

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 5

TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2002

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

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Options for handling unauthorised arrivals: Christmas Island boat—Briefing paper by Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 7 October 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

3 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censure the Prime Minister for:

- (1) his, and his Government's repeated efforts to cover up the facts surrounding its knowledge of information from the Office of National Assessments, personal staff and Departmental advisers regarding the allegations that:
 - (a) children may not have been thrown overboard from the SIEV 4 as first alleged on 7 October 2001; and
 - (b) the photographs released by the Minister for Defence may have misrepresented events on the SIEV 4 on 7 and 8 October 2001;
- (2) his repeated failure to accept responsibility for his own conduct, and that of his office, his Department and his Government.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Ms Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Dr Martin	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	
Mr Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	

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Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Dr Washer
Mr Causley	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Windsor
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Schultz	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2000-01—Erratum.

Christmas Island Casino Surveillance Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2001.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 2000-01.

Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2000-01.

ScreenSound Australia—Annual Review for 2000-01.

5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01.

ScreenSound Australia—Annual Review for 2000-01.

Debate adjourned (Ms Macklin—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BORDER SECURITY

The House was informed that Ms Gillard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The persistent failure of the Government to be honest with the Australian people in relation to border security and other matters”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Gillard rising to address the House—

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Chief Government Whip moving a motion to refer the Christmas 2001 bushfires motion to the Main Committee for further debate.

Question—put and passed.

8 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip) moved—That the order of the day for the resumption of debate on the Christmas 2001 bushfires motion be referred to the Main Committee for further debate.

Question—put and passed.

9 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

(1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment 2002; and

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 2002; and

(2) the following order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Address in reply to the Governor-General’s speech—Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

10 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had fixed Wednesday, 20 February 2002, at 9.40 a.m., for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

11 SPEAKER’S PANEL

The following warrant nominating members of the Speaker’s panel, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid on the Table:

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Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate—

David Peter Maxwell Hawker,

Phillip Anthony Baressi,

Teresa Gambaro,

Peter John Lindsay,

Bruce Craig Scott,

Dick Godfrey Harry Adams,

Francis William Mossfield,
 Leo Roger Spurway Price,
 Kimberley William Wilkie, and
 Ann Kathleen Corcoran,

to be members of the Speaker's panel to assist the Chair when requested to do so by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

Given under my hand on 19 February 2002.

NEIL ANDREW
 Speaker

12 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ANTI-HOAX AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2002

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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

13 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

14 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mr Schultz, by leave, presented the following paper:

Documents relating to claim for payment by Lynn Civil Pty Ltd against Covecorp Constructions Pty Ltd (29).

Debate continuing—

Paper

Mr Murphy, by leave, presented the following paper:

Reserve soldiers and medical treatment—Letter from Michael Smith, Hon. Secretary, Homebush-Strathfield RSL sub-branch to Mr Murphy, 4 January 2002.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 February 2002:

Fisheries Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 1.

Health Insurance Act—Determination—2001 HS/6/01.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2002 No. 1.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr P. E. King and Mrs D. S. Vale.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives