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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 179

WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2001



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 (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2001**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Abbott 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 WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) BILL 2001**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the registration of associations of employers and of employees, to regulate those associations after registration, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Abbott 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.

**4 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 1) 2001**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), 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 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.

**5 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001**

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), for Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to international maritime conventions, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 TRADE MARKS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001**

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Marks Act 1995*, and for other 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**7 LAKE EYRE BASIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BILL 2001**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Stone presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

## 8 COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS 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 by Mr Smith 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 notes:

- (a) the secrecy, confusion and uncertainty surrounding the Government’s legislation in relation to Communications and the Arts, including the preparation of secret amendments to this bill which would have the practical effect of deregulating essential Australia Post services to the detriment of rural and regional Australia; and
- (b) the confusion and uncertainty in relation to the vital legislative framework concerning the Communications and the Arts portfolio caused by the Government’s refusal to give a commitment not to introduce legislation to deregulate Australia Post, not just for the remainder of this Parliament but for the next, thus indicating its clear intention to proceed with the deregulation of postal services as soon as possible”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 70

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	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	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	

## NOES, 59

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mrs Moylan	Ms Gerick
Mr Somlyay	Mrs Crosio

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), the Bill was read a third time.

## 9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

## 10 MEMBER ORDERED TO WITHDRAW

At 3.47 p.m. the Member for McMillan (Mr Zahra) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for abusing the forms of the House, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

## 11 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The following paper was presented:

Australian Communications Authority—Report—Principles for determining the amount of datacasting charge, March 2001.

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

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

**12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GST AND THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY**

The House was informed that Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the government to recognise the serious impact of the GST on the Australian economy”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

*Paper*

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

Monetary policy—Copy of statement by Mr Ian MacFarlane, Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia, 4 April 2001.

Discussion concluded.

**13 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr A. P. Thomson (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—The Kyoto Protocol—Discussion Paper—

Report 38, April 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr A. P. Thomson, Mr Baird and Mr Hardgrave, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr A. P. Thomson, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr A. P. Thomson 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.

**14 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**15 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FITOUT OF NEW CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AT 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 Central Office building for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs at Belconnen, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

**16 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PARLIAMENT DRIVE AND MELBOURNE AVENUE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Anderson (Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 29 March 2001, namely: Construction of pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Parliament Drive and Melbourne Avenue.

Question—put and passed.

**17 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Anderson (Minister representing the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposals for work in the Parliamentary Zone which were presented to the House on 3 April 2001, namely:

- (1) design and siting of services pavilion associated with Commonwealth Place and materials, colours and finishes to Commonwealth Place; and
- (2) final text and images for Magna Carta Monument.

Question—put and passed.

**18 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 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.

**19 COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL BILL 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.

## 20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages 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 for works within the Parliament Zone:
  - (1) pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Parliament Drive and Melbourne Avenue—3 April 2001—Message No. 585;
  - (2) design and siting of a services pavilion associated with Commonwealth Place and the material, colours and finishes to Commonwealth Place—4 April 2001—Message No. 587; and
  - (3) final text and images for the Magna Carta monument in Magna Carta Place—4 April 2001—Message No. 588;
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Migration Legislation Amendment (Integrity of Regional Migration Schemes) 2000—3 April 2001—Message No. 586; and

Crimes Amendment (Age Determination) 2001—4 April 2001—Message No. 590;
- (c) returning the Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Debt Recovery) Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate has considered message No. 683 of the House relating to the Bill. The Senate does not insist on its amendment No. 19 disagreed to by the House; and does not insist on its amendments Nos 2, 7, 11, 13, 21 to 27, 32, 36, 41, 42, 44 to 46 and 56 to 61 disagreed to by the House and has agreed to the amendments made by the House in place of those amendments—4 April 2001—Message No. 591.

## 21 CORPORATIONS BILL 2001

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to corporations, securities, the futures industry and financial products and services, 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 Fitzgibbon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 22 AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION BILL 2001

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Australian Securities and

Investments Commission, a Companies and Securities Advisory Committee and certain other bodies, 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 Fitzgibbon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**23 TRADE PRACTICES 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—

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

*Paper*

Mr Hockey, by leave, presented the following paper:

Small business—Copy of press release from internet site by Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—“Unions tell Beazley to change his tune, and small business suffers”, 3 April 2001.

Debate continued.

*Closure*

Mr Hockey moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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



## AYES, 71

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

## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mrs Moylan	Ms Gerick
Mr Somlyay	Mrs Crosio

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be disagreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

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Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Fahey	Ms Plibersek
Mrs Moylan	Ms Gerick
Mr Somlyay	Mrs Crosio

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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*

***Senate amendments Nos 1 and 2***

The amendments proposed seek to exclude the secondary boycott provisions from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCCs) proposed power to undertake representative actions under Part IV of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. The extension of the ACCC's powers was recommended by the Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector, Baird Committee, and is designed to enhance the ACCC's capacity to assist small business and consumers who suffer damage as a result of a breach of the Part IV provisions prohibiting anti-competitive conduct.

While it would be open to the ACCC to take action on behalf of businesses who suffer loss as a result of a breach of the secondary boycott provisions, the position is no different to that existing in relation to any other provision of the Act.

The ACCC can already take actions under the secondary boycott provisions, and may seek monetary penalties or injunctions. Equally, individuals may seek injunctions, damages or an ancillary order under the secondary boycott provisions. As such, the ACCC does not gain powers in a new area, or subject businesses to additional liability, rather, the Bill makes it easier for affected businesses to gain the advantage of the secondary boycott provisions, and the other provisions of Part IV.

Secondary boycotts can adversely affect both small and large firms. The power to undertake representative actions has the potential to benefit small businesses, which may not have the time, resources or legal expertise to engage in legal proceedings.

The ACCC is an independent statutory authority, and its accountability is not to the Government, but to the Parliament and the Australian community. There are numerous checks and balances which ensure that the ACCC's powers will not be used for improper purposes. In particular, under s. 29(1A) of the TPA, the Minister is specifically prohibited from giving the Commission directions in relation to its powers or functions relating to Part IV of the Act.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

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

**24 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**25 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 April 2001:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2001 26(2), 28(3) February, 5(10), 8(9), 9(2), 23(2), 30 March.

Part 39-106—2001 8(2) March.

Part 39-107—2001 23(2) February, 8 March.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Brereton, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fahey\*, Ms Gerick\*, Mrs Moylan, Ms Plibersek\*, Mr Ruddock, Mr Somlyay and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

\* On leave

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**B. C. WRIGHT**

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 179

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2001**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) 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.

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 COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL 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*

Mr A. P. Thomson, by leave, presented the following paper:

CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

Debate continued.

*Papers*

Mr Zahra, by leave, presented the following papers:

Industrial Dispute, Yallourn Energy Pty Ltd—

Copy of letter from Christian Zahra, MP, to Andrew Brandler, Group Managing Director, CLP Holdings, 14 February 2001.

Copy of letter from Andrew Brandler, Group Managing Director, CLP Holdings, to Christian Zahra, MP, 23 February 2001.

Debate continued.

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.

#### 5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), the Main Committee adjourned at 12.35 p.m.

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



**J. W. PENDER**

Clerk of the Main Committee