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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 200

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 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 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker referred to the matter raised by Mr Emerson yesterday concerning the issue of whether false or misleading evidence had been given by officers of the Australian Taxation Office in connection with the inquiry by the Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Workplace Relations into employee share ownership.

The Speaker stated that, in accordance with the practice of the House, the matter should be considered in the first instance by the committee and that he would consider any advice of the committee.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 4, private Members' business, on the Notice Paper standing in the name of the Member for Brisbane relating to the Employment Security Bill 2001 being called on forthwith as part of a package of measures to secure employee entitlements through:

- (1) the recovery of employee entitlements lost in cases of insolvency involving artificial corporate re-structuring; and
- (2) a related scheme consisting of an employer funded insurance scheme which guarantees 100 per cent of employees entitlements following corporate collapses.

Closure of Member

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
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Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

NOES, 67

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	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	Ms Short
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bevis (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Anthony moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

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And so it was negatived.

4 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2001

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, 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.

7 HEALTH AND AGED CARE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), for Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (THIN CAPITALISATION) BILL 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—*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) failing to honour its commitment to provide a revenue neutral business tax package;
- (2) imposing a complex and cumbersome tax system on Australian businesses rather than delivering the simpler system it promised; and
- (3) increasing the compliance burden for Australian businesses thereby reducing their competitiveness, their profitability and, in some cases, their ability to trade”—

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 Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

9 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (DEBT AND EQUITY) BILL 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

10 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 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 by Dr Lawrence who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“while not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House takes note of the serious decline in business research and development in Australia that has occurred under the Howard Coalition Government, and notes:

- (1) the impact of the Coalition's cut of the R&D tax concession from Labor's 150% to the current 125%; and
- (2) recent criticisms of the BAA tax concession proposals, including those concerning:
 - (a) the retrospectivity of some provisions;
 - (b) poorly defined definitions and terms;
 - (c) the unknown financial impact of some changes".

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 63

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Ms Short
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Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Ms Plibersek	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard Mr Beazley

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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Entsch, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (26) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

11 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 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—

Mr Lee addressing the House—

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.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Budget documents—Part II: Historical general government data—

Table A1: Commonwealth general government sector cash revenue, outlays and surplus, p. 11-13.

Table A3: Commonwealth general government sector net debt (as at end of financial year), p. 11-15.

Questions without notice continuing—

Papers

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) presented the following papers:

Insolvency Discussion Paper—Copy of letter from Mr Ralph Willis, Minister for Industrial Relations to the Hon. Xavier Connor AO QC, President, Law Reform Commission, 9 March 1988.

Corporate Law Reform Bill 1992—Extract from the Draft Legislation and Explanatory Paper prepared by the Business Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, for and on behalf of the Attorney-General, the Hon. Michael Duffy, February 1992.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr Lee, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for documents quoted from by Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs)—

Dr Kemp presented the following paper:

Teachers union fails funding test—Copy of article, *The Courier Mail*, 8 August 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

13 PAPERS

Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

IT giant sets foot in Penrith—Copy of article by Heath Davis.

Hall plan to honour sport greats—Copy of article, *Penrith Press*, 31 August 1999.

Sporting a good idea—Copy of article, *Western Week-ENDER*, 27 August 1999.

14 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Department of Health and Aged Care—Private Health Insurance Premium Changes—Quarter commencing 1 April 2001.

Housing Assistance Act—Report for 1998-99.

15 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Department of Health and Aged Care—Private Health Insurance Premium Changes—Quarter commencing 1 April 2001.

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

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

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 failure of the Government to put in place a comprehensive, fully funded and effective employee entitlement protection scheme which guarantees 100 per cent of lost employee entitlements”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 2001—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 Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA—CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2001—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. 4, 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 Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 1) 2001—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. 5, 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 Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—REDEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS AT ENOGGERA, QLD

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: Redevelopment of residential areas at Enoggera, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

21 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 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 by Mr Lee 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) misusing the issue of literacy for political advantage;
- (2) manipulating statistics about literacy achievement; and
- (3) providing \$145 million to wealthy category one schools which could have been better used improving literacy for students in government and needy non-government schools”.

Debate continued.

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

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 669, 7 August 2001, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to a resolution extending the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories on the sale of the Christmas Island resort to 27 September 2001.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) BILL 2000

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

8 August 2001—Message No. 670—Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) 2000.

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

24 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation) moved—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 8 August 2001:

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act—Determinations—2001—

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) (Penalty Interest).
Child Care Benefit (Breach of Conditions for Continued Approval) Amendment Determination (No. 1).

Child Care Benefit (Eligibility of Child Care Services for Approval and Continued Approval) Amendment (No. 1).

Bounty (Ships) Act—Return for 2000-2001.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice under section 45—Incorporation of the Snowy Hydro Limited.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under section 40(3)—2001 August.

Statement under section 125—2001 August.

Quarantine Act—Determination—2001 Quarantine Service Fees No. 1.

Social Security Act—Determination—2001 Social Security (Penalty Interest).

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determinations—2001—Telecommunications (Annual Carrier Licence Charge).

Telecommunications (Costs Attributable to Telecommunications Functions and Powers).

Telecommunications (Recovery of ITU Budget Contribution).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Kerr.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 200

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST 2001

1 Due to divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.51 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA) BILL 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 by Mr K. J. Thomson 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) APRA's failure to establish adequate reporting standards for bodies in the financial sector; and
- (2) its overall regulatory failure and its mishandling of a response to the collapse of the HIH Insurance Group”.

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 K. J. Thomson, by leave, Opposition amendments (1) and (2) were made together, after debate.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (4) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

4 FINANCIAL SECTOR (COLLECTION OF DATA—CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 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—

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (14) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

5 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) 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.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (3) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

**6 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT
BILL 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 by Mr M. J. 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 condemns the Government for its neglect of the Australian shipping industry, leaving the Australian economy, environment and community exposed to the risk of marine accidents, port pollution and infiltration via ports and the sea of deadly diseases like foot and mouth disease”.

Debate continued.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Lloyd, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.55 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