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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 214

MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2001



1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Dr Southcott presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Indonesia and South Korea, 1-14 July 2001—Report, September 2001.

Dr Southcott, Mr O’Keefe, Mr Secker, Mr Morris and Mr Murphy made statements in connection with the report.

3 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hollis presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—The link between aid and human rights—

Report, August 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hollis made a statement in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hollis moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hollis was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hawker presented the following papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—A model for a new Army: Community comments on the ‘From phantom to force’ parliamentary report into the army—

Report, September 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker and Mr Price made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hawker was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Snowden presented the following papers:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Risky business: Inquiry into the tender process followed in the sale of the Christmas Island Casino and Resort—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, September 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Snowden made a statement in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Snowden moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Snowden was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Prosser (Chair) presented the following papers:

Industry, Science and Resources—Standing Committee—Getting a better return: Inquiry into increasing the value added to Australian raw materials—

Report, September 2001.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Prosser, Mr Morris, Mr Hatton and Mr Zahra made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Prosser moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Prosser was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Wakelin (Chair) presented the following paper:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Where to next? Inquiry into substance abuse in Australian communities—Discussion paper, 17 September 2001.

Mr Wakelin, Ms Ellis, Mr Lawler, Mr Edwards, Mr Quick and Ms Hall made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Wakelin moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Wakelin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Quick presented the following papers:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—We can do it! The needs of urban dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples—

Report, August 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Quick and Mr Wakelin made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Quick moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Quick was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

Paper

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following paper:

MRI machine—Petition from residents in the State of Victoria.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

12 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Competing interests: Is there balance?—Review of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 1999-2000—

Report, September 2001.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker and Ms Burke made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hawker was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hardgrave presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 42—Who's afraid of the WTO?—Australia and the World Trade Organisation—

Report, September 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hardgrave and Mr Adams made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hardgrave was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Neville (Chair) presented the following papers:

Communications, Transport and the Arts—Standing Committee—Local voices: An inquiry into regional radio—

Report, September 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Neville and Mr Gibbons made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Neville moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Neville was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 AUSTRALIAN COAST GUARD BILL 2001

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Australian Coast Guard, and for related purposes.

Mr Beazley made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Paper

Mr Beazley presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

16 CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 2001

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Corporations Law and the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, in order to develop corporate responsibility and to protect the entitlements of employees.

Mr Beazley made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

17 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

18 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:

17 September 2001—Message—

No. 358—

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) 2001.

Migration Legislation Amendment (Immigration Detainees) (No. 2) 2001.

Corporations (Compensation Arrangements Levies) 2001.

Corporations (Fees) Amendment 2001.

Corporations (National Guarantee Fund Levies) Amendment 2001.

No. 359—

Finance and Administration Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment 2001.

Health and Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.

Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.

18 September 2001—Message No. 360—

Wool International Amendment 2001.

Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) 2001.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2001.

Innovation and Education Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 2001.

Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) (No. 3) 2001.

19 September 2001—Message No. 361—

General Insurance Reform 2001.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL (NO. 2) 2001

Message No. 713, 20 September 2001, from the Senate was reported returning the Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill (No. 2) 2001 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INTERACTIVE GAMBLING AMENDMENT BILL 2001

Message No. 717, 20 September 2001, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*, 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.

21 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 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 Abbott (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

22 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 a revised 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.

23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

24 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

18 September 2001—Message No. 362—Environmental Legislation Amendment 2001.

25 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 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 notes that this bill proposes amendments to the *A New Tax System Act 1999* and calls on the Government to take this opportunity to include further improvements in the legislation that would:

- (1) remove the GST from the price of women’s sanitary products;
- (2) remove the GST from funeral expenses;
- (3) remove the GST from fees paid by long-term caravan park and boarding house residents;
- (4) compensate charities for the extra burden imposed by the GST; and
- (5) simplify the GST for small businesses”.

Debate continued.

26 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Papers

Mr Jull, by leave, presented the following papers:

Westpac/AGC Fraud Allegations—Copies of correspondence and papers from Mr Paul Makucha to Mr Jull—

Under cover of letter, 27 August 2001.

Under cover of letter, 21 September 2001.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 September 2001:

Broadcasting Services Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 249.

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notice under section 45—Formation of a company by the Commonwealth—Australian Strategic Policy Institute Ltd (ASPI Ltd).

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 250.

National Health Act—Determination under Schedule 1, paragraph (bj)—2001 No. PHI 25.

Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—Notice—2001 No. 3.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation for construction of Reconciliation Place—Design and content of slivers, including text and images.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 251.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice—2001 No. 6.

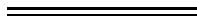
Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 252.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Lieberman* and Ms J. S. McFarlane.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives