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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 18

WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 1999

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to Commonwealth financial management, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 BOUNTY (SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounty (Ships) Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) 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.

Mrs Elson was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 1999 TRADE OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS

Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the 1999 trade outcomes and objectives statement and presented the following papers:

Trade outcomes and objectives statement—

1999 statement, February 1999.

Ministerial statement, 10 February 1999.

Mr Brereton, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

6 WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) 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.

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 2.45 p.m. the Member for Hotham (Mr Crean) 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 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Report of the regulatory review—Government response—December 1998.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1997-98—Errata.

Federal Court of Australia—Report for 1997-98.

9 VIDEOTAPE

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), after a personal explanation, presented the following:

Psychiatrist dubbed “Dr 747”—Videotape—Question time, Monday, 8 February 1999: MW tabling clip re “Dr 747”.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND STANDARDS

The House was informed that Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The lack of accountability and poor standards being exhibited by the second Howard Government”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Thursday, 11 February 1999, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

12 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 1998;

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Charges 1998;

National Measurement Amendment (Utility Meters) 1998;

Superannuation Legislation Amendment 1998;

Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment 1998;

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1998;

Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment 1998;

Industry Research and Development Amendment 1998;

Quarantine Amendment 1998; and

Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment 1998.

Question—put and passed.

13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Charles (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 364—Advisory report on the delayed provisions of the Tax Law Improvement Bill (No. 2) 1997, December 1998.

Mr Charles, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr Nehl, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notices Nos. 5 to 11, private Members' business, given by Mr Price and accorded priority for Monday, 15 February 1999, being called on, moved and debated together and at the conclusion of the debate, the resumption of debate on each motion being set down as a separate order of the day for the next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

15 WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) 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.

Closure

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Gash, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Ms Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mrs May	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Causley	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Andren	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	
Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Gash, in the Chair)—

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Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Tuckey moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Gash, in the Chair)—

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

16 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House at 7.39 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 February 1999:

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B 1999 Nos. 4, 5.

National Health Act—

Declaration 1999 No. PB 1.

Determination—Schedule 5—Benefits payable in respect of surgically implanted prostheses and homograft items—February 1999 review.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Gallus, Mr Hockey and Mrs Sullivan.

**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives