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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH 1999

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

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 2.47 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 general warning had been given by the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

3 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1998-99—

No. 32—Performance audit—Agency management of parliamentary workflow.

No. 33—Audit activity report: July to December 1998—Summary of outcomes.

Severally ordered to be printed.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Administrative Review Council—Report for 1997-98—Erratum.

Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand—Record and resolutions—14th meeting, Adelaide, 20 November 1998.

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report for 1997-98.

Australia and the IMF—Report for 1997-98.

Australia and the World Bank—Report for 1997-98.

Australian Wheat Board—Report for 1997-98.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1997-98.

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration—
Statements for—
December 1998.
January 1999.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during—
December 1998.
January 1999.

Financial Institutions and Public Administration—Standing Committee—
Report—Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
1996-97 report, March 1998—Government response, March 1999.

Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for
1997-98.

5 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 1997-98.

Australia and the IMF—Report for 1997-98.

Australia and the World Bank—Report for 1997-98.

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration—
Statements for—
December 1998.
January 1999.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during—
December 1998.
January 1999.

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Report—Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
1996-97 report, March 1998—Government response, March 1999.

Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for
1997-98.

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

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTERIAL COMMITMENTS

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 failure of this Government to honour commitments
given by its Ministers”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 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, 22 March 1999.

8 ORDER OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE

Ordered—That the Quarantine Amendment Bill 1998 be returned to the House for further consideration and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

9 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:

Appropriation (No. 3) 1998-99;

Appropriation (No. 4) 1998-99;

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1998-99;

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies 1998;

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges 1998;

Primary Industries Levies and Charges (Consequential Amendments) 1998;

National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment 1998;

National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment 1998;

Financial Management Legislation Amendment 1999;

Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment 1998; and

Assistance for Carers Legislation Amendment 1999.

Question—put and passed.

10 FURTHER 1998 BUDGET MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SOCIAL SECURITY) BILL 1999

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—

Absence of quorum

Mr McLeay called the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy Speaker at 5.25 p.m., in accordance with standing order 45, announced that the Chair would be resumed at 5.31 p.m.

At 5.31 p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members was present.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard Mr Beazley

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 41, 12 February 1999, 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 Community Services), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) and (2) as circulated, together.

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.

11 AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 1999

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 Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 59

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

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

12 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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.

Mr Neville addressing the House—

13 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 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 March 1999:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement 1999 No. 1.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section—
40.
125.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Entsch, Mrs May, Dr Theophanous and Mr Wilton.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives