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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 133

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 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 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1997

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Family Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Wooldridge presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION BILL 1996—SENATE'S AMENDMENT

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Schedule 3, clause 2, page 53 (before line 1), at the end of the clause, add:

Trade Practices Act 1974 of the Commonwealth, Division 1A of Part V

Fair Trading Act 1987 of New South Wales, sections 26, 30, 31 and 38

Consumer Affairs Act 1972 of Victoria, Part IV, sections 57C, 57D, 59 and 61A

Fair Trading Act 1989 of Queensland, sections 81, 83, 85 and 85A

Trade Standards Act 1979 of South Australia, sections 23, 26A and 33

Consumer Affairs Act 1971 of Western Australia, sections 23Q, 23R and 23U

Fair Trading Act 1987 of Western Australia, sections 50 and 59

Goods (Trade Descriptions) Act 1971 of Tasmania, sections 16 and 17

Sale of Hazardous Goods Act 1977 of Tasmania, sections 6, 7 and 8

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act 1990 of the Northern Territory, sections 25, 30 and 38

Consumer Affairs Act 1973 of the Australian Capital Territory, sections 15FBA, 15FCA, 15FB, 15FC and 15FD—

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), the amendment was agreed to.

4 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION (ANTI-DUMPING) 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Crean moved the following amendment:

Schedule 1, item 2, page 3 (line 8) to page 4 (line 9), omit the item, substitute:

2 After subsection 269TAC(5C)

Insert:

(5D) If goods are exported to Australia and the Minister is satisfied that:

- (a) in the past the Government of the country of export had a monopoly, or a substantial monopoly, of the trade of that country and determined, or substantially influenced, the domestic price of goods in that country; and
- (b) the circumstance described in paragraph (a) no longer applies in relation to the country of export; and
- (c) a price control situation exists, within the meaning of subsection (5E), in relation to like goods to those first-mentioned goods;

the normal value of those first-mentioned goods is to be a value ascertained in accordance with whichever of paragraphs (c), (d), (e) or (f) of subsection (4), the Minister determines, having regard to what is appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances of the case.

(5E) A price control situation applies in relation to like goods to the goods first-mentioned in subsection (5D):

- (a) if the exporter of those first-mentioned goods, or any other seller, sells like goods in the country of export and the

domestic selling price of any of those like goods is, directly or indirectly, controlled or substantially controlled, or substantially influenced by a government (at whatever level) of that country; or

- (b) if the exporter of those first-mentioned goods, or any other seller, sells like goods in the country of export and any cost of production or manufacture of any of those goods representing more than 10% of the total cost of production or manufacture of the last-mentioned goods is, directly or indirectly, controlled, or substantially controlled, or substantially influenced, by a government (at whatever level) of that country.

(5F) The circumstances where the domestic selling price, or any cost of production or manufacture, of like goods referred to in subsection (5D) is so controlled, or substantially so controlled or influenced shall include, but not be limited to, such circumstances as are, from time to time, provided in the regulations.

(5G) For the purposes of complying with Australia's international obligations under an international agreement, regulations may be made to disapply subsection (5D) to a country, or part of a country.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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

Schedule 1—

Item 2, page 3 (line 17), omit “exists”, substitute “applies”.

Item 2, page 3 (line 24), omit “first-mentioned”, substitute “first referred to”.

Item 2, page 3 (line 25), omit “those first-mentioned goods”, substitute “the goods so referred to”.

Item 2, page 4 (lines 1 to 9), omit subsections (5F) and (5G), substitute:

(5F) Without limiting the generality of subsection (5D), for the purpose of working out, under that subsection, the amount that is to be the normal value of goods exported to Australia, the Minister may determine that amount in a manner that would be open to the Minister under paragraph (4)(c), (d), (e) or (f) if subsection (4) were applicable.

(5G) If goods (*exported goods*) are exported to Australia and the Minister is satisfied that:

- (a) in the past the government of the country of export had a monopoly, or a substantial monopoly, of the trade of that country and determined, or substantially influenced, the domestic price of goods in that country; and

- (b) the circumstance described in paragraph (a) no longer applies in relation to that country; and
- (c) subsection (5D) does not apply in relation to the exported goods; and
- (d) a particular raw material used in producing or manufacturing the exported goods was, in whole or in part, supplied directly to the producer or manufacturer by an enterprise that is wholly owned by the national government, or by a provincial government, of that country; and
- (e) the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in procuring the raw material so supplied exceeds 10% of the costs actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in producing or manufacturing the exported goods;

the normal value of the exported goods for the purposes of this Part is the sum of:

- (f) an amount determined by the Minister, having regard to all relevant information, to be the value of the raw material so supplied, irrespective of the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in procuring the raw material so supplied; and
 - (g) the amount of the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in producing or manufacturing the exported goods, other than the cost actually incurred by the producer or manufacturer in procuring the raw material so supplied; and
 - (h) on the assumption that the exported goods, instead of being exported, had been sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in the country of export—an amount determined by the Minister to be the sum of the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale of the exported goods and of the profit on that sale.
- (5H) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (5G)(f), the Minister may determine the amount that is to be the value of a raw material under that paragraph in accordance with whichever of the following paragraphs the Minister, having regard to what is appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances of the case, determines to be appropriate, as if the raw material were goods exported from the country of export referred to in paragraph (5G)(a):
- (a) an amount equal to the price determined by the Minister to be the price of like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in that country, being sales that are arms length transactions;

- (b) an amount equal to the price determined by the Minister to be the price of like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold in the ordinary course of trade in arms length transactions for exportation from that country to a third country determined by the Minister to be an appropriate third country;
 - (c) an amount equal to the sum of the following amounts ascertained in respect of like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in a country determined by the Minister and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in that country:
 - (i) such amount as the Minister determines to be the cost of production or manufacture of like goods to the raw material in that country;
 - (ii) such amounts as the Minister determines to be the administrative, selling and general costs associated with the sale of like goods to the raw material in that country and the profit on that sale;
 - (d) an amount equal to the price payable for like goods to the raw material produced or manufactured in Australia and sold for home consumption in the ordinary course of trade in Australia, being sales that are arms length transactions.
- (5J) For the purposes of fulfilling Australia's international obligations under an international agreement, regulations may be made to disapply subsection (5D) or (5G) to a country.

Item 4, page 4 (line 14), after "(5D)", insert "or (5G)".

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.

5 CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) 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 Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

6 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 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.

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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 2.48 p.m. Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to speak after the Speaker had ruled a point of order out of order, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Papers

Mr McLachlan (Minister for Defence) presented the following papers:

Shadow Minister for Defence—Copies of letters from Mr Bevis to Mr McLachlan, 17 and 18 November 1997.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.20 p.m. the Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) 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 he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

8 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Weaving the threads: Progress towards reconciliation—Report for 1995-97.

9 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 15 of 1997-98—Financial control and administration audit—Internet security management.

Ordered to be printed.

10 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 1996-97.

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report for 1996-97.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—Report for 1996-97—Corrigendum.

Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform—Standing Committee—Report, November 1996—Jet Fresh:Paddock to Plate—An inquiry into air freight exports of perishable and time sensitive products—Government response, November 1997.

Corporations Agreement, 23 September 1997.

Development Allowance Authority Act—Development Allowance Authority—Report for 1996-97.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—Army and Air Force Canteen Service (AAFCANS)—Report for 1996-97.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—National Office of Local Government—Report for 1996-97.

Public Service and Merit Protection Commission—State of the service: Towards a more diverse workforce in the Australian Public Service—Report on equal employment opportunity for 1996-97.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report for 1996-97.

11 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report for 1996-97.

Corporations Agreement, 23 September 1997.

Development Allowance Authority Act—Development Allowance Authority—Report for 1996-97.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—Army and Air Force Canteen Service (AAFCANS)—Report for 1996-97.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—National Office of Local Government—Report for 1996-97.

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

12 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 1 December 1997, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNIVERSITY POLICY

The House was informed that Mr Latham had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s mismanagement of university policy and its damaging impact on the educational opportunities of young Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARENTING AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1997

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

Message No. 396—26 November 1997—Social Security Legislation Amendment (Parenting and Other Measures) 1997.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 397, 26 November 1997, from the Senate was reported returning the States Grants (General Purposes) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1997 without amendment and acquainting the House of a resolution agreed to by the Senate referring a matter concerning general and specific purpose payments to the States to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts for inquiry and report by 30 June 1998.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1997

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Miles presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

18 TAX LAW IMPROVEMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1997

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law about income tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Miles presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILL—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister moving a motion to refer the Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997 to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts for consideration and an advisory report by 12 March 1998.

Question—put and passed.

20 BILL—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—

(1) That:

- (a) the Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997 be referred to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts for consideration and an advisory report by 12 March 1998; and
- (b) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.

(2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this reference to the committee.

Question—put and passed.

21 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mrs Johnston and Mr Lieberman to be members of the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs in place of Mrs D. S. Vale and Mr Slipper.

22 AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1997—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 CORPORATIONS LAW AMENDMENT (ASX) BILL 1997—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Tuckey (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Development of facilities—Stage 3, HMAS *Stirling*, Garden Island, WA (12th report of 1997).

Australian National Maritime Museum Maritime Heritage Centre, Wharf 7, Pyrmont, NSW (13th report of 1997).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Tuckey, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

25 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—15TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 15TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 29 October 1997, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Reports for 1996-97—
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Torres Strait Regional Authority.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Reports for 1996-97—

Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Administrative Review Council.

ANL Act—ANL Limited—Report for 1996-97.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Antarctic Foundation—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Horticultural Corporation Act—Australian Horticultural Corporation—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act—Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Reports—Australia's Welfare 1997: Services and Assistance.

Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Law Reform Commission Act and Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Australian Law Reform Commission and Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Reports—No. 84—Seen and heard: Priority for children in the legal process.

Australian National Maritime Museum Act—Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 1996-97.

Australian National Training Authority Act—Australian National Training Authority—

Australia's vocational education and training system—Report for 1996—Volumes 1, 2 and 3.
Report 1996-97.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Reports for 1996-97—

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation.
Nuclear Safety Bureau.
Safety Review Committee.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science, Technology and Engineering Council—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Securities Commission Act—Reports for 1996-97—
Australian Accounting Standards Board.
Companies and Securities Advisory Committee.
Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board.
Corporations and Securities Panel.

Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Sports Drug Agency Act—Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 1996-97.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1996-97.

Australian War Memorial Act—Australian War Memorial—Report for 1996-97.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1996-97.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1996-97.

- Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 1996-97.
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 1996-97.
- Commissioner for Superannuation—Reports, incorporating a report on the administration and operation of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—1996-97.
- Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1996-97.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1996-97.
- Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for 1996-97.
- Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board—Report for 1996-97.
- Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1996-97.
- Copyright Act—Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1996-97.
- Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1996-97.
- Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1996-97.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1996-97.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1996-97.
- Defence Housing Authority Act—Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1996-97.
- Economic Planning Advisory Commission Act—Economic Planning Advisory Commission—Report for 1996-97.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1996-97.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region—Report for 1996-97.
- Family Law Act—Reports for 1996-97—
Family Court of Australia.
Family Law Council.
- Financial Transaction Reports Act—Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 1996-97.
- Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 1996-97.
- Health Insurance Act—Professional Services Review—Report for 1996-97.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1996-97.
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 1996-97.
- Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report for 1996-97.

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report for 1996-97 on consultants engaged under section 4.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No. 1—Report for 1996-97.

National Environment Protection Council Act—National Environment Protection Council—Report for 1996-97.

National Health Act—Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 1996-97 on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations.

National Road Transport Commission Act—National Road Transport Commission—Report for 1996-97.

Native Title Act—Reports for 1996-97—

National Native Title Tribunal.

National Native Title Tribunal—Addendum.

Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—National Landcare Advisory Committee—Report for 1996-97.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1996-97.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Reports for 1996-97—

Cotton Research and Development Corporation and the Cotton Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.

Grains Research and Development Corporation and Grains Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.

Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.

Sugar Research and Development Corporation and Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—Report for 1996-97.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Reports for 1996-97 on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund.

Public Service Act—Reports for 1996-97—

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1996-97.

Department of Administrative Services.

Department of Defence.

Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

Department of Finance.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, including a report on the Adult Migrant English Program under the Immigration (Education) Act and a statement under the Australian Citizenship Act.

Department of Industrial Relations, incorporating a report on the operation of Part V of the Industrial Relations Act—Erratum.

Department of Social Security.

Department of the Parliamentary Library.

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff.

Department of the Treasury.

Radiocommunications Act—Spectrum Management Agency—Report for 1996-97.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Comcare Australia, including the reports of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and QWL Corporation Pty Limited—Report for 1996-97.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1996-97.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Reports for 1996-97—
Snowy Mountains Council.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 1996-97.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Report for 1996-97.

Trade Practices Act—National Competition Council—Report for 1996-97.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Repatriation Commission and Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 1996-97.

Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1996-97.

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

Workplace Relations Act—

Employment Advocate—Report for 2 January to 30 June 1997.

Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 1996-97.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

27 November 1997

Mr Lieberman, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

26 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 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.

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

27 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Ronaldson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Development) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mr E. H. Cameron, by leave, presented the following paper:

Lang, Elizabeth—It's like being in a war ...: Children's programs in women's refuges in Australia—Paper prepared for Mr E. H. Cameron, October 1997.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5.57 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 1 December 1997, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 November 1997:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—
Part 105—Amendments 1997 28, 30, 31(2) October 3, 6(2), 7(3), 12, 13(4),
14(2) November.

Part 106—Amendment 13 November 1997.

Part 107—Amendments 1997 13, 14, 17 November.

Farm Household Support Act—

Restart Advice Scheme 1997.

Restart Re-establishment Grant Scheme 1997.

Health Insurance Act—Determination 1997 No. 3.

Student and Youth Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No.
323.

Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1997 No. 322.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Beddall, Mrs Bishop, Mr Campbell, Mr Georgiou, Mr Howard, Mrs Johnston, Mr Katter, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Kerr, Mr Lindsay and Dr Theophanous.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 1997

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

3 CORPORATIONS LAW AMENDMENT (ASX) BILL 1997

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Paper

Mr Miles presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 AUSTRALIA'S FOREIGN AND TRADE POLICY—PAPER—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 Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 28 August 1997*), viz.:

In the national interest: Australia's foreign and trade policy—White paper—
Debate resumed.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Anthony, the Main Committee adjourned at 1.07 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed Wednesday, 3 December 1997, at 10 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee