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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 114

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2000



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 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*, 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 Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 DIESEL AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS GRANTS SCHEME AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the diesel and alternative fuels grants scheme, 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 Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000

Mr Ruddock (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bevis, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for introducing a bill which:
 - (a) further entrenches unfairness and bias in the existing industrial relations system;
 - (b) is particularly biased in its application to unions only while allowing employers including the Commonwealth Government to foster and use pattern bargaining;
 - (c) directs the Australian Industrial Commission to have particular regard to the views of an employer when determining what constitutes pattern bargaining;
 - (d) reduces the opportunity for Australian workers to protect and enhance their wages and conditions of employment;
 - (e) further restricts the independence of the Commission;
 - (f) emphasises the punishment and prevention of industrial action rather than its resolution;
 - (g) fails to ensure that Australia’s labour standards meet our international obligations;
 - (h) has been introduced without providing the Parliament or the public with a proper period for consideration and consultation;
 - (i) reveals the Government’s partiality in failing to consult any further than employer groups on the bill; and
- (2) calls on the Government to introduce a new bill which:
 - (a) delivers fair and equitable outcomes for Australian workers; and

- (b) provides for an independent commission with the appropriate power to conciliate and arbitrate fairly and settle disputes”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 74

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
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Williams	Mr Fitzgibbon
Ms J. I. Bishop	Ms Kernot
Mr Schultz	Mr Wilton

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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bevis, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (27) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr K. J. Andrews, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59

Mr Adams	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Ms Roxon
Mr Breerton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sawford*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Sidebottom
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Smith
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick	

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Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	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
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Williams	Mr Fitzgibbon
Ms J. I. Bishop	Ms Kernot
Mr Schultz	Mr Wilton

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr K. J. Andrews, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

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

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Mr Adams	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Ms Roxon
Mr Breerton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sawford*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Sidebottom
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Smith
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Williams	Mr Fitzgibbon
Ms J. I. Bishop	Ms Kernot
Mr Schultz	Mr Wilton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2000-2001—BUDGET DEBATE

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 Mr Tanner, 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 condemns the Government for its:

- (1) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education, health and the provision of social services in the 2000-2001 Budget;
- (2) wasteful and profligate spending on poor quality programs to buy Democrat support for its unfair GST;
- (3) misuse of over \$360 million of taxpayers’ money on its politically partisan GST advertising campaign;
- (4) reduction of a potential Budget cash surplus in 2000-2001 of \$11 billion, to a real Budget deficit of \$2.1 billion;
- (5) use of creative accounting techniques in an attempt to deceive the Australian public on the true state of the Budget;
- (6) mishandling of the move to accrual accounting by providing complex, confusing and uninformative budget documents;
- (7) failure to identify in the Budget papers the cost of GST collection and implementation; and
- (8) failure to put in place arrangements that deliver its guarantee that no Australian will be worse off as a result of the GST package”—

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—

Paper

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented the following paper:

Goods and services tax—Copy of letter, from Lloyd Whish-Wilson, Chief Executive, *Launceston Examiner* to Michelle O’Byrne, MP, 31 May 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Tanner moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Melbourne moving forthwith—

That this House censures the Minister for Finance and Administration and the Minister for Defence for:

- (1) their failure to put in place any policy or procedures governing management of foreign exchange risks or Commonwealth transactions;
- (2) their incompetent management of Commonwealth finances, in particular their failure to appropriately manage foreign exchange risks associated with external transactions;
- (3) their failure to properly implement the requirements of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*;
- (4) their failure to prevent the loss of up to \$3 billion of taxpayers' money as a result of their incompetent management of Commonwealth finances;
- (5) their failure to take steps to protect the Commonwealth finances as are routinely undertaken by State Governments and major companies; and
- (6) their failure to properly manage the finances of the Department of Defence, thereby compromising Australia's defence capability.

Closure of Member

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
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	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Williams	Mr Fitzgibbon
Ms J. I. Bishop	Ms Kernot
Mr Schultz	Mr Wilton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Martin (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

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

Question—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
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	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
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Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
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Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
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Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Williams	Mr Fitzgibbon
Ms J. I. Bishop	Ms Kernot
Mr Schultz	Mr Wilton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 61

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
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Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll	

NOES, 76

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Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
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	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth

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Pairs

Mr Williams Mr Fitzgibbon

Ms J. I. Bishop Ms Kernot

Mr Schultz Mr Wilton

And so it was negatived.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Electoral Commission—Funding and disclosure report following the federal election held on 3 October 1998.

Australia-India Council—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent, 1999-2000.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WORKPLACE RELATIONS REFORM

The House was informed that both Dr Nelson and Mr Tanner had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Dr Nelson, namely, “The importance of continuing workplace relations reform in light of last night’s Opposition policy announcements which threaten the growth of jobs and real wages for Australian workers”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Nelson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

31 May 2000—Message No. 199—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) 2000.

12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2000—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had returned the Bill for further consideration (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

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

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. 198, 12 April 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to housing development at Parap Grove, Darwin (4th report of 2000).

Ordered to be printed.

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

14 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Government Whip and the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Mr Katter be discharged from the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Workplace Relations and that, in his place, Ms May be appointed a member of the committee; and
- (2) Mrs Irwin be discharged from the Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage and that, in her place, Mr Byrne be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

15 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2000-2001—BUDGET DEBATE

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 Mr Tanner (see item No. 6, page 1485)—*

Debate resumed.

16 ADJOURNMENT

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 5.59 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 June 2000:

Broadcasting Services Act—Declarations—2000 Broadcasting Services (Designated Series of Events) No. 1.

Native Title Act—Determinations 2000—

Native Title (Approved Exploration Etc. Acts—Queensland) (Low Impact Exploration Permits).

Native Title (Approved Exploration Etc. Acts—Queensland) (Low Impact Mineral Development Licences).

Native Title (Approved Exploration Etc. Acts—Queensland) (Low Impact Prospecting Permits).

Native Title (Approved Gold or Tin Mining Acts—Queensland) (Surface Alluvium (Gold or Tin) Mining Claims).

Native Title (Approved Gold or Tin Mining Acts—Queensland) (Surface Alluvium (Gold or Tin) Mining Leases).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Exploration Permits for Alternative Provision Areas).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Exploration Permits).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Mineral Development Licences for Alternative Provision Areas).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Mineral Development Licences).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Mining Claims for Alternative Provision Areas).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Mining Claims).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Mining Leases for Alternative Provision Areas).

Native Title (Right to Negotiate—Alternative Provisions) (Queensland Laws about Mining Leases).

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Kernot, Ms Livermore, Mr Schultz, Dr Theophanous, Mr Williams and Mr Wilton.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-1999-2000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 114

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, 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 expressed its concern that the Government:

- (1) has cut Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to local government in real terms since coming to office;
- (2) attempted to terminate the 25 year Commonwealth local government funding partnership by trying to transfer responsibility for local government FAGs funding to the states;
- (3) promised to exempt local government services from the GST before the 1998 election only to renege on this commitment within months of regaining office;
- (4) through the GST, has imposed a regressive and unfair tax on essential services provided by local government to communities in regional Australia; and
- (5) has hit councils with major GST compliance costs with inadequate compensation or assistance”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Brough (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) moved—That further proceedings on the Bill be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

4 ROAD AND RAIL—GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO REPORTS—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 Reith (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 April 2000*), viz.:

Road and Rail—Reports—Communications, Transport and Microeconomic Reform—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Planning not Patching, and Tracking Australia; Rail Projects Taskforce—Revitalising Rail; Productivity Commission—Progress in Rail Reform—Government response, April 2000—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.07 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.19 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Mr Wakelin addressing the Main Committee—

5 ADJOURNMENT

It being 12.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 1 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee