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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 156

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 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 (UNFAIR DISMISSALS) BILL 1998 [NO. 2]**

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*.

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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2000-2001—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2000-2001**

Message No. 266, 24 November 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2001; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 2000-2001—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2000-2001

Message No. 267, 24 November 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2001; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

5 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 2000-2001—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 2000-2001

Message No. 268, 24 November 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in relation to the Parliamentary Departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2001; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 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 and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2000

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INTEGRITY OF REGIONAL MIGRATION SCHEMES) BILL 2000

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to migration, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL 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 *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2000—SENATE'S REQUEST

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

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the requested amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 62

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	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	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Forrest	Mr Crean

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**11 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000—
SENATE'S AMENDMENTS**

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

On the motion of Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), amendments 7 and 10 were agreed to, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Hockey, amendments 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 were disagreed to, after debate.

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

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

(1) Amendment to the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 ('SIS Act')

This amendment requires the Minister to report to Parliament on the operation of the amendments to the SIS Act contained in Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the Bill, within two years of those amendments taking effect. In particular, the report must examine the appropriateness of imposing strict liability in relation to certain offences under the SIS Act.

Generally speaking, it is considered that the relevant regulators under the SIS Act (the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, the Australian Securities

and Investments Commission, and the Australian Taxation Office) would be better placed to report on their use of the strict liability offences that are to be created by the Bill. The annual reports of these regulators must be laid before the Parliament, and they frequently appear before Parliamentary Committees. These avenues would provide useful means of monitoring the extent to which strict liability offence provisions were being used by the regulators, and whether that use was appropriate.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

(2) Amendments to the Banking Act 1959

This amendment will provide APRA with the power to determine whether a director of an Authorised Deposit-taking Institution (ADI) is ‘fit and proper’ before granting a banking authority, and provide APRA the power to disqualify an individual from being a director of an ADI if it is satisfied that the person is not ‘fit and proper’ to carry on banking business.

There is general support for the use of a fit and proper test, however the current amendment has a number of significant shortcomings:

- (1) although APRA has a ‘fit and proper’ requirement in its prudential guidelines, APRA is currently in the process of preparing a revised test that is consistent with international best practice and the requirements of the Basel Core Principles of Effective Banking Supervision. This amendment pre-empts this process and may result in a less than optimal outcome;
- (2) the amendment does not address the issue of individual rights (eg. rights of appeal);
- (3) the amendment only applies to bank directors and would not apply to senior executives and other persons who are often captured in ‘fit and proper’ provisions in overseas legislation;
- (4) the amendment does not consider whether any additional powers, such as collection of information, may be required to assist the application of ‘fit and proper’ powers;
- (5) we understand industry has not been consulted on the proposed amendment, whereas the Government would seek industry views on APRA’s revised proposal; and
- (6) under the proposed subsection 9AA(5) if APRA were required to disqualify a person it would be required to publish this in the Gazette. It is possible this may expose APRA to legal action (eg. defamation).

Australia will get a superior outcome if we wait until APRA has completed its review of the ‘fit and proper’ requirements. Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

(4) Amendment to the Reserve Bank Act 1959 (‘RB Act’)

This amendment to section 67 of the RB Act requires that the terms and conditions of employment of Reserve Bank staff should be no less favourable than those which may exist in terms of any Certified Agreement applicable to this group of employees. The RB Act currently allows the Reserve Bank to

employ staff on such terms and conditions as it determines. The amendments to the RB Act in the Bill do not seek to change any of the terms and conditions applying to those employees. Rather, they are mainly aimed at streamlining service provisions in the Act and updating terminology relating to Reserve Bank employees.

This amendment will place restrictions on the Reserve Bank in the employment of its staff that do not presently exist, and which go beyond what is required for other employers.

In particular, the amendment would impose a more onerous ‘no disadvantage test’ for the RBA relative to other employers. Currently, section 170XA of the *Workplace relations Act 1996* requires that Certified Agreements and AWAs not disadvantage employees, on balance, in relation to their terms and conditions relative to those provided under (i) relevant awards or designated awards, or (ii) any other law of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory, that the Employment Advocate or the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (as the case may be) considers relevant.

The House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

(5) *Opp (1) [Sheet 1940 Revised] Amendments to the SIS Act Penalties*

(6) *Opp (2) [Sheet 1940 Revised] Amendments to the SIS Act Penalties*

(8) *Opp (3) [Sheet 1940 Revised] Amendments to the SIS Act Penalties*

(9) *Opp (4) [Sheet 1940 Revised] Amendments to the SIS Act Penalties*

These amendments relate to four offence provisions of the SIS Act. The provisions in question are:

Section 36—relating to the lodgement of annual returns by non-self managed superannuation funds;

Section 36A—relating to the lodgement of annual returns by self managed superannuation funds;

Section 254—relating to the provision of certain information to the regulators upon the establishment of a superannuation entity, as well as further information which the regulators may request from time to time; and

Section 347A—relating to the provision of statistical information to APRA.

The offences under these provisions are currently fault liability offences with maximum penalties of 50 penalty units (p/u). The Bill was to convert them to strict liability offences, maintaining the maximum penalty at 50 p/u.

These amendments mean that the offences in sections 36, 36A and 254 will now be converted to two-tier offences, with a maximum penalty for the fault liability limb of 50 p/u, and a maximum penalty for the strict liability limb of 25 p/u. In the case of section 347A, the amendments will mean that the offence remains as a fault liability offence only (i.e. it will remain unchanged from its current form).

The Bill converts a number of offences under the SIS Act from purely fault liability, to a two-tier offence containing both fault and strict liability limbs. Most of these offences currently carry a maximum penalty of 100 p/u (a few

carry a penalty of imprisonment). Under the amendments proposed in the Bill, the maximum penalty for the strict liability limb in all cases is 50 p/u (i.e. generally half the penalty of the fault liability limb).

In the case of those existing offences which already had maximum penalties of 50 p/u, it is not appropriate to convert them to two-tier offences because anything less than a maximum penalty of 50 p/u would send an inappropriate message to the industry that these offences were not considered serious.

Treasury, APRA, ASIC and the ATO appeared before the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services and indicated that it is not intended that these strict liability offence provisions will be used to prosecute minor or trivial breaches.

It should be noted that 50 p/u is a maximum penalty. If an offence is proven, the courts, which have expertise in imposing suitable penalties, have the discretion to impose a penalty below 50 p/u, taking into account the seriousness of the breach. This provides added protection against minor or trivial breaches being unduly harshly punished.

To reduce the strict liability penalties to 25 p/u may reduce the courts discretion to decide on an appropriate penalty and possibly send an inappropriate signal to the superannuation industry that these offences, which involve fundamental aspects of the prudential regulatory regime, are somehow less serious than other offences against the SIS Act.

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

On the motion of Mr K. J. Thomson, amendment 3 was disagreed to and the Opposition amendment was made in place thereof, after debate.

12 FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS 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 K. J. Thomson, 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:

- (1) turning its back on commitments made in 1997 to protect consumers from dangerous fuel substitution;
 - (2) allowing millions of dollars of excise revenue to be lost because of inadequate policing of fuel standards; and
 - (3) rejecting calls by Eastern Seaboard states to better police fuel standards”—
- Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

13 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESERVES AND MODERNISATION) 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 L. D. T. Ferguson 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 regrets the failure of the Government to introduce arrangements to optimise the successful operation of the Defence Force, including the Government’s failure to:

- (1) articulate a coherent policy on the expected contribution of reservists and Reserve Units to our national Defence effort;
- (2) reintroduce defence leave for reservists as an allowable award matter;
- (3) review its disastrous experiment with Common Induction Training in the Army;
- (4) implement employment and education protection measures before the deployment of reservists to East Timor;
- (5) reverse the dramatic decline in recruitment levels in recent years;
- (6) address anomalies in pay and conditions for reservists;
- (7) properly manage the provision of training opportunities and of necessary equipment;
- (8) clarify ongoing levels of funding for its announced measures beyond the current financial year; and
- (9) consult adequately with relevant stakeholder groups”.

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.

14 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Fowler (Mrs Irwin) for defying the Chair.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Fowler be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	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	Mr Howard	Mr Neville*	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Forrest Ms O'Byrne

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.02 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and she accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

15 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australia Post—Statement of corporate intent—2000/2001–2002/2003.

Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited—Statement of Corporate Intent—2000/2001.

16 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 16 of 2000–2001—Performance Audit—Australian Taxation Office's Internal Fraud Control Arrangements.

Ordered to be printed.

17 AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on Australia's Development Cooperation Program and presented the following paper:

Australia's Development Cooperation Program—10th annual statement to Parliament, 29 November 2000.

Mr Brereton, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

18 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH AND AGED CARE NEEDS OF OLDER AUSTRALIANS

The House was informed that Ms Macklin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to properly provide for the health and aged care needs of older Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

19 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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 Moore (Minister for Defence), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages, 28 November 2000, from the Senate were reported:

- (a) transmitting the following resolutions agreed to by the Senate approving, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, proposals by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being:
 - (i) construction of Commonwealth Place—Message No. 493.
 - (ii) construction of the Magna Carta monument—Message No. 494.
 - (iii) temporary works associated with the second GMC 400 V8 Supercar race—Message No. 495.
- (b) returning the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives and has agreed to the amendments made by the House in place of those amendments—Message No. 497.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2000

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

28 November 2000—Message No. 498—Aged Care Amendment 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Message No. 499, 28 November 2000, from the Senate was reported returning the Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Moore (Minister for Defence), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ACIS ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Message No. 500, 28 November 2000, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *ACIS Administration Act 1999*, 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.

24 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENHANCEMENT OF THE RESERVES AND MODERNISATION) 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 L. D. T. Ferguson (see item No. 13, page 1923)—*

Debate resumed.

Mr Cox 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.

25 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) BILL 2000

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

29 November 2000—Message No. 501—Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Debt Recovery) 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

26 ADJOURNMENT

It being past 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 29 November 2000:

Customs Act—Instruments—2000 Nos CEO 55, CEO 56.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2000 No. 39.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination to establish a special account—2000 No. 15.

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Advice of decision under paragraph 18(a)—26 November 2000.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Forrester, Mr Hollis*, Mr Lawler and Ms O'Byrne.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 156

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.38 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.51 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 265, 19 October 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Lieberman, the Main Committee adjourned at 11.07 a.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