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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 118

MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 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 SPEAKER'S PANEL

The following warrant revoking nominations and nominating members of the Speaker's panel, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid on the Table:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I revoke the nominations of Mark Anthony James Vaile and Warren Errol Truss to be members of the Speaker's panel.

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate John Alexander Forrest and De-Anne Margaret Kelly to be members of the Speaker's panel to assist the Chair when requested to do so by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

Given under my hand on 20 October 1997.

ROBERT HALVERSON

Speaker

3 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 and 2, given by the Speaker, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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

Mr Reid presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Provision for Members to make short speeches in the Main Committee—

Report, September 1997.

Minutes of proceedings.

Mr Reid made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr K. J. Thomson made a statement in connection with the report.

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

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

Mr Reid 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 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Sinclair (Chair) presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Reports and minutes of proceedings—

ANZUS after 45 years: Seminar proceedings, 11 to 12 August 1997, September 1997.

Sharpening the focus: Seminar on the Simons Committee report, 11 July 1997, October 1997.

From Empire to partnership: Seminar on the Commonwealth of Nations, 20 August 1997, October 1997.

Ordered—That each of the reports be printed.

Mr Sinclair and Mr Price made statements in connection with the reports.

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

Mr Sinclair moved—That the House take note of each of the reports.

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

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

6 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—10th Report—Treaties tabled on 17 June and 26 August 1997—

Report, September 1997.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

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

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.

7 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Nairn (Chair) presented the following papers:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Industrial elections: The role of the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in conducting industrial elections—

Report, October 1997.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Nairn made a statement in connection with the report.

The time for consideration of committee and delegation reports having expired—

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

Mr Nairn 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.

8 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

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

- (1) acknowledges that Australia's health system is reliant on a successful private health insurance industry complementing the public health system;
- (2) notes with concern the neglect of the former Labor Government to stem the exodus from private health insurance between 1984 and 1996;
- (3) calls on the Australian Labor Party to agree to supporting incentives for private health insurance as part of its policy platform at its annual conference in 1998;
- (4) expresses its support for the incentives provided by the Federal Government for people to maintain private health insurance and for those who do not have it, to take it out;
- (5) calls on private health insurers to minimise any premium increases which may force more Australians to reconsider their membership;
- (6) welcomes any further policies which encourage people who can afford to take out private health insurance, to do so; and
- (7) calls on the Government to refer the issue of private health insurance and the Australian health system to the Standing Committee on Family and

Community Affairs for further solutions to alleviate the decline in private health insurance caused by the policies of the former Labor Government.

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, Mr Fitzgibbon was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

10 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS—PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Howard Ministry, 20 October 1997.

Mr Howard informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) was Acting Minister for Trade and would answer questions on Mr Fischer's behalf.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister for Family Services) presented the following paper:

Nursing homes and hostels—Capital funding, 1990-91 to 1995-96—Graph.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 2.22 p.m. the Member for Prospect (Mrs Crosio) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Papers

Mr Reith (Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business) presented the following papers:

Gordonstone mine—Copies of—

Arco Coal—Transcript of Radio 2CN news item, 20 October 1997.

Staff safety a priority says coal company—Media release by Mr Garry Wright, Gordonstone Coal Management, 19 October 1997.

Questions without notice continued.

12 PRIVILEGE—PAPERS—COMPLAINT OF BREACH

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by indulgence, referred to the matter of privilege raised by the Mr Melham on 2 October 1997, and presented the following papers:

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Proposed submission by Australian Law Reform Commission—Copies of—

Facsimile from Steve Curran, Research Assistant, Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund to David Kinley, Australian Law Reform Commission, 12 September 1997.

Legal opinions from Henry Burmester, Chief General Counsel, Australian Government Solicitor, 1 October 1997 (2).

Letters from—

Mr Alan Rose, President, Australian Law Reform Commission to Mr Williams, 4 and 12 September 1997.

Mr Williams to Mr Rose, 28 August 1997.

Peter C. Grundy, Committee Secretary, Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund, to Mr Entsch, 1 October 1997.

News releases by Mr Williams, 1 and 2 October 1997.

Note of conversation with Alan Rose on 23 September 1997.

Mr Melham raised, as a further matter of privilege, the presentation by Mr Williams of certain papers purportedly from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund.

Mr Williams addressed the matter raised.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House at a later time.

13 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1997-98—Performance audits—

No. 4—Service delivery in radio and telecommunications: Australian Telecommunications Authority and Spectrum Management Agency.

No. 5—Performance management of Defence inventory and Defence quality assurance (preliminary study).

14 PETITIONS

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

Mr Albanese, Mr Andren, Mr Anthony, Mr Beddall, Mr Brown, Mr Causley, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Hicks, Dr Lawrence, Mr McLachlan, Mr Marek, Mr Martin, Mr A. A. Morris, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nairn, Mr Sinclair, Mr Slipper, Mrs West and Mr Williams, from 26, 110, 236, 49, 25, 41, 87, 52, 14, 26, 43, 53, 25, 25, 24, 4, 25, 25 and 16 pensioners, superannuants and retirees, respectively,

praying that funding be provided to the Australian Pensioners' and Superannuants' Federation.

Mr Albanese, from 250 petitioners, praying that funding to legal aid continue.

Mr Albanese, from 64 residents of New South Wales, praying that changes made to shared rent assistance benefits be revoked.

Mr Albanese, from 28 residents of Sydney, praying that the proposal to introduce nursing home entry fees be abandoned and full funding for capital assistance to nursing homes be restored.

Mr Anthony, from 127 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to prevent further activities which would threaten the Hinchinbrook, Qld, world heritage area.

Mr E. H. Cameron, from 1476 petitioners, praying that action be taken to stop the practice in China of extracting bile from caged bears for medical purposes.

Dr Lawrence, from 628 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to protect high conservation value forests.

Mr McClelland, from 68 electors of the Division of Barton, praying that the Rockdale, NSW, Medicare office remain open.

Mr Miles, from 346 residents of Tasmania, praying that the pulp and paper industry in north-west Tasmania be recognised and the entry into Australia of dumped paper be prevented.

Mr Moore, from 215 petitioners, praying that tariffs not be reduced.

Mr A. A. Morris, from 18 petitioners, praying that funds which have been withdrawn from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission be returned.

Mr A. A. Morris, from 11 residents of the Newcastle region, praying that the principles of cultural diversity, freedom of speech and mutual respect be promoted actively.

Mr Nehl, from 227 residents of New South Wales, praying that certain ABC radio programming on the mid north coast, NSW, be restored.

Mr O'Keefe, from 225 residents of Victoria, praying that the Deer Park, Vic., Medicare office remain open.

Mr Price, from 174 residents of western Sydney, praying that plans to build an airport at Badgery's Creek, NSW, be abandoned.

Mr Price, from 84 residents of western Sydney, praying that the Mt. Druitt, NSW, Medicare office remain open.

Mrs West, from 1705 electors of the Division of Bowman, praying that the Wynnum, Qld, Medicare office be maintained.

Mr Williams, from 16 petitioners, praying that a fair and just system of legal aid be maintained.

Petitions received.

15 OLDER MOTOR VEHICLES

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

- (1) acknowledges the increasing environmental and safety problems posed by old worn out motor vehicles;
- (2) recognises that the removal of older motor vehicles from our roads would reduce pollution such as lead and other pollutants by increasing the proportion of vehicles using unleaded fuel and fitted with catalysts;
- (3) recognises that older vehicles are involved in proportionally more road accidents and that the removal of older vehicles from our roads would have substantial community benefits and health costs savings; and
- (4) recommends a reduction in wholesale sales tax on motor vehicles which would:
 - (a) add between 150 000 to 200 000 new vehicles to the market per annum;
 - (b) give a substantial boost to vehicle and component manufacturing with a substantial impact on employment in those industries;
 - (c) give a substantial boost to employment in vehicle distribution retailing and wholesaling;
 - (d) increase State revenues through stamp duty and registration increases; and
 - (e) make better quality motor vehicles more affordable to average Australians due to the “trickle down” effect as new vehicles enter the top of the market.

Debate ensued.

Mr McClelland, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 GAMBLING

Mrs E. J. Grace, by leave, for Mr Bradford, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House recognises the adverse effects of gambling on society in general and on the small business sector in particular and takes steps to discourage State governments from expanding gambling as a means of raising revenue.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Mr Filing was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

17 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.

Paper

Mr Holding, by leave, presented the following paper:

Deportation of Mr Konrads Kalejs from the United States of America—Copy of page 1 of Government's motion to dissolve automatic stay and motion for summary affirmance before the United States Court of Appeals.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

18 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:

8 October 1997—Message No. 187—

Television Licence Fees Amendment 1997.

Radio Licence Fees Amendment 1997.

Broadcasting Services Legislation Amendment 1997.

9 October 1997—Message No. 188—

Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) 1997.

Radiocommunications Legislation Amendment 1997.

Health Insurance Amendment (No. 1) 1997.

14 October 1997—Message No. 189—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1997.

17 October 1997—Message No. 190—

Family Court of Western Australia (Orders of Registrars) 1997.

National Firearms Program Implementation 1997.

Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment 1997.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 20 October 1997, were reported:

- (a) returning the Taxation Laws Amendment (Foreign Income Measures) Bill 1997 without amendment—Message No. 337; and
- (b) acquainting the House that Senator Woodley had been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Message No. 338.

20 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MALE TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BENCHMARK) BILL 1997—SENATE'S REQUESTS

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

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS

- (1) Schedule 1, item 2, page 3 (line 30), omit “and before 21 September 2002”.
- (2) Schedule 1, item 4, page 6 (line 6), omit “and before 21 September 2002”—

On the motion of Mr Somlyay (Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government) the requested amendments were made, after debate.

21 WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1997—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had been unable to complete consideration of the Bill and returned the Bill for further consideration, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Debate resumed on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr O'Keefe, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “, noting the representations of a wide number of graingrowers and, in particular the West Australian Graingrowers' Association and the Australian Grain Industry Taskforce, the House declines to give the bill a second reading pending consideration of the report on the measure by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee, which is due to be presented by 23 October 1997”.

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

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

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

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Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Connor
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 Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin*	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Dargavel	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton

* 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. 186, dated 30 July 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 20, page 13 (after line 12), after the definition of *pool*, insert:

pool return wheat means wheat bought by the Board before the commencement of this section for sale as part of a pool and on terms requiring payment for the wheat to be made according to Division 3 of Part 4 of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*.

Clause 21, page 13 (line 28), omit “new season wheat”, substitute “pool return wheat, being new season wheat,”.

Clause 23, page 15 (lines 4 and 5), omit “new season wheat”, substitute “pool return wheat, being new season wheat,”.

Clause 24, page 15 (lines 16 and 17), omit “new season wheat”, substitute “pool return wheat, being new season wheat,”.

Clause 25, page 15 (line 29), omit “new season wheat”, substitute “pool return wheat, being new season wheat,”.

Schedule 1—

Item 33, page 43 (lines 20 and 21), omit paragraph (d).

Item 131, page 59 (line 7), omit “section 7”, substitute “sections 6 and 7”.

Note: The heading to item 131 is altered by omitting “section 7” and substituting “sections 6 and 7”.

Item 131, page 59 (line 8), omit “that section continues”, substitute “those sections continue”.

Paper

Mr Truss presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

22 NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 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—*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:

- (1) native title rights, including on pastoral leases, are fundamental legal property rights, acknowledged and upheld as such by the High Court, and entitled to the same respect and protection as the property rights of non-indigenous Australians: any amendment of the Native Title Act in response to the *Wik* decision or for any other reason must fully reflect that reality;
- (2) it is in the national interest that the Act balance and reconcile to the maximum possible extent the interests and reasonable expectations of both

- indigenous Australians and other major stakeholders—farmers, miners and Australian taxpayers generally;
- (3) it is both in the national interest, and in the interests of indigenous Australians, farmers and miners, that there be the maximum possible predictability and certainty about the status of the Act and its practical operation;
 - (4) there is a need, in particular, to guarantee the constitutional validity of the legislation, by ensuring that legislation operates for the net benefit of indigenous Australians;
 - (5) it is also in everyone's interest that the processes established by this legislation to deal with the registration and determination of claims, and the reconciliation of competing interests, be as effective and expeditious as possible;
 - (6) there are aspects of the Bill which may advance these objectives, in particular by encouraging and assisting the entering into of agreements, and by setting a stricter regime for the registration of claims;
 - (7) nonetheless, the Bill is seriously deficient, and requires substantial amendment, in many respects, including:
 - (a) the reach of the validation provisions beyond that which is necessary for the practical redress of post-*Wik* problems;
 - (b) the manifestly unacceptable over-reach of the provisions purporting to confirm the extinguishment of native title where exclusive tenure has previously been involved;
 - (c) the unnecessarily broad application, in relation to coexistence on pastoral leases, of the statutory authorisation of non-pastoral activities;
 - (d) the unnecessarily broad application of extinguishment in relation to the provision of government services and public works;
 - (e) the indefensibly limited test for allowing statutory access rights for registered claimants;
 - (f) the dramatic limitation of the right to negotiate, and in particular its effective elimination in relation to mining on pastoral leases, which (along with the provisions amounting to direct or de facto extinguishment) significantly tilts the balance of the legislation against indigenous Australians;
 - (g) the unacceptable limitation on the effective enjoyment of the right to negotiate which is involved in powers of early ministerial intervention;
 - (h) the absurd and counterproductive sunset clause, which will simply ensure a proliferation of ambit claims under the Act, and the pursuit of future claims through expensive and complex common law processes;

- (i) the inappropriately rigid and legalistic constraints on Registrars in the management of claims; and
- (j) the inappropriate introduction of formal rules of evidence, and limitations on the extent to which cultural and customary concerns can be taken into account, in the Federal Court claims process”—

Debate resumed.

Dr Lawrence 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 20 October 1997:

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 295.

Bounty (Books) Act—Return for 1996-97.

Bounty (Computers) Act—Return for 1996-97.

Bounty (Fuel Ethanol) Act—Return for 1996-97.

Bounty (Machine Tools and Robots) Act—Return for 1996-97.

Bounty (Ships) Act—Return for 1996-97.

Bounty (Textile Yarns) Act—Return for 1996-97.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—
Civil Aviation Orders—

Part 20—Amendment 1997 3 October 1997.

Part 105—Amendments 1997 15, 16(3), 18, 25(13), 26(10), 29(2) September.

Part 106—Amendment 1997 12 September.

Exemptions 1997 Nos. CASA 17, CASA 18, CASA 19.

Instrument 1997 No. CASA 248.

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Regulations—
Statutory Rules 1997 No. 282.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 284, 285.

Defence Act—Determinations 1997 Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.

Endangered Species Protection Act—Declaration under section 18 No. 97/ESP2.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations 1997 No. 6.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 292.

Fisheries Management Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 278.

- Health Insurance Act—
 Determinations 1997 Nos. HS/3, HS/4.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 287.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 286.
- Immigration (Education) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 280.
- Imported Food Control Act—
 Imported Food Control Order 14 October 1997.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 289.
- Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act—Forms approved for the purposes of section 9C 26 September 1997.
- Insurance Act—Determination 26 September 1997.
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 Nos. 279, 288.
- National Health Act—
 Declaration 1997 No. PB 12.
 Determination 1997 No. PB 13.
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act, Horticultural Levy Act and Horticultural Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 290.
- Public Service Act—Determinations 1997 Nos. FAT/3, FAT/4, FAT/5, FAT/7, LES 30, SESROB 103, SESROB 104, SESROB 105, SESROB 106, SESROB 107, SESROB 108, SESROB 109, SESROB 110, SESROB 111.
- Radiocommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 283.
- Remuneration Tribunal Act—
 Determination 1997 No. 10.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 291.
- Retirement Savings Accounts Act—Regulations —Statutory Rules 1997 No. 294.
- Sales Tax Assessment Act—Ruling 1997 No. SST 7.
- Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—
 Determination under section 153 14 October 1997.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 293.
- Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensations Nos. 8/97, 9/97, 10/97.
- Taxation Administration Act—Determination 1997 No. TD 21.
- Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments under section—
 29 1997 Nos. 8, 9.
 90 1997 No. 7.
 91 1997 No. 6.
 105 1997 No. 1.
 196B 1997 Nos. 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87.
- Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 281.
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ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bradford, Mr Brereton, Mr Fischer, Mrs Gash, Ms Hanson, Mr Jones, Mr Prosser, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Tanner.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives