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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 123

MONDAY, 26 JUNE 2000



1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Tanzania, 22 to 27 April 2000 and the 103rd Inter-Parliamentary Conference, Amman, 30 April to 6 May 2000—Report, June 2000.

The Speaker and Mrs Crosio made statements in connection with the report.

**3 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Kerr presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, 26 April to 4 May 2000—Report, June 2000.

Mr Kerr and Mr Forrest made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Kerr moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Somlyay presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to 8th annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Canberra, 10 to 13 January 2000—Report, June 2000.

Mr Somlyay, Mr Martin, Mr Forrest, Mr Nugent and Mr Pyne made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Somlyay moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1998-99—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 19 June 2000.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker, Mr Latham, Mr Pyne and Ms Burke made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Nairn (Chair) presented the following papers:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—The 1998 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 1998 federal election and matters related thereto—

Report, incorporating dissenting reports, 20 June 2000.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Nairn and Mr L. D. T. Ferguson made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Nairn moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**8 CHILDERS TRAGEDY**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, referred to the tragedy at Childers, Queensland, on 23 June 2000, and offered condolences to the families and friends of those young backpackers who were killed in the fire; commended the efforts of the police, emergency services and fire services attending the scene, and extended his thanks to the community of Childers for their invaluable assistance to the survivors, friends and families.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anderson (Deputy Prime Minister), Ms Kernot, Mr Neville and Ms Livermore, by indulgence, supported the remarks of Mr Howard.

**9 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) presented the following paper:

Industrial relations policy—Labor's Industrial Relations System: Contributing to income and employment security.

Questions without notice continued.

**10 PETITIONS**

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

**11 COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Neville (Chair) presented the following papers:

Communications, Transport and the Arts—Standing Committee—Regional radio racing services: Inquiry into the impact of the decision by ABC Radio to discontinue its radio racing service—

Report, 19 June 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Neville and Mr Gibbons made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Neville moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**12 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—  
REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr K. J. Andrews (Chair) presented the following papers:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Advisory report on the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000—

Report, June 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr K. J. Andrews and Ms Roxon made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr K. J. Andrews moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr K. J. Andrews was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**13 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—  
REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr K. J. Andrews (Chair) presented the following papers:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Advisory report on the Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 1999—

Report, June 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr K. J. Andrews and Mr Kerr made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr K. J. Andrews moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr K. J. Andrews was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**14 GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING (OBJECTIVITY, FAIRNESS AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL 2000**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to require government advertising to meet minimum standards with respect to objectivity, fairness and accountability, and to prohibit the

expenditure of taxpayers' money on advertising which promotes party political interests.

Mr Beazley made a statement in relation to the Bill.

*Paper*

Mr Beazley, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

**15 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2000 [NO. 2]**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*.

Mr Beazley made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

**16 GRIEVANCE DEBATE**

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

**17 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS**

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 Bills:

22 June 2000—Message No. 207—

New Business Tax System (Venture Capital Deficit Tax) 2000.

Telecommunications (Interception) Legislation Amendment 2000.

Pooled Development Funds Amendment 2000.

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment 2000.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 2000.

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

A New Tax System (Trade Practices Amendment) 2000.

**18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000**

Message No. 404, 21 June 2000, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to establish the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**19 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 2 and 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**20 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) BILL 2000**

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), for Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* in relation to secret ballots for protected action, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Reith presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**21 COMMEMORATION OF FIRST SITTING OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker made a statement concerning the invitation from the Parliament of Victoria to both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament to return to Melbourne on 9 and 10 May 2001 to commemorate and celebrate the centenary of the first meeting and sitting of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That—

- (1) the House of Representatives accepts the invitation extended by the Houses of the Parliament of Victoria on 10 May 2000, and conveyed by the letter of 11 May 2000 signed by the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, for the House of Representatives to meet at the Royal Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne on 9 May 2001 and at Parliament House in Melbourne on 10 May 2001, to mark the centenary of the first sittings of the Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament on 9 and 10 May 1901;
- (2) the House of Representatives thanks the Houses of the Victoria Parliament for this invitation;

- (3) the Speaker convey the terms of this resolution to the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and
- (4) the Speaker, in conjunction with the President of the Senate, President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, make the necessary arrangements for the commemorative sittings.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**22 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARENTS AND OTHER MEASURES) 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 Sciacca, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for an increase in the quota for parent visas based on:

- (1) a fair contribution by parents or their sponsors towards the costs to be met by Medicare for parents’ general health care;
- (2) any health contributions to be used to offset the increased costs for Medicare and public hospital services; and
- (3) the size of any contribution not being such as to exclude access to visas by parents of Australian families with limited means”—

Debate resumed.

*Closure*

Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

## The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Gash, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 71

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

## NOES, 60

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Costello	Ms O'Byrne
Mr M. A. J. Vaile	Ms Gillard

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**23 MIGRATION (VISA APPLICATION) CHARGE 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

**24 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 4 to 36, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**25 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999**

Message No. 208, 20 June 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts in relation to youth allowance and austudy payment, and for related purposes.

**26 YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999—SENATE'S FURTHER REQUESTS**

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

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), the further requested amendments were made, after debate.

**27 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FLEXIBLE CAREER PRACTICES) 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.

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

**28 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Brough (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) 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 2 p.m.

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## **PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 June 2000:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination—2000 Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (Commonwealth Costs).

Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition Act—Determination—2000 Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition.

Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Act—Determination—2000 Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption—2000 No. CASA EX36.  
Instrument—2000 No. CASA 240.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Utilities and Services Ordinance—Determination—2000 No. 3.

Customs Act—  
Direction—2000 No. CEO 1.

Instruments of approval—2000 Nos CEO 16, CEO 17, CEO 18, CEO 19, CEO 20, CEO 21.

General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act—Determination—2000 General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition.

Hearing Services Administration Act—  
Determination—2000 Hearing Services (Participants in the Voucher System) Amendment (No. 1).

Instrument—2000 Hearing Service Providers Accreditation Scheme Amendment (No. 1).

Rules—2000 Hearing Services Voucher Amendment (No. 1).

Rules of Conduct, 16 June 2000.

Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act—Determination—2000 Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition.

Quarantine Act—Quarantine Amendment Proclamation 2000 (No. 1).

Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Act—Determination—2000 Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition.

Social Security (International Agreements) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 165.

Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Act—Determination—2000 Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Ms O'Byrne, Mr Schultz, Dr Theophanous, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Mr Wilkie.



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives