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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 123

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1997

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Bob Halverson) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

3 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH

Mr Entsch (Chair—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund) raised, as a matter of privilege, three cases of alleged unauthorised disclosure of information concerning the committee's inquiry into the Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 presented to the House yesterday. Mr Entsch further stated that the matters would be considered at a meeting of the committee and he would report the outcome to the House.

The Speaker stated that he would await the results of the committee's deliberations.

4 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Joint House Department—Report for 1996-97.

5 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1996-97.

ADI Limited—Report for 1996-97.

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act—National Registration Authority for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals—Report for 1996-97.

Air Services Act—Airservices Australia—Report for 1996-97.

- Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report for 1996-97.
- Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1996-97.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 1996-97.
- Australian Film Commission Act—Film Australia Limited—Report for 1996-97.
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1996-97.
- Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Australian National Maritime Museum—Strategic plan 1997-2000.
- Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 1996-97.
- Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1996-97.
- Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—50th report, for 1996-97.
- Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 1996-97.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Australian Research Council—Reports, including the Board's comments—Reviews of grants outcomes—
No. 22—Atmospheric and oceanographic sciences 1989-1993.
No. 23—Marine biology 1989-1993.
No. 24—Education 1989-1993.
- Employment Services Act—Employment Services Regulatory Authority—Report for 1996-97.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—ADI Limited—Report for 1996-97.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1996-97.
- Housing Assistance Act—Report for 1995-96 on the operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.
- Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Meat Industry Council—Report for 1996-97.
- Murray-Darling Basin Act—Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1996-97.
- National Health Act—Private Health Insurance Complaints Commissioner—Report for 1996-97.
- National Library Act—National Library of Australia—37th report, for 1996-97.
- National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1996-97.

Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act and Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act—Australian Safeguards Office and the Chemical Weapons Convention Office—Report for 1996-97.

Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 1996-97.

Public Lending Right Act—Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 1996-97.

Public Service Act—

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report, including reports on the operation of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act, the Ozone Protection Act and the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act, for 1996-97.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 1996-97.

Department of Health and Family Services—Report, including information on the administration and operation of the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service, Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Australian Government Health Service, for 1996-97.

Department of Primary Industries and Energy—Report for 1996-97.

Public Service and Merit Protection Commission—Report, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection and Review Agency in accord with the Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act, for 1996-97.

Rural Adjustment Act—Rural Adjustment Scheme Advisory Council—Report, including a report on the Rural Adjustment Scheme, for 1996-97.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 1996-97.

Superannuation Act 1976—CSS Board—Report for 1996-97.

Superannuation Act 1990—PSS Board—Report for 1996-97.

Witness Protection Act—Reports for 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97.

6 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following papers:

Air Services Act—Airservices Australia—Report for 1996-97.

Public Service Act—Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report, including reports on the operation of the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act, the Ozone Protection Act and the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act, for 1996-97.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 1996-97.

Superannuation Act 1976—CSS Board—Report for 1996-97.

Superannuation Act 1990—PSS Board—Report for 1996-97.

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

7 PAPER

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) presented the following paper:

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—Building of the Australian nation (Mr Ruddock, 5834 petitioners).

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NURSING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

The House was informed that Ms Macklin 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 family home in announcing its changes to nursing home arrangements".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 17 November 1997.

10 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 27 October 1997, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 350—Excise Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 351—Customs Tariff (Fuel Rates Amendments) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 352—Fuel Misuse (Penalty Surcharge) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 353—Fuel Sale (Penalty Surcharge) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 354—Fuel Blending (Penalty Surcharge) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 355—Fuel (Penalty Surcharges) Administration 1997.

No. 356—Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1997.

No. 357—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 4) 1997 (*without requests*).

No. 358—Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 4) 1997 (*without requests*).

11 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Cadman (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), for Mr J. N. Andrew (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That :

- (1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

- Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 5) 1997 [No. 2];
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 5) 1997;
States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment (No. 2) 1997;
Defence Service Homes Amendment 1997;
Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents) 1997;
Migration Agents Registration Application Charge 1997; and
Migration Agents Registration Renewal Charge 1997; and
- (2) the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:
- Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Review of reports of the Auditor-General for second quarter 1996-97—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

12 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 201, dated 17 October 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

13 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY (REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) 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—

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 202, dated 17 October 1997, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

14 BEEF PRODUCTION LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

15 BUFFALO EXPORT CHARGE 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

16 BUFFALO SLAUGHTER LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

17 CATTLE (EXPORTERS) EXPORT CHARGE 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

18 CATTLE (PRODUCERS) EXPORT CHARGES 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

19 CATTLE TRANSACTIONS LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

20 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER (PROCESSORS) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

21 LIVE-STOCK TRANSACTIONS LEVY 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—

Debate resumed by Mr O'Keefe who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

- (1) notes that representations from a wide number of sheep industry organisations including the Pastoralists & Graziers Association of Western Australia, Elders Limited, the NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association Limited, Western Australian Livestock Salesmen's Association, Maranoa Graziers Association Queensland, National Party of Australia - (W.A.), the Australian Merino Society, the Victorian Stud Merino Sheepbreeders' Association and the Stud Merino Breeders' Association of Tasmania have advised of either lack of consultation on the Bill or are opposed to it;
- (2) notes that the Bill does not meet the Governments' General Principles Applying to Proposals for new and changed Primary Industry Levies for R&D Promotion, Marketing or Fees for Chemical Residue Testing and Animal Health Services; and
- (3) declines to give the Bill a second reading until Members have had time to consider the report of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislative Committee on the provisions of the Bill”.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

22 LIVE-STOCK (EXPORTERS) EXPORT CHARGE 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

23 LIVE-STOCK (PRODUCERS) EXPORT CHARGES 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

24 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (BUFFALO SLAUGHTER) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

25 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CATTLE TRANSACTIONS) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

26 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (CATTLE EXPORT) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

27 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (SHEEP, LAMBS AND GOATS TRANSACTIONS) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

28 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY (SHEEP, LAMBS AND GOATS EXPORT) LEVY 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

29 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 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—

Paper

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Family Services) presented a correction to the revised explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate resumed by Mr K. J. Thomson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the view that the Government should withdraw and redraft Schedule 3 of the Bill to properly address the adequacy of the funding for new infrastructure programs, as well as extending eligibility to projects beyond the transport sectors into the energy, water and communication sectors”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 42

Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	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 Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	Mr Willis
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price	

* 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.

Consideration in detail

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Schedule 2—

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the following amendment was made: Item 25, page 47 (lines 2 and 3), omit subitem (1), substitute:

- (1) The amendment made by item 5 applies in relation to dealings after 23 October 1997.

- (1A) The amendment made by item 10 applies in relation to credits applied for after 23 October 1997.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules 3 and 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 5—

Mr S. F. Smith, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34A Subsection 330-60(1)

Omit paragraphs (d), (e) and (f), substitute:

“you acquired those rights before 7.30 pm, by legal time in the Australian Capital Territory, on 20 August 1996 and you were a * genuine prospector on or before 20 August 1996.”

After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34B Section 330-60

Omit subsection (1A).

After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34C Subsection 330-60(2)

Omit “If subsection (1A) does not apply”.

Amendments negatived.

Mr S. F. Smith, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34A Subsection 330-60(1)

Omit paragraph (f), substitute:

(f) you were a * genuine prospector on or before 20 August 1996.

After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34B Section 330-60

Omit subsection (1A).

After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34C Subsection 330-60(2)

Omit “If subsection (1A) does not apply”.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 43

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr S. F. Smith moved the following amendment: After item 34, page 77 (after line 9), insert:

34A Subsection 330-60(1)

Omit paragraph (f), substitute:

(f) you were a *genuine prospector on or before 20 August 1996.

Amendment negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Paper

Mr Miles presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

Bill, as amended, agreed to.
Consideration in detail concluded.

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Miles requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

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

30 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—
That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 October 1997:
Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal 1997 No. 18.

Fisheries Management Act—Direction No. NPFD 12.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Barresi, Mr Howard, Mr Jones, Mr Lindsay, Mr Somlyay and Mrs Sullivan.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives