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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 90

MONDAY, 2 JUNE 1997

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 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1997**

Message No. 146, dated 28 May 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of an amendment to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989* and the *National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act 1985*, and for related purposes.

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—Hong Kong: The transfer of sovereignty—

Report, May 1997.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

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

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 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Slipper (Chair) presented the following papers:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Aspects of youth suicide—Summary report of a seminar—

Report, May 1997.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Slipper, Mr Quick, Mrs Elson, Ms Ellis and Dr Nelson made statements in connection with the report.

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

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

Mr Slipper 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 CHILD SUPPORT (ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1997

Mr Price, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*.

Mr Price made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Paper

Mr Price, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

6 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF THE BAHÁ'IS IN IRAN

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) strongly condemns the death sentences for apostasy imposed by the Iranian courts on Mr Musa Talibi and Mr Dhabihu'llah Mahrami, two members of the Baha'i Faith, particularly noting the gross violation of freedom of religion these sentences involve in contravention of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Iran is a party;
- (2) strongly condemns the imposition of death sentences against two other Baha'is, Mr Kayvan Khalajabadi and Mr Bihnam Mithaqi, held by the Iranian authorities, again for reasons arising from their religious beliefs;
- (3) calls for the immediate revocation of all such death sentences and the immediate release of the individuals involved;
- (4) deplores the continuing practice in Iran of short and long term detention of Baha'is for their religious beliefs and other grave breaches of human

rights against the Baha'is in Iran, including the banning of the sacred institutions of the Baha'i community and the criminalisation of membership of these institutions, denial of education and employment of individual Baha'is, the continuing failure to remedy the confiscation and destruction of holy places and community and personal property of Baha'is, continuing restrictions on freedom of movement and the right of assembly, and discrimination by the judiciary;

- (5) calls on the Government of Iran to ensure that no more Baha'is are subjected to sentences of death or imprisoned for their religious beliefs and that all current sentences of this nature against Baha'is are revoked and the individuals involved immediately released;
- (6) notes with concern Iran's failure to respond to the recommendations of Mr Abdelfattah Amor, UN Special Rapporteur for Religious Intolerance, regarding the violation of religious freedom in Iran, and urges the Government of Iran to take immediate steps to implement all those recommendations, particularly as they relate to Baha'is and protestant religious minorities;
- (7) notes also with concern the continuation generally of violations of human rights in Iran, including the high number of executions in the absence of internationally recognised safeguards, cases of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the failure to meet international standards with regard to the administration of justice and the absence of due process of law, violations of the right to peaceful assembly and restrictions on the freedom of expression, thought, opinion and the press and calls on the Government of Iran to ensure full respect for human rights within its borders; and
- (8) commends successive Australian governments for Australia's long standing and continuing support of religious freedom of the Baha'is in Iran, particularly in UN forums, and urges that further bilateral and multilateral diplomatic measures be taken in support of religious freedoms of the Baha'is and religious freedom generally.

Debate ensued.

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

7 INTERNET

Mr E. H. Cameron, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the growing use of and demand for the Internet in Australia;
- (2) notes that a large number of Internet users are families and individuals; and
- (3) affirms its support for untimed local calls for Internet users.

Debate ensued.

At 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.

8 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

9 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Williams (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

Mr Howard also informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 PETITIONS

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

Mrs Gash, Mr Griffin, Mr Howard and Mr Taylor, from 5, 18, 314 and 20 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.

Mr Latham and Mr McClelland, from 28 and 2555 residents of Sydney, Mr P F Morris, from 44 electors of the Division of Shortland, and Mr Price, from 476 residents of western Sydney, respectively, praying that the proposal to introduce nursing home entry fees be abandoned and full funding for capital assistance to nursing homes be restored.

Mr Andren, from 19 owners of freehold and leasehold land, praying that legislation be passed to ensure that granting pastoral leases and freehold land automatically extinguishes native title.

Mr Beazley, from 198 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 L. D. T. Ferguson, from 180 residents of New South Wales, praying that nursing home care be available to all and that the family home be exempted from asset tests relating to payment for such care.

Mr Griffin, from 48 residents of Victoria, praying that funding cuts to the Home and Community Care Program be reversed.

Mr Griffin, from 21 residents of Victoria, praying that full funding to Ausmusic be reinstated.

Mr Hawker, from 39 petitioners, praying that better mobile phone services be installed in western Victoria.

Mr Latham, from 1265 residents of Campbelltown and Liverpool, NSW, praying that any plan to construct an airport at Holsworthy, NSW, be abandoned.

Mr Marek, from 104 petitioners, praying that certain reforms to the Child Support Scheme be implemented.

Mr P. F. Morris, from 200 electors of the Division of Shortland, praying that the Belmont, NSW, Medicare Office remain open.

Mr Mossfield, from 137 residents of New South Wales, praying that the importation of cooked chicken meat products not be permitted.

Mr Mossfield, from 10 petitioners, praying that a high profile anti-racism campaign be mounted.

Mrs Moylan, from 173 residents of Roleystone, WA, praying that the rights of citizens who may be adversely affected by the erection of any proposed telecommunication tower be protected.

Mr Pyne, from 64 employees of Cutler Brands Pty Ltd, praying that tariffs be frozen at current levels.

Mrs D. S. Vale, from 208 residents of New South Wales, praying that Holsworthy be opposed as a site for Sydney's second international airport.

Mrs D. S. Vale, from 25 petitioners, praying that the importation of animals for exhibition in circuses be prohibited.

Petitions received.

12 HEROIN TRADE IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY

Mrs Crosio, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House recognises:

- (1) the grave extent of the heroin trade in south west Sydney and the shocking availability of the drug for purchase, especially on the streets of Cabramatta and Fairfield;
- (2) the disastrous social problems currently being caused by the heroin trade in south west Sydney;
- (3) that many of the dealers and addicts involved in the heroin trade in south west Sydney are teenagers, with some users as young as 11 and 12, and are having their lives ruined as a result;
- (4) that the reckless discarding of used syringes in an improper manner is causing great distress and threatening the health of many families and small business people in south west Sydney; and
- (5) that the trade and use of heroin in south western Sydney is moving rapidly from bad to worse and that government, at all levels, must look for better and more effective ways of combating what has become one of Australia's most serious social problems.

Debate ensued.

Medicare Levy Amendment (No. 1) 1997.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment 1997.

Education Legislation Amendment 1997.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Message No. 243, dated 29 May 1997, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, 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.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1997

Message No. 244, dated 29 May 1997, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to fisheries, 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.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 245

Mr Speaker

The Senate again transmits to the House of Representatives the following resolution which was agreed to by the Senate on 28 May 1997:

That, in the opinion of the Senate, the following is a matter of urgency:

The need to secure the future of the Australian automotive industry and create an environment which supports a doubling of motor vehicle exports to 100,000 units per year, a trebling of components exports to \$3 billion and up to 10,000 new jobs, by establishing a post-2000 assistance regime which:

- (a) ensures that tariffs on motor vehicles, original equipment and replacement components should not fall below 15% at least until 2005 (while maintaining our commitments under APEC);
- (b) establishes a transparent measure by which the progress of our trading partners in reducing their tariff and non-tariff barriers can be judged;
- (c) reviews the industry's position in 2003 to determine the assistance needed beyond 2005 (in formulating its recommendations, the review to have regard to the progress of our trading partners in reducing

- barriers to trade and the impact of any policy changes on regional Australia);
- (d) ensures that the Export Facilitation Scheme is not removed without putting in place a program of equivalent value, consistent with our World Trade Organization obligations;
 - (e) continues the duty-free allowance to support domestic market value-added; and
 - (f) provides measures which ensure a more supportive industrial research and development environment.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House in this resolution.

MARGARET REID

President

The Senate

30 May 1997

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the message be considered at the next sitting.

Mr Crean moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Senate message be considered forthwith in order for the House to endorse at the earliest opportunity the urgency of the need to secure the future of the Australian automotive industry and create an environment which supports a doubling of motor vehicle exports to 100,000 units per year, a trebling of components exports to \$3 billion and up to 10,000 new jobs, by establishing a post-2000 assistance regime which:

- (1) freezes tariffs on motor vehicles, original equipment and replacement components at 15% to at least 2005 (while maintaining our commitments under APEC);
- (2) establishes a transparent measure by which the progress of our trading partners in reducing their tariff and non-tariff barriers can be judged;
- (3) reviews the industry's position in 2003 to determine the assistance needed beyond 2005. (In formulating its recommendations, the review to have regard to the progress of our trading partners in reducing barriers to trade and the impact of any policy changes on regional Australia.);
- (4) continues the Export Facilitation Scheme, modified as necessary to be consistent with our World Trade Organization obligations;
- (5) continues the duty-free allowance to support domestic market value-added; and
- (6) provides measures which ensure a more supportive industrial research and development environment”.

Closure of Member

Mr Scott moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 87

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

NOES, 45

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr O'Connor (seconder) addressing the House—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the message be considered at the next sitting—put and passed.

20 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Crean moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 26, private Members' business, for the second reading of the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1997, being called on forthwith in the light of:

- (1) the fact that any changes to the tariff regime will require legislation, and there is widespread concern that, as with the zero sugar tariff issue, the relevant legislation will be delayed;
- (2) the fact that there are clear divisions within the Government on this matter, most recently made obvious in the House today by the Member for Kingston backing a tariff freeze;
- (3) the fact that many thousands of jobs depend on the automotive industry;
- (4) the fact that the automotive industry committed itself to increase jobs and exports based on the implementation of Labor's plan;
- (5) the fact that the Prime Minister has called on backbenchers to make their views known;
- (6) the fact that what is required now is to have full and open debate on the matter;
- (7) the fact that the Government is now considering a decision on the issue; and
- (8) the fact that Labor's plan based on the key points in Senate messages Nos. 236 and 245 provide a sound basis for certainty for investment.

Closure of Member

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr O'Connor (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Scott moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 43

Mr Adams	Mr M. 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
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And so it was negated.

21 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 development of No. 6 Squadron facilities at RAAF Base Amberley, Qld (5th report of 1997).

Ordered to be printed.

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

22 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1997-98—BUDGET DEBATE

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 notes that the Budget:

- (1) does nothing for jobs—the nation’s most overwhelming current economic and social problem;
- (2) squanders, by breaking the promise to introduce superannuation co-contributions, an historic opportunity to build a massive new private

savings pool, and does so in a way that undercuts decent retirement incomes for lower and middle income earners;

- (3) continues the assault on families, the elderly and the needy;
- (4) contains many mindless and counter-productive cuts affecting the quality and decency of life in Australia, and harming our international reputation;
- (5) for all its cuts and destructive impact, did not meet the exaggerated expectations the Government had created as to the size of its deficit reduction achievements and projected future surpluses; and
- (6) has been characterised by even the Government's best friends as lacking in shape, direction and vision"—

Debate resumed.

Mr O'Connor addressing the House—

23 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 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 June 1997:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Exemptions 1997 Nos. 38/FRS, 39/FRS, 40/FRS.

Defence Service Homes Act—Instrument 1997 No. 4.

National Health Act—Determination 1997 No. HIS 10.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fischer, Mrs Gash, Mr Kerr, Mr Tanner, Mr Williams and Ms Worth.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives