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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 79

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1999



1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER

The Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) was absent until later this day, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Nehl) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

3 APPROPRIATION (SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 1999—SENATE'S AMENDMENT

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

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Closure

Mr Slipper moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the Senate's amendment be agreed to—accordingly put and passed.

4 APPROPRIATION (SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES) BILL (NO. 2) 1999—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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendment was agreed to.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE 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—*And on the amendment*

moved thereto by Ms Macklin, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading the House expresses its concern about the nature of the bill and its contribution to the stripping back of Government support for Australian women and the community organisations that represent them, in particular:

- (1) the weakening of industrial relations legislation and organisations that aim to improve women’s employment prospects and workplace treatment, particularly through the Workplace Relations Act and reductions in the power of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission;
- (2) the weakening of organisations that exist to provide women with suitable avenues of redress for discrimination, including the Affirmative Action Agency and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission;
- (3) failure to respond to major reports, particularly the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Report, *Pregnant and Productive*;
- (4) failure to send appropriate representation to international forums discussing women’s policy, particularly to the recent International Labour Organisation’s conference on maternity leave provisions;
- (5) the weakening of the role of government organisations that aim to improve the sensitivity of government policies to women, particularly the Office of the Status of Women;
- (6) the de-funding of community groups which represent women, including the Girl Guides, the Women’s Electoral Lobby, the Older Women’s Network and the Catholic Women’s League;
- (7) failure to consult with a wide range of women’s organisations, particularly through the reduction in the numbers now attending the national round table consultations;
- (8) cuts to child care, education and health-services which women depend upon to be able to work, to raise a family and to improve their living standards;
- (9) the development of taxation policies which do not deliver an equal benefit to women and which redistribute more of the burden of taxation onto women through the Goods and Services Tax; and
- (10) the de-funding of the social safety net by stealth which impacts significantly on women as women are more dependent upon social security and the Government’s refusal to release a secret welfare discussion paper containing plans to cut payments to sole parents and people with disabilities”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Ms Macklin moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Jagajaga moving forthwith—That this House:

- (1) requires the Minister for Health and Aged Care to immediately make available his letter to the Auditor-General requesting him to conduct a probity audit of the 1998 MRI Budget decision and further requires the Minister to ensure that the probity audit be empowered to summons people against their will, obtain documents, require answers under oath, allow cross examination and investigate the action of the Minister and his staff, as well as other Ministers and staff involved in this scandal; and
- (2) further resolves that if the inquiry to be conducted by the Auditor-General is not to be provided with these powers, there be established a properly constituted and resourced Royal Commission to investigate the MRI Scan Scam.

Closure of Member

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McMullan (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Reith moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 62

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

NOES, 74

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was negatived.

**7 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INDIRECT TAX AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS)
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.

Dr Emerson rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 136, 29 September 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 Crean, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (5) together.

Debate continued.

Closure

Mr Hockey moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 76

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was negatived.

It being past 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the further consideration in detail of the bill made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) presented the following paper:

Magnetic Resonance Imaging—Update of investigation—Minute from Mr J. Harmer, Managing Director, Health Insurance Commission, to Dr Wooldridge, 20 October 1999.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.13 p.m. the Member for Kingston (Mr Cox) 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 continuing—

Paper

Ms Macklin, by leave, presented the following paper:

Magnetic Resonance Imaging—Royal Australasian College of Radiologists—Minutes of Executive of Council meeting, 21 April 1998.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Dr Wooldridge presented the following paper:

Magnetic Resonance Imaging—Auditor-General's inquiry—Letter to Mr P. Barrett, Auditor-General, from Dr Wooldridge, 18 October 1999.

Questions without notice continued.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Affirmative Action Agency—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Federal Police—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 1998-99.

Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—
Reports for 1998-99.

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1998-99.

Australian National Training Authority—

Australia's vocational education and training system—Reports for 1998—
Volume 1—National Overview.

Volume 2—Commonwealth, State and Territory Achievements.

Volume 3—Vocational Education and Training Performance.

Report for 1998-99.

Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for
1998-99.

Centrelink—Report for 1998-99.

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating reports on the
administration and operation of the Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance)
Act and the Superannuation Act, for 1998-99.

Commonwealth Ombudsman and Defence Force Ombudsman—Reports for
1998-99.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 1998-99.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for
1998-99.

Companies and Securities Advisory Committee—Report for 1998-99.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1998-99.

CSS Board—Report for 1998-99.

Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Year
2000—Agency-based readiness and Government business entity—Third report,
September 1999.

Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report, including a
report on the Adult Migrant English Program, for 1998-99.

Dried Fruits Research and Development Council—Report for 1998-99.

Employment Advocate—Report for 1998-99.

Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1998-99.
 Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.
 Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 1998-99.
 Pig Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.
 PSS Board—Report for 1998-99.
 Public Service Commissioner—Report, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection and Review Agency, for 1998-99.
 Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1998-99.
 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.
 Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 1998-99.
 Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1998-99.
 Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1998-99.

10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Affirmative Action Agency—Report for 1998-99.
 Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 1998-99.
 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for 1998-99.
 Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report, including a report on the Adult Migrant English Program, for 1998-99.
 Employment Advocate—Report for 1998-99.
 Debate adjourned (Mr McMullan), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AGED CARE

The House was informed that Ms Macklin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Minister for Health and Aged Care to follow prudent policy advice and correct procedure in making the 1998 Budget decision to extend Medicare rebates to Magnetic Resonance Imaging services”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Papers

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) presented the following papers:

Minister for Health and Aged Care—Letter to Mr McMullan from Mr J. Best, 19 October 1999.

Dr R. Meikle—Letter to Dr Wooldridge from C. Ericksen, 20 October 1999.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging—Chair of MRI Review announced—Draft media release.

Discussion concluded.

12 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne (11th report of 1999).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 371—Review of Auditor-General's Reports 1998-99 First Half: Aviation Safety, Costing of Services, Planning of Aged Care, September 1999.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles and Mr Cox, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Charles, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Charles was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

14 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INDIRECT TAX AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the Bill—

Question—That the Bill be agreed to.

Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) 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, 76

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be agreed to—was accordingly put and passed—Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr Hockey asked leave to move—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Mr Hockey, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Mr Crean rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Hockey 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, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
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Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sawford*
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Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Sercombe*
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Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
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Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
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Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
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Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Danby	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mr Edwards	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
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Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
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* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr Crean rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Hockey 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)—

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Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
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Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
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Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
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Mr Albanese	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
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Mr Danby	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mr Edwards	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
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Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
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* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

15 CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM BILL 1998—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

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

On the motion of Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

16 AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE LEGISLATION 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 by Mr Kerr who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House:

- (1) expresses its concern about:
 - (a) the level of accountability and transparency of decisions made under the command and employment powers of the Commissioner of Police under the provisions of the Bill;
 - (b) the lack of mechanisms in the Bill for scrutiny and review of dismissal and promotion decisions;
 - (c) the possible unfair operation of the Bill in relation to termination of employment;
 - (d) the repeal of provisions relating to promotional and advancement systems, and to maternity leave;
 - (e) the relationship between the command and employment powers of the Commissioner of Police under the Bill;
 - (f) the operation of the Bill in relation to entitlement to continuous employment;
 - (g) clarification of the application of the Workplace Relations Act to the employment regime as established by the Bill; and
 - (h) the failure of the Government to support the establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Committee on Commonwealth law enforcement to provide a strategic view in respect of all Commonwealth law enforcement agencies; and
- (2) is of the opinion that the Bill should be referred to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

for consideration and advisory report, given the detailed matters raised in the Bill”.

Debate continued.

Ms Ellis moved—That the debate be adjourned.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate adjourned (Mr McMullan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting. Mr Williams was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr McMullan moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the adjournment debate from continuing until the Minister for Health and Aged Care attends the House to:

- (1) clarify the powers of the Auditor-General in his inquiry into the Scan Scam; and
- (2) guarantee to the House that the Auditor-General will have the power, in the course of his inquiry, to:
 - (a) compel witnesses to attend and give such evidence; and
 - (b) compel persons to produce information, particularly the Minister and his staff and all those with whom he or his staff or Department were negotiating and any others who may have benefited from the decision of any pre-Budget leak of the decision.

Closure of Member

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms Macklin (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Closure

Mr Slipper moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mrs Sullivan
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Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Danby	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
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Mr M. J. Evans	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr K. J. Thomson
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Ms Gerick	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Wilton
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* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

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 Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

Mr Adams	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Danby	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
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Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
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Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
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Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	
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Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Downer	Mr McLeay
Mr Prosser	Ms Burke

And so it was negatived.

18 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 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 20 October 1999:
Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice under subsection 9(2)—Statement relating to extension of time for presentation of report—National Parks and Wildlife—Report for 1998-99.

Corporations Act—Accounting standards Nos. AASB 1018, AASB 1034, AASB 1040, October 1999.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings 1999 Nos. PR 94, PR 95, PR 96, PR 97, TD 44, TD 45, TR 14.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Burke*, Mrs Crosio, Mr Downer, Mr McLeay and Mr Prosser*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-99

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 79

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1999

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

Paper

Mrs Sullivan (Parliamentary Secretary (Foreign Affairs)), by leave, presented the following paper:

Petrol pricing: the plain facts—Caltex Australia Limited—Media release, 2 September 1999.

3 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—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 Hawker—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 27 September 1999*), viz.:

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Report—Visit to the Northern Defence Bases—Final report, September 1999—

Debate resumed.

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

4 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—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 Jull—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 27 September 1999*), viz.:

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Report—Bougainville Peace Process—Final report, September 1999—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.18 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.48 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

5 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES—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 A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 18 October 1999*), viz.:

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties—Report 26—Agreement to extend period of operation of the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap—Final report, October 1999—

Debate resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Neville, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.12 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