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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 144

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 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 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TALLIES AND PICNIC DAYS) 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.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Fahey	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	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
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Entsch	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Anderson	Ms Gerick
Mr M. A. J. Vaile	Mr Hollis

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

3 AGED CARE 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.

Suspension of standing order 81—Debate confined to present question—Exceptions

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That standing order 81 be suspended for the duration of the first speech by the Member for Isaacs on the second reading debate on the Aged Care Amendment Bill 2000.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 1999–2000.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 1999–2000.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 1999–2000.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1999–2000.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 1999–2000.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 1999–2000.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 1999–2000.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 1999–2000.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 1999–2000.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1999–2000.

Film Australia Limited—Report for 1999–2000.

Finance—Consolidated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2000.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 1999–2000.

ScreenSound Australia—Annual Review for 1999–2000.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 1999–2000.

Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 1999–2000.

6 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 1999–2000.

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

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

The House was informed that Mr Tanner had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “Double standards in Government administration”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tanner addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

CSIRO Energy Centre at Steel River, Newcastle (7th report of 2000).

RAAF Base Edinburgh, Redevelopment Stage 1, Adelaide (8th report of 2000).

Fitout of new leased premises for the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Belconnen, ACT (9th report of 2000).

Development of 90 apartments in Darwin (10th report of 2000).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan and Mr Lindsay, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

9 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:

5 October 2000—Message No. 245—

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Amendment 2000.

Trade Practices Amendment (International Liner Cargo Shipping) 2000.

10 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop (Minister for Aged Care), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11 AGED CARE 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.

Paper

Mrs B. K. Bishop (Minister for Aged Care) presented the following paper:

Copy of letter from Tim Burns, General Manager, Aged Care Standards Agency to Hon. Bronwyn Bishop (Minister for Aged Care), 5 October 2000.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs B. K. Bishop, the Bill was read a third time.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARENTS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2000

Message No. 463, 10 October 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Migration Legislation Amendment (Parents and Other Measures) Bill 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

13 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 246, 24 November 1999, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Kerr, by leave, Opposition amendments (1) and (2) were made together, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, Government amendments (1) to (127) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Communications, Transport and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Beyond the midnight oil: An inquiry into managing fatigue in transport—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

15 PAPER

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 1999.

16 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Mr Quick addressing the House—

17 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 October 2000:
Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Amendment Order—2000 No. 12.

Corporations Act—Accounting standards AASB 1027, AASB 1029.

Fisheries Management Act—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995—Determination—2000 SBT Final TAC.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determination—2000 No. T11.

National Health Act—Determination—2000 No. PB 13.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Ms Gerick, Mr Hollis*, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Dr Wooldridge.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

Paper

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following paper:

Copy of Communique from Youth Constitutional Forum 2000.

**3 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES)
AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland, 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:

- (a) not proceeding with the NVE classification; and
- (b) delaying the implementation of classification reform restricting the availability of violent and demeaning material currently permitted within the X classification”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.28 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.41 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, Government amendments (1) to (22) were made together.

Paper

Mr Williams presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

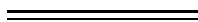
Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments.

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee