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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 135

MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 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 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Hawker presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—From phantom to force: Towards a more efficient and effective army—

Report, August 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker, Mr Price and Mr Snowdon made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Hawker, by leave, again addressed the House.

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.

3 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Prosser presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Building Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America—

Report, September 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Prosser and Mr O’Keefe made statements in connection with the report.

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

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

Mr Prosser 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 SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Jull (Presiding Member) presented the following papers:

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Parliamentary Joint Committee—
A watching brief: The nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO’s public reporting activities—

Report, September 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

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

Mr Jull, by leave, again addressed the House.

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

Mr Jull 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 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mrs Gallus (Chair) presented the following papers:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Not the Hilton—Immigration detention centres: Inspection report—

Report, September 2000.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mrs Gallus and Mrs Irwin made statements in connection with the report.

Mrs Gallus, by leave, again addressed the House.

Dr Theophanous made a statement in connection with the report.

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

Mrs Gallus moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs Gallus was granted leave to continue her 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 AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 2000

Mr Albanese, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Aviation Noise Ombudsman and for related purposes.

Mr Albanese 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.

7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

10 WATER

Mr Lawler, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes the crucial importance of water to the ongoing growth of the Australian economy and to the environment of rivers and wetlands;
- (2) acknowledges the many initiatives implemented over the past decade to achieve more efficient use of water;
- (3) commends the Government for the directions created by the Natural Heritage Trust National Rivercare Program initiatives, particularly in regard to the Murray Darling Basin and the upper reaches of the Snowy River;
- (4) calls for all future water allocations to be used for environmental purposes to be only taken from savings from the NSW and Victorian distribution system and only after satisfying a test of the national interest; and
- (5) calls for proper financial compensation to be awarded to those who have their right to water taken away.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 CHILD ABUSE

Mrs Irwin, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the protection of children from abuse is fundamental in a civilised society;
- (2) is alarmed by the apparent rise in child abuse and neglect despite the efforts of the National Child Protection Council; and
- (3) calls on the Government to urgently focus more resources in implementing a national approach to the prevention, repair, intervention and research into child abuse.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 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.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000

Message No. 452, 31 August 2000, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, 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.

14 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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 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 that the preliminary data available suggest that the proposed distribution of funding among non-government schools is profoundly unfair;
- (2) is of the opinion that, before the bill is debated, the Government must provide detailed, final figures on the cost of the policy changes contained in the bill and the new funding figures for each non-government school; and

- (3) condemns the Government for:
- (a) failing to provide a matching increase in funding for government schools; and
 - (b) continuing its unfair Enrolment Benchmark Adjustment policy”.

Debate continued.

Ms Gillard moved—That the debate be adjourned.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard Mr Beazley

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr Mossfield addressing the House—

15 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 September 2000:

Corporations Act—Accounting standards No. AASB 1042 August 2000.

Fisheries Management Act—Temporary Order 2000 No. 3.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 2000 Nos 6, 7, 9.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Crean, Mr Fahey, Mr Hollis* and Mr Howard.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives