bradford was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**
Mr Sinclair (Chair) presented the following papers:
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Papua New Guinea update: Report on proceedings of a seminar, 11 and 12 November 1996, Canberra—
Report, February 1997.
Minutes of proceedings.
Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Sinclair and Mr Brereton made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Sinclair moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Sinclair was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Taylor (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—5th report—Restrictions on the use of blinding laser weapons and landmines—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, February 1997.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Taylor and Mr McClelland made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Taylor moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Taylor was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 5th annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Vancouver, Canada, 7-10 January 1997—Report, February 1997—

and made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Filing and Mr Hollis also made statements in connection with the report.

6 CITRUS INDUSTRY

Mr J. N. Andrew, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the difficulties being faced by the citrus industry as a result of the importation of subsidised Brazilian orange juice;
- (2) recognises the value of pure citrus juice as a food product and therefore calls on the Government to reconsider the imposition of a sales tax on 100% Australian orange juice; and

- (3) seeks a formal assessment of the legality under the World Trade Organisation rules of relaxing the present sales tax arrangements on 100% orange juice.

Debate ensued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

8 DEATH OF FORMER PARAMOUNT LEADER OF CHINA (DENG XIAOPING)

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the former paramount leader of China (Deng Xiaoping), and moved—That this House records its sincere regret at the death on 19 February 1997 of Deng Xiaoping, the former paramount leader of China, and expresses its sympathy to the Government and people of China and to his family in their bereavement.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion and Mr Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) addressed the House in support thereof.

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

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Sharp (Minister for Transport and Regional Development) presented the following paper:

Precision Aerial Delivery System (PADS)—Purchase by Airservices Australia—Copy of letter from Mr Sharp to Mr Anton Gruzman, Director, Search and Rescue Pty Ltd, 21 November 1996.

Questions without notice continued.

10 PETITIONS

The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Anthony, Mr Downer, Ms Gambaro, Mr Jull and Mr Marek, from 25, 15, 7, 60 and 38 petitioners, respectively, praying that action be taken to remove the exclusion of members of the Royal Australian Navy, who served in the Malaya campaign, from repatriation benefits under the Veterans' Entitlements Act.

Mrs Bailey, Mr Reith, Mr Rocher and Mr Taylor, from 10, 5, 10 and 20 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.

Ms Macklin, from 456 residents of South Australia and 69 residents of Victoria, respectively, praying that the operational subsidy remain for community based child care centres and certain other action be taken in relation to child care.

Mr Anthony, from 53 residents and business proprietors of the Northern Rivers Region, NSW, praying that the Copyright Act be amended to exclude business from the requirement to hold copyright music licences for the playing of background music.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 59 residents of Western Australia, in similar terms.

Mr Beazley, from 4148 electors of the Division of Lilley, praying that legislation which will cause the Golden Circle Fruit and Vegetable Cannery at Northgate, Qld, to relocate offshore be reconsidered.

Mr Bevis, from 60 residents of Queensland, praying that the decision to cut funding to the ABC be rescinded.

Mr Bradford, from 1360 petitioners, praying that the weekly pension be increased by ten dollars above the Consumer Price Index.

Mr Bradford, from 51 electors of the Division of McPherson, praying that offices of the Commonwealth Employment Service and the Department of Social Security in Palm Beach, Qld, be relocated.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 20 residents of Western Australia, praying that Medicare funding of D & X abortions be opposed.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 6 residents of Western Australia, praying that funding to the ABC not be decreased and advertising not be introduced.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 4 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to tighten restrictions against violence in the media.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 3 petitioners, praying that certain reforms to the Child Support Scheme be implemented.

Mr Mutch, from 16 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 3 residents of Western Australia, praying that the Marriage Act be amended to allow under-age marriages in certain circumstances.

Mr Causley, from 351 electors of the Divisions of Page and Richmond, praying that certain action be taken to support the New South Wales sugar industry.

Mr Causley, from 30 petitioners, praying that the importation of animals for exhibition in circuses be prohibited.

Mr Costello, from 3488 petitioners, praying that the Australian Securities Commission rescind the registration of the company name Virgin Mary's Pty Ltd.

Mr Costello, from 39 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Crean, from 27 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to support human rights in Cambodia.

Mrs Crosio, from 94 petitioners, praying that increased health care charges which affect elderly Australians be reconsidered.

Mrs Crosio, from 53 petitioners, praying that funding to labour market programs be restored to 1995-96 levels.

Mr Downer, from 90 residents of South Australia, praying that if enacted the Health Legislation (Private Health Insurance Reform) Amendment Bill 1994 be repealed.

Mr Latham, from 173 residents of Campbelltown and Liverpool, NSW, praying that any plan to construct an airport at Holsworthy, NSW, be abandoned.

Mr McClelland, from 1427 residents of New South Wales, praying that education programs be initiated to promote the benefits of Australia's immigration policy.

Mr Reith, from 885 petitioners, praying that financial assistance be provided to assist in the establishment of cord blood banks.

Mr Williams, from 146 petitioners, praying that funding for legal aid continue at the pre-election level.

Petitions received.

11 MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Mr Price, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) declares support for world efforts to secure peace in the Middle East;
- (2) notes the stalling of the Middle East peace process following the recent elections in Israel and encourages all parties to return to meaningful peace negotiations;
- (3) supports the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 420 and 425 seeking the withdrawal of all foreign troops and returning full sovereignty to Lebanon; and
- (4) notes that sustained peace in the Middle East must include the return of full sovereignty, democracy and human rights in Lebanon.

Debate ensued.

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

12 ANTARCTIC SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Mr Nehl, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House acknowledges and endorses the value of Antarctic science programs being undertaken by the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions and the International Centre for Co-operative Research on Antarctica and the Southern Ocean Environment.

Debate ensued.

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

13 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

**14 DEATH OF FORMER PARAMOUNT LEADER OF CHINA (DENG XIAOPING)—
MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howard (Prime Minister) (*see* entry No. 8)—That this House records its sincere regret at the death on 19 February 1997 of Deng Xiaoping, the former paramount leader of China, and expresses its sympathy to the Government and people of China and to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

19 February 1997—Message No. 94—Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 1997.

**16 NORTHERN TERRITORY—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—RESOLUTION—
NATIVE TITLE**

The House was informed that the Speaker had received the following resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory on 18 February 1997 relating to native title—

“That this Assembly:

- (1) Calls upon the Commonwealth Parliament to give legislative effect on the undertakings and assurances of the former ALP Government that native title has been extinguished by pastoral leases.
- (2) Supports proposals put to the Federal Government by State and Territory leaders which call for
 - identification of those types of leases which extinguish native title, including pastoral leases;
 - codification of native title rights by providing statutory access rights over pastoral lands for Aborigines for traditional purposes e.g. ceremonial, hunting, site visitation;
 - removal of the future act process for claims over cities, towns and land set aside for public purposes;
 - validation of any acts made between the commencement of the *Native Title Act* and the Wik Decision arising from the assumption and assurance of the former ALP Government that native title had been extinguished by the grant of pastoral leases;

- legislative assurance that native title cannot revive following extinguishment;
- a renegotiation of financial arrangements proposed by the former Federal ALP Government with States and Territories arising from the implications of the *Native Title Act*;
- review of funding of the \$1.4 billion National Indigenous Land Acquisition Fund established under the *Native Title Act* on the basis that the grant of pastoral lease automatically extinguished native title; and
- the future act regime not to apply after a cut off date of January 2000.”.

17 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Tuesday, 25 February 1997, at 8 p.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

18 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Cadman (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Marine Personnel Legislation Amendment 1996;
Financial Transaction Reports Amendment 1996;
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 1996; and
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition 1996.
Question—put and passed.

19 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Lee, 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 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 resumed.

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

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

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

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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 Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	

* 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 95, dated 18 December 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

20 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

21 AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY 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 W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

22 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE LEVY) 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 W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

23 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CARRIER LICENCE CHARGES) 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 W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

24 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) 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 W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

25 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 96, dated 18 December 1996, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

26 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CARRIER LICENCE FEES) TERMINATION 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 W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

27 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

28 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVER LICENCE TAX) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

29 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), the Bill was read a third time.

30 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES 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:

- (1) deplores the Federal Government cuts to public hospitals, pharmaceuticals and public dental services which have been made to fund these incentives in direct breach of an election promise;
- (2) is dismayed by the inefficiency of the measures which will do little to ease the funding pressure on public hospitals; and
- (3) is firmly of the opinion that the \$1.7 billion would be better spent in providing extra Federal Government funding for public hospitals and direct subsidies for private hospital accommodation”.

Debate adjourned (Mr W. L. Smith—Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

31 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 14, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

32 MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 the view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with unless all of the revenue raised by the measures in this Bill is used to increase Federal Government funding for public hospitals”.

Debate adjourned (Mr W. L. Smith—Minister for Sport, Territories and Local Government), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

33 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES BILL 1996

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- (3) is firmly of the opinion that the \$1.7 billion would be better spent in providing extra Federal Government funding for public hospitals and direct subsidies for private hospital accommodation”—

Debate having been resumed by Mr Bradford—

34 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 February 1997:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—

Notice under section 142S, 18 December 1996.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Election rules, 18 December 1996.

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 8, 13.

Antarctic Marine Living Resources Conservation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 6.

Australian Capital Territory Government Service (Consequential Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 7.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption Nos. 11/FRS/1997, 12/FRS/1997, CASA 04/97.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 10.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 4, 5.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Export Control Orders 1996 Nos. 7, 10.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 12.

Higher Education Funding Act—Guidelines 1997 No. T11.

Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation (Eligible Industry Bodies and Appointment of Members)—Orders 1997 No. 1.

Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 11.

Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 1, 2, 3.

Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notices 1996 Nos. CA4, V1.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1996 No. STD 96/5.

Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 9.

Taxation Administration Act—
Determination 1997 No. TD 97/6.
Ruling 1997 No. TR 97/2.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Declaration—Telecommunications (Public Mobile Licences) 1997 No. 1.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments under section 196B 1997 Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Hanson, Mr Latham, Mr Marek and Mr Willis.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives