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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 126

THURSDAY, 29 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 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to the States for 2001 to 2004 for primary and secondary education, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TALLIES AND PICNIC DAYS) BILL 2000

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* in relation to tallies and picnic days, 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 (Mr Swan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (2000 BUDGET AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), for Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make amendments of the social security law, the family assistance law, and other Acts, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills: Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment (No. 2) 2000; and Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Amendment 2000.

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

6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (UNIVERSAL SERVICE LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Universal Service Levy) Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

7 TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

8 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 2000

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

9 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

10 RETIREMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS SCHEME EXTENSION BILL 2000

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2000

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, 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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans and the families of veterans, 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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 PATENTS AMENDMENT (INNOVATION PATENTS) BILL 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 *Patents Act 1990* by repealing the petty patent scheme and providing for innovation patents and other minor amendments, 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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, 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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 TARIFF PROPOSALS

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000); and

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2000).

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

16 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000).

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

17 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (VEGETABLE LEVY) 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 214, 19 June 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 Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

18 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION 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—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Albanese), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2000

Message No. 412, 28 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate did not press its further request for an amendment which the House had not made and had agreed to the Bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Mr Brough (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

Pairs

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Brough presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate amendments Nos (1) to (3)

The House of Representatives does not agree to Senate amendments Nos (1) to (3) inclusive because:

The amendments are inconsistent with the policy objective of the Bill which is designed to standardise and simplify the existing complex system and remove inconsistencies that exist in it. The Senate amendments would introduce further inconsistencies into the legislation by retaining 52 weeks portability for some customers rather than the standard 26 weeks period provided by the Bill.

Senate amendments Nos (4) to (10)

The House of Representatives does not agree to Senate amendments Nos (4) to (10) inclusive because:

The Senate amendments would retain the 12-month non-portability period for returning former residents, rather than the 2 years provided for in the Bill. This amendment is inconsistent with the residence principle of the new system.

The Senate amendment would also retain a discretion which is presently open to abuse.

Senate amendments Nos (11) to (14)

The House of Representatives does not agree to Senate amendments Nos (11) to (14) inclusive because:

The amendments are inconsistent with the simplification concept fundamental to the Bill. The Senate amendment would retain 52 weeks non-proportionality for some customers (being the period a customer can be overseas before the customer's payment is reduced in proportion to working life residence) rather than the 26 weeks period provided by the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Brough, the reasons were adopted.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDIRECT TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Message No. 411, 28 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

21 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION 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—

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.

22 ISAACS ELECTORAL DIVISION—ISSUE OF WRIT

The Speaker informed the House that it was his intention to issue a writ on Friday, 30 June 2000 for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral Division of Isaacs, in the State of Victoria, in the place of Mr Gregory Stuart Wilton. The dates in connection with the election were fixed as follows:

Issue of writ.....Friday, 30 June 2000

Close of rollsFriday, 7 July 2000.

Date of nominationsThursday, 13 July 2000.

Date of polling.....Saturday, 12 August 2000.

Return of writOn or before Sunday, 8 October 2000.

23 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

24 PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Advance to the Speaker of the House of Representatives—Statement of use, June 2000.

Committee reports—Schedule of outstanding Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, and reports presented and details of Government responses made between 9 December 1999 and 29 June 2000.

25 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1999-2000—Performance audits—

No. 49—Indigenous Land Corporation: Operations and performance.

No. 50—Management Audit Branch—Follow-up: Department of Defence.

No. 51—Program management in the Training and Youth Division of the Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs: Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

Severally ordered to be printed.

26 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Government Actuary—Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme and Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme (MSBS and DFRDB)—Report on long term costs using data as at 30 June 1999.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period July to December 1999.

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Regional banking services: Money too far away—Government response, 28 June 2000.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Loss of *HMAS Sydney*—Government response, June 2000.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Reports—

No. 8—Inquiry into complaints of discrimination in employment and occupation: Age discrimination in the Australian Defence Force.

No. 9—Inquiry into complaints of discrimination in employment and occupation: Discrimination on the ground of trade union activity.

No. 10—Inquiry into a complaint of acts or practices inconsistent with or contrary to human rights in an immigration detention centre.

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—Federal Government to reinstate cystic fibrosis on the Carer's Allowance manifest list (Mr Swan, 15929 petitioners).

Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (PSS and CSS)—Report—PSS and CSS Long Term Cost—A report on

the long term cost of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, 1999.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Reports—

15th—Government response, June 2000.

27th—Termination of Social Security Agreement with the United Kingdom—Government response.

27 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period July to December 1999.

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

28 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX CHANGE

The House was informed that Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s responsibility for imposing a tax change which will adversely affect the living standards of ordinary Australian families and workers, including through its botched implementation”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

29 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 29 June 2000, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 414—Product Stewardship (Oil) 2000.

No. 415—Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Waste Oil) 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 416—Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Waste Oil) 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 417—Product Stewardship (Oil) (Consequential Amendments) 2000.

No. 418—Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Vegetable Levy) 2000.

No. 419—Sales Tax (Customs) (Industrial Safety Equipment) 2000.

No. 420—Sales Tax (Excise) (Industrial Safety Equipment) 2000.

No. 421—Sales Tax (General) (Industrial Safety Equipment) 2000.

No. 422—Sales Tax (Industrial Safety Equipment) (Transitional Provisions) 2000.

No. 423—International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

30 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

31 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

32 NAVY AMMUNITIONING FACILITY, TWOFOLD BAY, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Navy ammunitioning facility, Twofold Bay, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

33 DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION RATIONALISATION PROJECT, MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Defence Science and Technology Organisation rationalisation project, Melbourne.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

34 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RAAF BASE EDINBURGH, REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1, ADELAIDE

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: RAAF Base Edinburgh, Redevelopment Stage 1, Adelaide.

Question—put and passed.

35 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FITOUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS, BELCONNEN, ACT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Belconnen, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

36 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CSIRO ENERGY CENTRE AT STEEL RIVER, NEWCASTLE, NSW

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: CSIRO Energy Centre at Steel River, Newcastle, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

37 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF MIXED RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS AT BLOCK 87, SECTION 24, STIRLING, ACT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of mixed residential dwellings at Block 87, Section 24, Stirling, ACT.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

38 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 14 August 2000, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

39 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of

the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

40 SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Amended report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 14 August 2000—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 27 June 2000.

Question—put and passed.

41 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—17TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 17TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 8 June 2000, recommends that the following be printed:

Australia and the Asian Development Bank—Report for 1998-99.

Australia and the IMF—Report for 1998-99.

Australia and the World Bank—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report—Australia's health 2000.

Australian National University—Report for 1999.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Reports—

Accessibility of electronic commerce and new service and information technologies for older Australians and people with a disability, March 2000.

Age discrimination: Age matters, May 2000.

Recommendations—National Inquiry into Rural and Remote Education.

National Health and Medical Research Council—

Grants—2000.

Reports—1999.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

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On the motion of Mr Lieberman, by leave, the report was agreed to.

42 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (INTEGRITY MEASURES) BILL 2000

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

29 June 2000—Message No. 413—New Business Tax System (Integrity Measures) 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

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

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Slipper requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

43 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 39th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 17 April 2000 to 28 June 2000.

44 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) and (2) together.

Paper

Dr Stone presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Stone, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

45 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 424, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

46 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

27 June 2000—Message No. 216—

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment 2000.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment 2000.

Health Legislation Amendment (Gap Cover Schemes) 2000.

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 2000.

28 June 2000—Message No. 217—

Transport Legislation Amendment 2000.

National Health Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) 2000.

47 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That standing order 103 (new business) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

48 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 213, 27 June 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 Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

49 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) (CHARGE) 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 ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

50 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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 by Mr Lee who moved, as an amendment—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:

- (1) notes with concern that the Government has failed:
 - (a) to address the problems in universities which its own Cabinet submission identified, such as higher student/staff ratios, less frequent lecture and tutorial contact, the persistence of outdated technology and gaps in key areas of professional preparation, as well as eight institutions operating at a deficit, with some regional campuses at risk;
 - (b) to respond to calls from academics, scientists and the business community to increase significantly higher education research funding; and
 - (c) to produce legislation to implement its proposed changes to university research funding, due to start in six months, and legislation to make urgently-needed changes to the Education Services for Overseas Students Act; and
- (2) calls on the Government to immediately address each of these major issues”.

Debate adjourned (Mr Lindsay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

51 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 29 June 2000, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 427—New Business Tax System (Alienated Personal Services Income) Tax Imposition (No. 1) 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 428—New Business Tax System (Alienated Personal Services Income) Tax Imposition (No. 2) 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 429—Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment (Rent Assistance Increase) 2000.

No. 432—Excise Amendment (Alcoholic Beverages) 2000.

No. 433—Customs Amendment (Alcoholic Beverages) 2000.

52 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (ALIENATION OF PERSONAL SERVICES INCOME) BILL 2000

Message No. 426, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the New Business Tax System (Alienation of Personal Services Income) Bill 2000 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), requested amendments Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were made, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, requested amendments Nos 1 and 13 were not made, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Slipper requested amendment No. 6 was not made, but, in place thereof, the Government amendments (1) and (2), were made, after debate.

53 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL (NO. 2) 2000

Message No. 430, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Bill (No. 2) 2000 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendment was disagreed to, after debate.

Mr Slipper presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

The amendment removes the proposed restriction on who can charge a fee for giving taxation advice on behalf of a taxpayer. That restriction, which limits the right to charge for taxation advice to registered tax agents (with certain exceptions), was imposed to ensure that persons with relevant qualifications were able to charge for taxation advice.

Further, the House does not believe that the bill as drafted will prevent professional bodies and industry organisations that are not registered tax agents from charging a fee for service for giving advice to their members on taxation laws and tax-related matters.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, the reasons were adopted.

54 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000

Message No. 431, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill (No. 2) 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

55 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 436, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the House to the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill 2000.

56 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

Message No. 425, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

57 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (DIGITAL TELEVISION AND DATACASTING) BILL 2000

Message No. 435, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television and Datacasting) Bill 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

58 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DATACASTING CHARGE (IMPOSITION) AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Message No. 434, 29 June 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Amendment Bill 2000 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

59 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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 Lee (see item No. 51, page 1618)—*

Debate resumed.

Mr Mossfield 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.

60 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 2.32 a.m., adjourned until Monday, 14 August 2000, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 June 2000:

Currency Act—Determination—2000 No. 5.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—Export Control (Fees) Amendment 2000 (No. 1).

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2000 Nos GSTD 7, GSTR 21, GSTR 22, GSTR 23, GSTR 24, GSTR 27, PR 84, PR 85, PR 86, PR 87, TD 28, TD 29, TR 9, TR 10, TR 11, TR 12, TR 13.

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Declaration—2000 Special Digital Data Service Provider (No. 1).

ATTENDANCE

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

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 **STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—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 Wakelin—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 June 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs—Report—Indigenous Health—Final report, May 2000—

Debate resumed.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Neville moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 12.03 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee