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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 169

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 1998

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

**2 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**3 NORTHERN TERRITORY—LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—RESOLUTION—50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST SITTING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

The Speaker presented a copy of a resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory on 26 February 1998 marking the 50th anniversary of the first sitting of the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory.

**4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 47 of 1997-98—Performance audit—Management of Commonwealth guarantees, indemnities and letters of comfort.

Ordered to be printed.

**5 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Torres Strait Islanders: A new deal—Greater autonomy for Torres Strait Islanders, August 1997—Government response, June 1998.

Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand—Record and resolutions—12th meeting, Hobart, 27 February 1998.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—Federal Airports Corporation (FAC)—Report for 1997.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Reports—  
From Empire to partnership: Seminar on the Commonwealth of Nations, 20  
August 1997, October 1997—Government response, June 1998.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissioner and the Commonwealth  
Ombudsman: Public seminars 20 and 25 September 1996, March 1997—  
Government response.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and  
Medical Research Council—

Grants 1998.

Report for 1997.

**6 HEALTH POLICY FOR THE VETERAN COMMUNITY IN RURAL AND REMOTE  
AREAS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial  
statement concerning the implementation of the government's health policy for  
the veteran community in rural and remote areas.

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the  
matter.

**7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL**

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced  
informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had  
assented to the following Bill:

22 June 1998—Message No. 283—Tax Law Improvement (No. 1) 1998.

**8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—REGIONAL  
COMMUNITIES**

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of  
public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The  
failure of the Government to safeguard the security of regional communities".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean 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, 29 June 1998.

**10 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr Zammit moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be  
suspended as would prevent the Member for Lowe moving forthwith—That the  
order of the day for the second reading of the Sydney Airports Bill 1998 be  
called on forthwith.

*Closure of Member*

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Transport and Regional Development) moved—  
That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 78

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

## NOES, 50

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Andren (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fahey	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper*
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr W. L. Smith
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr Marek	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr Taylor
Mr Broadbent	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Dondas	Dr Kemp	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 51

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Closure*

Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 79

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 51

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Filing	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McLeay	Mr A. C. Smith
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Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilton
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Zammit
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negated.

#### 11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Tuckey (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to new facilities for the National Museum of Australia and the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (2nd report of 1998).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Tuckey and Mr Hollis, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**12 AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY BILL 1998—  
SENATE'S AMENDMENT**

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

**13 FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Costello (Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Costello, the Bill was read a third time.

**14 PAPER**

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented the following paper:

Rural and remote—Health policy for the veteran community in rural and remote areas—Report on progress of implementation, 1 November 1996 to 31 March 1998.

**15 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) 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.

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

## AYES, 71

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper*
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bradford	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Halverson	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	

## NOES, 46

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Cadman (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) and (2), as circulated, together.

*Paper*

Mr Cadman 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 Cadman, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**16 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (GOLD CARD) BILL 1998**

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 Lindsay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**17 ADJOURNMENT**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs) moved—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 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 June 1998:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Civil Aviation Orders—Part 105 Amendments 1998 12, 14(2), 19, 20(2), 25, 28(2) May, 2(10), 3(2), 4(2), 5(7), 9, 10(2) June.

Instrument 1998 No. CASA 208.

Customs Act and Excise Act—Instrument of approval 1998 No. 20.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1998 Nos. LES 23, LES 24, LES 25, LES 26.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act—Determination 1998 No. 521-s79.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr R. C. Baldwin, Ms Jeanes, Mrs Johnston and Mr Lieberman.

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives