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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 76

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 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 W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for the Environment), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the notice lodged by Mr Martin relating to disallowance of Statutory Rules 1996, No. 277, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

3 **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK REGULATIONS—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE**

Mr Martin, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations (Amendment), as contained in Statutory Rules 1996, No. 277, made under the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*, be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 43

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

NOES, 78

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

4 SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS SURCHARGE (APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH) BILL 1997

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the notional application of superannuation contributions surcharge on the surchargeable contributions of members of non-contributory Commonwealth superannuation schemes, and for related purposes.

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 Brereton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS SURCHARGE (APPLICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH—REDUCTION OF BENEFITS) BILL 1997

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the reduction of the benefits payable to members of unfunded non-contributory Commonwealth superannuation schemes on account of superannuation contributions surcharge, and for related purposes.

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 Brereton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1996-97—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 1996-97 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 Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1996-97—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1996-97 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 Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1996-97—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 1996-97 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 Prosser (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DECONTAMINATION FOR DISPOSAL OF FORMER ALBION EXPLOSIVES FACTORY SITE, DEER PARK, VIC.

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing

Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Decontamination for disposal of the former Albion Explosives Factory site, Deer Park, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

10 DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL FACILITIES AT RAAF BASE DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of operational facilities at RAAF Base Darwin.

Question—put and passed.

11 DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDINGS AND SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE JOINT PROJECT 2043, HIGH FREQUENCY MODERNISATION PROJECT—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of buildings and services in support of the Department of Defence Joint Project 2043, High Frequency Modernisation Project.

Question—put and passed.

12 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1996—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- (1) Title, page 1 (line 3), after “1971”, insert “**the *Immigration (Education) Charge Act 1992***”.
- (2) Schedule 1, page 4 (after line 28), after item 17, insert:

Immigration (Education) Charge Act 1992

17A Paragraph 5(a)

After “1993”, insert “and before the commencement of the *Migration (Visa Application) Charge Act 1996*”.

17B After paragraph 5(a)

Insert:

- (aa) any visa application fee payable in relation to the application has been paid before the commencement of the *Migration (Visa Application) Charge Act 1996*; and

- (3) Schedule 2, page 9 (line 2) to page 12 (line 13), omit the Schedule.
- (4) Schedule 3, item 1, page 13 (after line 21), at the end of section 507, add:
- (2) To avoid doubt, subsection (1) does not prevent the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* from applying in relation to the marital status of persons making or administering regulations covered by subsection (1).—

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, the following consequential amendment was made, after debate:

Page 8 (after line 25), after Schedule 1, insert:

Schedule 1A—Amendments related to limits on visas

Migration Act 1958

1 Subsection 5(1) (definition of aged parent)

Omit the definition.

2 Subsection 84(3)

Omit “, dependent child or aged parent”, substitute “or dependent child”.

3 Subsection 87(1)

Omit “, dependent child or aged parent”, substitute “or dependent child”.

13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Somlyay (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 348—Advisory report on the Tax Law Improvement Bill 1996, March 1997.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Somlyay and Mr Griffin, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

14 BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

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

Schedule 1—

Debate resumed on Items 6 to 9.

Question—That the items be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 78

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

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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 Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Willis
Mr Dargavel	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item 10—

Mr Moore (Minister for Industry, Science and Tourism) moved—That the item be omitted, and the following items substituted:

10 Subsection 4(1) (definition of *period to which this Act applies*)

Omit “30 June 1997”, substitute “31 December 1997”.

11 Section 10

Omit “1 July 1997”, substitute “1 January 1998”.

12 Paragraph 10(f)

Omit “30 June 1997”, substitute “31 December 1997”.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Crosio, in the Chair)—

AYES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Filing	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr Marek	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. H. Cameron	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	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Mr Zammit
Mr Downer	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Moore, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 CORPORATIONS LAW 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.

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.

16 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services) would answer questions on her behalf.

17 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

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

Salmon imports—Canada seeks WTO panel on Australian ban on imports of uncooked salmon—Copy of news release issued by the Government of Canada, 5 March 1997.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the Member for Batman (Mr M. J. Ferguson) for refusing to resume his seat when directed to do so by the Chair.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Batman be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES. 88

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.14 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

18 PAPERS

Mr Kerr, after putting a question to the Speaker, by leave, presented the following papers:

Plagiarism allegations—

House of Representatives *Hansard*—Copy of extract, 4 November 1996.

Medical manpower: The continuing crisis—Copy of article by Bob Birrell published in *People and Place*, Vol. 4, No. 3, 1996.

19 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 28 of 1996-97—Performance audit—Use of private hospitals: Department of Veterans' Affairs—Follow-up audit.

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

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 28 of 1996-97; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

20 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—

Anindilyakwa Land Council—5th report, for 1995-96.

Central Land Council—Report for 1995-96.

Northern Land Council—Report for 1995-96.

Tiwi Land Council—17th report, for 1995-96.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of electoral divisions, 1997—Western Australia—Volumes 1 and 2.

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1996—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report for 1995-96.

Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1994-95.

21 BLACK HAWK TRAINING ACCIDENT OF 12 JUNE 1996—OUTCOME OF BOARD OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the outcome of the Board of Inquiry into the Black Hawk training accident at the High Range Training Area, Townsville, on 12 June 1996, and presented the following papers:

Black Hawk Training Accident of 12 June 1996—Outcome of Board of Inquiry—

Documents for public release.

Ministerial statement, 6 March 1997.

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

22 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SUGAR INDUSTRY

The House was informed that Mr S. F. Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The importance of the sugar industry to Australia’s export performance, and to jobs and job security particularly in Queensland and northern New South Wales”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

23 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that Senator Bob Collins had been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories—5 March 1997—Message No. 159;

- (b) returning the Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration 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—5 March 1997—Message No. 160; and
- (c) returning the following Bills without amendment:
 - 5 March 1997—Message No. 161—Civil Aviation Amendment 1996.
 - 6 March 1997—Message—
 - No. 162—Road Transport Reform (Heavy Vehicles Registration) 1996.
 - No. 163—Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Amendment 1996.
 - No. 164—Public Service Amendment 1996.
 - No. 165—Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment 1996.
 - No. 166—Farm Household Support Amendment 1996.
 - No. 167—Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment (No. 3) 1996.

24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1996

Message No. 168, dated 6 March 1997, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to child support, 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.

25 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 March 1997, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

26 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

27 DIVISIONS—SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this period of sittings with effect from 18 March 1997:

- (1) Standing orders 195, 197 and 199 be amended to read:

Members calling for division

195. Members calling for a division shall not leave the area within the seats allotted to Members, and shall vote with those who, in the opinion of the Speaker, were in the minority when the voices were taken.

No Member to vote unless present when tellers appointed

197. No Member shall be entitled to vote in any division unless, when the tellers are appointed, the Member is within the seats allotted to Members. Except that when a successive division is taken pursuant to standing order 203A, this standing order does not apply.

Division bells rung

199. Before a division is taken, the Clerk shall ring the division bells and the doors shall not be closed until after the lapse of four minutes.

- (2) Standing order 200A be suspended.
- (3) Standing orders 201, 202 and 203 be amended to read:

Question stated; Members divided; Tellers appointed

201. When the doors have been locked, and all the Members are in their places, the Speaker shall state the question to the House, shall direct the "Ayes" to proceed to the right of the Chair, and the "Noes" to the left, and Members having accordingly taken seats, shall appoint tellers for each side.

Members present when tellers appointed must vote

202. On the tellers being appointed, every Member within the seats allotted to Members shall vote and no Member may move from his or her place until the result of the division is announced. Except that when a successive division is taken pursuant to standing order 203A, this standing order does not apply.

Members counted, names taken down

203. Every Member within the seats allotted to Members shall then be counted, and his or her name taken down by the tellers. When recording is complete the tellers shall calculate the total number of Members voting on that side. Tellers shall sign their list, and present it to the Speaker, who will declare the result to the House.

- (4) New standing orders 203A and 203B be inserted:

Successive divisions—bells rung, tellers appointed

203A. When successive divisions are taken, and there is no intervening debate after the first division, the bells for the ensuing division shall be rung for one minute only. Notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 201, the Speaker shall appoint tellers immediately after the division is called.

Successive divisions—vote same as in previous division

203B. When a successive division is taken pursuant to standing order 203A the tellers shall record each Member's vote as being the same as it was in the immediately preceding division.

Provided that any Member who—

- (i) wishes to vote differently to the way he or she voted in the previous division; or

- (ii) voted in the previous division and does not wish to vote in the current division; or
- (iii) did not vote in the previous division and wishes to vote in the current division—

shall report to the tellers as necessary to have his or her voting intention properly recorded. Members who wish to vote in the same way as they did in the immediately preceding division shall remain in their seats until the result of the division is announced.

Provided further that, if it is apparent to the Speaker that most Members wish to vote differently to the previous division, or if there is any confusion or error in the numbers calculated by the tellers, the vote shall be counted as provided in standing order 203.

- (5) Standing order 204 be amended to read:

If 4 or fewer Members on a side

204. If, at the time that the doors are locked, there are 4 or fewer Members on a side in a division, the Speaker shall, without completing the division, forthwith declare the decision of the House. In such event, the names of the Members who are in the minority shall be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

28 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

5 March 1997—

Message No. 110—Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (1996-97 Budget Measures) 1997.

Message No. 111—

Proceeds of Crime Amendment 1997.

General Insurance Supervisory Levy Amendment 1997.

29 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Reid (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Report on the operations of the committee, including the minutes of proceedings, for 1996, 5 March 1997.

30 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr J. N. Andrew (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to extension to the main runway at Adelaide International Airport (4th report of 1997).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr J. N. Andrew, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

31 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—8TH REPORT

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

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 8TH 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 11 February 1997, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—Report for 1995-96.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1995-96.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on general revenue grants relativities—1997 update.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

Workplace Relations and Other Legislation Amendment Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for period 1 July to 4 December 1996 [Final].

R. D. C. EVANS

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

Question—put and passed.

32 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 18 March 1997, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 March 1997:

Migration Act—Statements (24) under section 417.

Radiocommunications Act—Radiocommunications (Labelling) Determination
1997.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradford, Mr Broadbent, Mr Brough, Mr Fischer, Mr Lieberman, Mrs Moylan, Mr Wakelin and Ms Worth.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives