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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 105

TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 2000



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 were asked.

3 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration—Statement for January 2000.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during January 2000.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 11—Broadcasting.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Statement of corporate intent 1999-2000.

4 MEMBER ORDERED TO WITHDRAW

At 3.14 p.m. the Member for Bruce (Mr Griffin) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after having been requested not to do so, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

5 PAPER

The following paper was presented:

Australian Electoral Commission—Electorate by locality/suburb—Search results for: Hawthorn.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The House was informed that Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to honour its promise that no Australian would be worse off as a result of its GST package”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 12 April 2000, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

8 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Appropriation (Dr Carmen Lawrence's Legal Costs) 1999-2000; and

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (No. 2) 2000; and

- (2) the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Industry, Science and Resources—Standing Committee—Report on adding value to Australian raw materials—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

9 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (GAP COVER SCHEMES) BILL 2000

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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), the Bill was read a third time.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999

Message No. 353, 11 April 2000, from the Senate was reported requesting the House to consider immediately the Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders) Bill 1999.

11 POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS 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 (Dr Stone—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2000

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with requests for amendments and informing the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed had been made by the Senate:

11 April 2000—Message No. 354—A New Tax System (Family Assistance and Related Measures) 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered at the next sitting.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

11 April 2000—Message No. 355—Aviation Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) 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.



PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 11 April 2000:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 2000 No. 6.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hardgrave, Mr Katter, Mr O'Connor and Mr Swan.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives