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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 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 Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 34, private Members' business, given by Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), being called on forthwith, the Leader of the Opposition speaking for a period not exceeding 5 minutes, the Bill being read a first time and the motion for the second reading being set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

3 **PLEBISCITE FOR AN AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC BILL 1997**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to require a plebiscite on whether Australia should become a republic.

Mr Beazley made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day, the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1997**

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1997

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1997

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1997).

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

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Crean moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

(1) the House immediately debating order of the day No. 30, government business, relating to Senate message No. 298 which stated:

“That the Senate recognises that:

- (a) the future of the 100 000 Australian textile, clothing and footwear (TCF) workers must be secured, together with future exports and investment growth;
- (b) Australia is well ahead of its international competitors in the reduction of tariffs in this industry;

- (c) if the Productivity Commission's recommendations are implemented, at least 50 000 Australian jobs will go off-shore and the remaining 50 000 workers will be forced into low-paid backyard operations;
- (d) there should be a freeze on TCF tariffs from the year 2000 to, at least, the year 2005, consistent with Australia's international obligations;
- (e) the Import Credit Scheme must not be removed without putting in place a program of equivalent value, consistent with Australia's international obligations; and
- (f) a review of future assistance arrangements should be undertaken in the year 2004, in consultation with the industry's partners, taking into account:
 - (i) progress on TCF trade liberalisation among Australia's trading partners and competitors,
 - (ii) the industry's progress in meeting its commitments on employment, investment and exports, and
 - (iii) the effect of changes in the TCF industry on regional Australia.

"The Senate requests the concurrence of the House in this resolution"; and

- (2) the House resolving that, aside from the importance of the message, the honourable Members for McMillan, Indi, Bendigo, Fisher, Ballarat, Bass and McEwen, Paterson and Lindsay, who have publicly expressed their support for the TCF industry be held accountable to their constituencies and the House.

Closure of Member

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	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 Hockey	Dr Neilson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 40

Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tanner
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Fitzgibbon (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	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 Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
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Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
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Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilton

* Tellers

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 Speaker, Mr Halverson, in the Chair)—

AYES, 40

Mr Beddall	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Brereton	Mr Hatton	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brown	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tanner
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilton

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Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Naim	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile*
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Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Zammit
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

9 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1997

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.

Paper

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 2—

Page 2 (line 1), omit “Schedule 4”, substitute “Schedule 1 to the *Migration Legislation Amendment Act (No. 5) 1997*”.

Page 2 (line 3), omit “Schedule 4”, substitute “Schedule 1 to that Act”.

Page 2 (line 9), omit “4.”.

Page 2 (line 11), omit “4.”.

Schedule 1—

Item 21, page 10 (lines 4 to 6), omit subsection (2), substitute:

(2) However, the Principal Member must not give such a direction unless:

- (a) the Tribunal’s decision on the review has not been recorded in writing or given orally; and
- (b) the Principal Member has consulted:
 - (i) the member, or each member, who constitutes the Tribunal; and
 - (ii) a Senior Member who is not the member, or one of the members, who constitutes the Tribunal; and
- (c) either:
 - (i) the Principal Member is satisfied that there is insufficient material before the Tribunal for the Tribunal to reach a decision on the review; or
 - (ii) a period equal to or longer than the period prescribed for the purposes of this subparagraph has elapsed since the Tribunal was constituted.

Item 22, page 12 (line 17), omit “may”, substitute “must”.

Item 22, page 12 (lines 18 and 19), omit “If the Tribunal considers that it will assist the conduct of the review, the Tribunal may”, substitute “The Tribunal must”.

Item 22, page 12 (after line 21), after subsection (1), insert:

(1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if:

- (a) the Tribunal considers that it should decide the review in the applicant’s favour on the basis of the material before it; or
- (b) the applicant consents to the Tribunal deciding the review without the applicant appearing before it; or
- (c) subsection 359C(1) or (2) applies to the applicant.

Item 22, page 12 (line 22), omit “Unless so invited”, substitute “If any of the paragraphs in subsection (1A) of this section apply”.

Item 29, page 14 (lines 15 and 16), omit the item.

Schedule 3—

Item 2, page 30 (lines 4 to 6), omit subsection (2), substitute:

- (2) However, the Principal Member must not give such a direction unless:
- (a) the Tribunal's decision on the review has not been recorded in writing or given orally; and
 - (b) the Principal Member has consulted:
 - (i) the member constituting the Tribunal; and
 - (ii) a Senior Member who is not the member constituting the Tribunal; and
 - (c) either:
 - (i) the Principal Member is satisfied that there is insufficient material before the Tribunal for the Tribunal to reach a decision on the review; or
 - (ii) a period equal to or longer than the period prescribed for the purposes of this subparagraph has elapsed since the Tribunal was constituted.

Item 3, page 32 (line 17), omit “**may**”, substitute “**must**”.

Item 3, page 32 (lines 18 and 19), omit “If the Tribunal considers that it will assist the conduct of the review, the Tribunal may”, substitute “The Tribunal must”.

Item 3, page 32 (after line 21), after subsection (1), insert:

- (1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if:
- (a) the Tribunal considers that it should decide the review in the applicant's favour on the basis of the material before it; or
 - (b) the applicant consents to the Tribunal deciding the review without the applicant appearing before it; or
 - (c) subsection 424C(1) or (2) applies to the applicant.

Item 3, page 32 (line 22), omit “Unless so invited”, substitute “If any of the paragraphs in subsection (1A) of this section apply”.

Item 7, page 33 (lines 21 and 22), omit the item.

Page 34 (after line 14), after item 10, insert:

10A Subsection 469(1)

Omit “the office of Principal Member”, substitute “a senior office”.

10B Paragraph 469(1)(b)

Omit “the Principal Member”, substitute “the holder of the office”.

10C Subsection 469(1A)

Repeal the subsection.

10D Subsection 469(2)

Omit “an office”, substitute “a senior office”.

10E Subsection 469(9) (paragraph (a) of the definition of *normal terminating event*)

Omit “or (1A)(a)”.

10F Subsection 469(9) (paragraph (b) of the definition of *normal terminating event*)

Omit “or (1A)(b)”.

10G Subsection 469(9)

Insert:

senior office means the office of Principal Member, the office of Deputy Principal Member or an office of Senior Member.

Schedule 4, page 36 (line 1), to page 44 (line 33), omit the Schedule.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1997 [NO. 2]

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.

11 DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES—FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House of arrangements for attendance by Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) at the funeral for Diana, Princess of Wales.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) also referred to the matter.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Mr McClelland, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology)—

Mr McGauran presented the following papers:

Lucas Heights nuclear reactor—Replacement—Copies of—

Press release by—

Mr M.J. Evans, MP, 3 September 1997.

Senator Schacht, 9 November 1993.

Senate Estimates Committee *Hansard*—Extract, 25 September 1996.

Transcript of *11AM* program, National Seven Network, 3 September 1997.

Questions without notice continued.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—Norfolk Island inquiry—1997.

Finance—

Advance to the Minister for Finance—

Statements for June and July 1997.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during June and July 1997.

Provision for running costs borrowings—Statement for June 1997.

Supporting applications of issues from the provision during June 1997.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FOREST INDUSTRIES

The House was informed that Mr Kerr had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to protect the environment while developing a coherent employment and industry strategy for Australia’s forest industries”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Kerr addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Dr Kemp (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service), pursuant to notice, moved—That the time for bringing up the advisory report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts on the Public Service Bill 1997 and the Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Bill 1997 be extended to 23 September 1997.

Question—put and passed.

16 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr J. N. Andrew (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day, government business, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Australia’s foreign and trade policy—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

17 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1997 [NO. 2]

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.

Debate adjourned (Mrs D. M. Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

18 PAPERS

Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence), by indulgence, added to an answer given during question time on 2 September 1997, and presented the following papers:

Northern Territory election and defence personnel—Copies of—

Personnel awarded the Australian Active Service Medal for Operation Solace—
Extract from Through Aussie Eyes—Photographs of the Australian Defence Force in Somalia 1993.

Provision of rank titles to the Member for Port Darwin—Minutes from Brigadier C. A. M. Roberts, Commander, Headquarters Northern Command to—

HDPE, 2 September 1997.

Office of the Minister for Defence and HDPE, 3 September 1997, together with a statutory declaration by David Alexander Moncrieff.

The roll of honour—Extract from the *Australian*, 14 January 1997.

Mr Bevis, by indulgence, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

19 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1997 [NO. 2]

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.

Consideration in detail

Schedules 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 4—

Mr O'Keefe moved the following amendment: Items 1 to 5, page 7 (lines 6 to 20), omit the items.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 42

Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr E. L. Grace*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Beddall	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bevis	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Brereton	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brown	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Mr Katter	Mr Mossfield	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr Dargavel	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Lee	Mr Price	

NOES, 74

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

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

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 300, dated 3 September 1997, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Abetz had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, and Senator Synon had been appointed a member of the committee.

21 ADJOURNMENT

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—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.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adams, Mrs Bishop, Mr R. A. Cameron, Mr Hicks, Mr McMullan, Mr Nugent, Mr Scott, Mr W. L. Smith and Mrs Sullivan.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 1997**

1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 10.18 a.m.

2 **TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INQUIRY INTO AVIATION SAFETY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Reith (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 7 May 1996*), viz.:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Plane safe—Report on the inquiry into aviation safety: The commuter and general aviation section, December 1995—

Debate resumed.

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

3 **TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INQUIRY INTO SHIP SAFETY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Reith (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 7 May 1996*), viz.:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Ships of Shame—A sequel: Report on the inquiry into ship safety, November 1995—

Debate resumed.

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

4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Taylor—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 2 December 1996*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Australia's relations with Southern Africa—Report, November 1996—

Debate resumed.

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

5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—PAPUA NEW GUINEA—SEMINAR, 11-12 NOVEMBER 1996—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Sinclair—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 24 February 1997*), viz.:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Papua New Guinea update: Report on proceedings of a seminar, 11 and 12 November 1996, Canberra, February 1997—

Debate resumed.

Mr Sinclair, by leave, again addressed the question without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

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

6 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BUSINESS CONDUCT ISSUES ARISING OUT OF COMMERCIAL DEALINGS BETWEEN FIRMS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Reid—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 26 May 1997*), viz.:

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Finding a balance: Towards fair trading in Australia—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, May 1997—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Miss J. M. Kelly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 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.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee