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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 183

TUESDAY, 22 MAY 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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR THIS SITTING

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for this sitting being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Condolence motion moved by the Prime Minister in connection with the death of Mr Peter Nugent.
2. Government business.
3. Statement by the Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit relating to the draft budget estimates of the Australian National Audit Office.
4. Presentation of papers.
5. Referral of Bill to Main Committee.
6. Presentation of report from Selection Committee.

Question—put and passed.

3 DEATH OF MEMBER (MR P E NUGENT)

The Speaker reminded the House of the announcement on 10 May in Melbourne of the death, on 24 April 2001, of Mr Peter Edward Nugent, Member of this House for the Division of Aston.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the sudden death on Tuesday, 24 April 2001, of Mr Peter Edward Nugent, Member for Aston, and places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anderson (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members

having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

4 SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Member, the sitting was thereupon suspended until 7.30 p.m.

5 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 7.30 p.m.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2001-2002—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002—BUDGET SPEECH

Message No. 302, 19 May 2001, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2002; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate 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 Costello moved—That the Bill be now read a second time, and delivered the budget speech.

Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley—Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 PAPERS

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Budget strategy and outlook 2001–02.

Budget measures 2001–02.

Federal financial relations 2001–02.

Agency resourcing 2001–02.

Severally ordered to be printed.

8 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following ministerial statements:

Australia's overseas aid program 2001–02, 22 May 2001.

Our path together, 22 May 2001.

Regional Australia: Partners in growth, 22 May 2001.

Investing in our natural and cultural heritage: Commonwealth's environment expenditure 2001–02, 22 May 2001.

Women's budget statement 2001–02, 22 May 2001.

Safeguarding our rural resources, 22 May 2001.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2001–2002—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2001-2002

Message No. 303, 19 May 2001, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2002; 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 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 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 McMullan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 2001–2002—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002

Message No. 304, 19 May 2001, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2002; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate 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 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 McMullan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 COMPENSATION (JAPANESE INTERNMENT) BILL 2001

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation payments in respect of certain persons interned by Japanese military forces, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Scott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

12 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ONE-OFF PAYMENT TO THE AGED) BILL 2001

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide a one-off payment to the aged, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

13 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER ASSISTANCE FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS) BILL 2001

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), by leave, presented a Bill for Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* and the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

14 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (CHANGES FOR SENIOR AUSTRALIANS) BILL 2001

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, 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 McMullan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—PAPER

Mr Charles (Chair), by leave, made a statement concerning the recommendations of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on the draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office.

Mr Charles, by leave, presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Draft budget estimates for the Australian National Audit Office—Statement by Mr Charles (Chair), 22 May 2001.

16 PAPERS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Congratulatory messages relating to the Centenary of Federation from—
Presiding Officers of the United Kingdom Houses of Parliament.

National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

Romanian Chamber of Deputies.

Parliament of Poland.

Parliament of the Slovak Republic.

Parliamentary ANZAC Group of MPs and Peers at Westminster.

17 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2000-2001—Performance audits—

No. 32—Defence Cooperation Program: Department of Defence.

No. 33—Australian Defence Force Reserves: Department of Defence.

No. 34—Assessment of New Claims for the Age Pension by Centrelink: Centrelink.

No. 35—Family and Community Services' Oversight of Centrelink's Assessment of New Claims for the Age Pension: Department of Family and Community Services.

No. 36—Municipal Services for Indigenous Communities: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Severally ordered to be printed.

18 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Citizenship Council—Report—Australian Citizenship...A Common Bond—Government response, May 2001.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 91—Review of the *Marine Insurance Act 1909*.

Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000—Correction to the further supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Co-regulatory scheme for Internet content regulation—Report, July to December 2000.

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Health is life: Report on the inquiry into Indigenous Health—Government response, March 2001.

IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited—Report for 1999-2000.

IIF Investments Pty Limited—Report for 1999-2000.

19 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Health is life: Report on the inquiry into Indigenous Health—Government response, March 2001.

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

20 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

6 April 2001—Message—

No. 294—

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 2000–2001.

Appropriation (No. 3) 2000–2001.

Appropriation (No. 4) 2000–2001.

No. 295—

Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) 2001.

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment 2001.

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.
No. 296—
Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) 2001.
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 2001.
Remuneration Tribunal Amendment 2001.
28 April 2001—Message—
No. 297—
Coal Industry Repeal 2001.
Migration Legislation Amendment (Integrity of Regional Migration Schemes) 2001.
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (No. 1) 2001.
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.
No. 298—
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment 2001.
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment 2001.
Pig Industry 2001.
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) (No. 1) 2001.
1 May 2001—Message No. 299—
Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement 2001.
14 May 2001—Message No. 301—
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 2001.
Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 2001.

21 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Wednesday, 23 May 2001, at 9.40 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

22 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, 4 June 2001.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.26 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 May 2001:

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act—Determination—2000 A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) (No. 3).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Report of the panel convened to review ATSIIC's zone, region and ward boundaries—Final boundary recommendations.

ACIS Administration Act—Guidelines—2001 ACIS Administration (Determination of Eligible Investment).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 82.

Aged Care Act—Determination under section 44—2001 Aged Care (Payroll Tax Supplement).

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 73.

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 92.

Australian Antarctic Territory Act—Weapons Ordinance 2001 No. 1.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals—2001 Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 77.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 76.

Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 66.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2001 2(15), 3(4), 5, 6(3), 9, 10(2), 11(2), 19, 20(3), 23, 24(3), 26, 27(2), 30 April, 3(3), 7 May.

Part 39-106—2001 9, 12, 19, 20, 29(2) April, 4 May.

Civil Aviation Amendment Orders—2001 Nos 4, 5, 6.

Exemption—2001 No. CASA EX01.

Instruments—2001 Nos CASA 128, CASA 158.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Direction—2001 No. 5.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 58.

Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) Act—Notice—2001 Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) Modification of Applied Laws (Tasmania).

Currency Act—Determinations—2001—

Currency (Perth Mint) No. 1.

Currency (Royal Australian Mint) No. 3.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 Nos 60, 63, 89.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2001 Nos 4, 5.

Determinations under section 58B—2001 Nos 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

Electronic Transactions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 84.

Environment and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Coringa-Herald National Nature Reserve and Lihou Reef National Nature Reserve—
Management Plan.

Report on the comments received on the draft management plan.

Excise Act, Distillation Act, Spirits Act and Coal Excise Act—Regulations—
Statutory Rules 2001 No. 83.

Farm Household Support Act—Schemes 2001—
Dairy Exit Program—Amendment (No. 1).

Farm Help Re-establishment Grant—Amendment (No. 1).

Financial Transaction Reports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 64.

Fisheries Management Act—
Temporary Order—2001 No. 1.

Northern Prawn Fishery Management Plan 1995—Direction No. NPFD 54.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—2001 Nos 78, 79, 80.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—
2000 Nos T19, T20.
2001 No. T13.

Income Tax Assessment Act 1936—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 81.

Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 71.

Migration Act—
General directions under section 499—2001 Nos 23, 24.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 86.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Declaration—Statutory Rules 2001
No. 88.

National Health Act—
Declaration under subsection 85(2)—2001 No. PB 5.
Declaration under subsection 85(2AA)—2001 No. PB 4.
Determination under paragraph 98C—2001 No. PB 6.

Determination under Schedule 1, paragraph (bj)—2001 Nos PHI 7, PHI 8.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 Nos 67, 68.

Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—
Notice 2001 No. 1.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 90.

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001
No. 61.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory
Rules 2001 No. 62.

Public Employment (Consequential and Transitional) Amendment Act—
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 Nos 69, 70.

Radiocommunications Act—Determination—2001 Radiocommunications (Australian Space Objects) Amendment (No. 1).

Remuneration Tribunal Act—

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 59.

Remuneration Tribunal Determinations—2001 Nos 2, 4, 5.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 91.

Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 87.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2001 No. 6.

Taxation Administration Act—

Bulletin—2001 No. EB 1.

Determinations—2001—Nos TD 4, TD 5, TD 6, TD 7, TD 8, TD 9, TD 10.

Rulings—

2000—Nos PR 100 (Addendum), PR 112 (Addendum).

2001—Nos CR 5, CR 6, CR 7, CR 8, CR 9, CR 10, CR 11, CR 12, CR 13, CR 14, CR 15, PR 26 (Addendum), PR 32, PR 38, PR 39, PR 40, PR 41, PR 42, PR 43, PR 44, PR 45, PR 46, PR 47, PR 48, PR 49, PR 50, PR 51, PR 52, PR 52 (Addendum), PR 53, PR 54, PR 55, PR 56, PR 57, PR 58, PR 59, PR 60, PR 61, PR 62, PR 63, PR 64, PR 65, PR 66, TR 3.

Telecommunications Act 1997—

Notice—2001 Telecommunications Labelling (Customer Equipment and Customer Cabling).

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2000 No. 65.

Rules—2001 Telecommunications Cabling Provider Amendment (No. 1).

Telecommunications technical standards—2001—

Requirements for Customer Equipment for connection to a metallic local loop interface of a Telecommunications Network—AS/ACIF S043.

Requirements for Customer Equipment, operating in the voiceband, for connection to the non-switched Telecommunications Network—AS/ACIF S006.

Analogue interworking and non-interference requirements for Customer Equipment for connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network—AS/ACIF S002).

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determination under paragraph 15(1)(d)—2001 No. 1.

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Determinations—2001—

Contestable Service Obligation (No. 1).

Universal Service Areas (No. 1).

Statement of reasons for diverging from advice of the ACA—2001 Universal Service Subsidies (2001-03 Contestable Areas) (No. 1).

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 85.

Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act—Determinations—2001—

Telecommunications (Amounts of Annual Charge).

Telecommunications (Exemption from Annual Charge).

Trade Practices Act—

Declaration—2001 Designated Inwards Secondary Shipper Body No. 1.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 74.

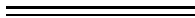
Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 75.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—

Instruments under section 196B—2001 Nos 23, 24, 25, 26.

Instrument under section 90—2001 No. 5.

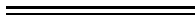
Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 72.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Elson, Ms Gerick* and Mr Somlyay.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives