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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 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 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1998 [NO. 2]**

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

Mr Reith, by indulgence, referred to proposed government amendments and presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate resumed.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, Government amendments (1) to (9) were made, together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

3 **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AMENDMENT (BORDER INTERCEPTION) 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 legislation relating to intellectual property, 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 McClelland), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999).

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

5 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to the proposed replacement nuclear research reactor, Lucas Heights, NSW (5th report of 1999).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, Mrs Crosio, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay and Mr Ripoll, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

6 STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) 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.

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 were asked.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 9 of 1999-2000—Performance Audit—Managing Pest and Disease Emergencies: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Australia.

Ordered to be printed.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Attorney-General's Department—Report—Telecommunications interception policy review, May 1999.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—National Pregnancy and Work Inquiry—Report—Pregnant and productive: It's a right not a privilege to work while pregnant.

Treaties—Bilateral—Text of proposed treaty action—Exchange of Letters constituting an Agreement to extend the Application of Certain Provisions of Article 23 of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and Government of Malaysia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, of 20 August 1980.

10 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—National Pregnancy and Work Inquiry—Report—Pregnant and productive: It's a right not a privilege to work while pregnant.

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

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

The House was informed that Mr Martin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The performance of the Minister for Defence in conducting his ministerial duties”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Martin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12 CRIMES AMENDMENT (FINE ENFORCEMENT) BILL 1999—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 Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999—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 Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) 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.

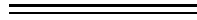
Debate adjourned (Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs)), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

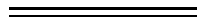
The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 August 1999:
Currency Act—Determinations 1999 Nos. 1 (Amendment), 2.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Mr G. J. Evans and Mr Kerr.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 1999

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 CRIMES AMENDMENT (FINE ENFORCEMENT) 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.

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 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

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.

5 JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE REPUBLIC REFERENDUM—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 Charles—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 9 August 1999*), viz.:

Joint Committee on the Republic Referendum—Report—Advisory report on Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) 1999 and the Presidential Nominations Committee Bill 1999, August 1999.

Debate resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Dr Nelson, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee