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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 174

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2001

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR V J MARTIN)**

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 10 March 2001, of Mr Vincent Joseph Martin, a Member of this House for the Division of Banks from 1969 to 1980.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

**3 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

First home owners grant—“Miles of smiles as the treasurer delivers”—Copy of article in BMM, 27 March 2001.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented the following paper:

Bank charges—Labor to monitor fees and charges on retail transaction accounts—Copy of press release by Mr Willis, Treasurer, 26 February 1996.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.17 p.m. the Member for Hotham (Mr Crean—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

**4 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Airservices Australia—Sydney Airport—Maximum movement limit compliance statement for the period 1 October to 31 December 2000.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1999-2000—Corrigenda.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Streamed internet audio and video content—Report of review—March 2001.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 1999-2000—Corrigendum.

Primary Industries and Regional Services—Standing Committee—Report—Work in Progress: Proceed with Caution—Primary Producer Access to Gene Technology—Government response.

**5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

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

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1999-2000—Corrigenda.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Streamed internet audio and video content—Report of review—March 2001.

Debate adjourned (Dr Martin), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BANKING**

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 need for the Commonwealth to secure and expand the commitments made by the Australian banking sector in a social charter on banking”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**7 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 2 April 2001.

**8 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING**

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 28 March 2001, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

**9 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Electoral and Referendum Amendment (No. 1) 2001;

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Amendment 2001;  
and

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.

Question—put and passed.

**10 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 26 March 2001, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 575—Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.

No. 576—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 4) 2000.

**11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PIG INDUSTRY BILL 2000**

Message No. 574, 26 March 2001, from the Senate was reported returning the Pig Industry Bill 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**12 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2001**

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 (Mrs Draper), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 578, 27 March 2001, from the Senate was reported transmitting a resolution agreed to by the Senate extending the time for the presentation of the report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities on the provisions of the Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 to 24 May 2001.

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LAKE EYRE BASIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BILL 2001**

Message No. 577, 26 March 2001, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to approve the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement, 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.

#### 15 ADJOURNMENT

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) 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 9.30 a.m.



#### PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 March 2001:

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice under section 45—  
Participation in formation of a company by the Commonwealth—

IIF BioVentures Pty Ltd.

IIF Foundation Pty Ltd.

IIF Newport Pty Ltd.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determination—2000 No. T17.

Parliamentary Service Act—Determinations—2001 Nos 1, 2, 3.



#### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Downer, Mr Fahey\*, Ms Gerick\*, Mr McMullan and Ms Plibersek\*.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives