

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 14

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2002

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 **DISORDER IN MAIN COMMITTEE—REPORT TO HOUSE—MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED**

The Deputy Speaker reported that he had been required to adjourn the meeting of the Main Committee in accordance with the provisions of standing order 282 because of disorder arising in the Committee. He further reported that the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese) had persisted in disorderly behaviour by refusing to withdraw a remark after being called to order and thus defied the Chair of the Main Committee.

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese).

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Grayndler be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 9.47 a.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

3 MEETING OF MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the Deputy Speaker had advised that the Main Committee would reconvene today, at 10 a.m.

4 WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) BILL 2002

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), 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 Sidebottom), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 WORKPLACE RELATIONS (REGISTRATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF ORGANISATIONS) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to deal with matters consequential on the enactment of the *Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Act 2002*, and for other 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 Sidebottom), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (IMPROVED PROTECTION FOR VICTORIAN WORKERS) BILL 2002

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), 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 Sidebottom), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS) BILL 2002

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), 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 Sidebottom), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 RESEARCH AGENCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the Australian Institute of Marine Science and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Papers

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill and a correction to the explanatory memorandum.

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

9 BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

10 BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Act 1997* and the *Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

11 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

12 AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

13 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to therapeutic goods and industrial chemicals, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

14 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Tax Agreements Act 1953*, 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 Sidebottom), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002

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 Sidebottom), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 2002

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Truss presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Baldwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Message No. 19, 20 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), amendments Nos 1 to 9 were disagreed to, after debate.

Dr Nelson presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate Amendment Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4

These amendments passed by the Senate deal with the safeguarding of students' physical and emotional well-being in schools, which is a substantive issue that has much merit. The Government is strongly supportive of the principle of schools as a safe learning environment, principles set out in the *National Goals for Schooling in the 21st Century*, and which all government and non-government authorities are committed to, in strategies to deal with bullying and to stamp out paedophilia.

The Senate amendment is wrongly placed at this point. Such an important national issue needs to be addressed through a process of national collaboration with all States and Territories and non-government education authorities. For the procedures outlined by the Senate to operate effectively, the commitment of all government and non-government school authorities will be essential. The Commonwealth has written to State Education Ministers, the National Catholic Education Commission and the National Council of Independent Schools Association about this issue and will be raising the issue at the 18-19 July meeting of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs.

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

Senate Amendment Nos 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

These amendments would require criteria to be prescribed for the identification of new schools; for expenditure of grants to be restricted to prescribed purposes; for establishment grants to be paid on a sliding scale related to the schools' SES scores; and for eligibility for grants to be related to the level of student fees charged by the schools.

The proposed amendments in effect ask the Commonwealth to introduce unwieldy administrative complexity and duplication of State and Territory processes. This calls into question the capacity of State and Territory Education Departments administrative processes. All State and Territory governments own, operate and manage large schools systems and have the statutory responsibility to register all schools.

The 58 existing schools have an entitlement to \$750 for each student at their school. The effect of the introduction of a sliding scale would be to reduce funding to 52 of these schools by amounts ranging from moderate to significant.

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

On the motion of Dr Nelson, the reasons were adopted.

On the motion of Dr Nelson, amendment No. 10 was agreed to.

18 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS 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 Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

19 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, in addition to the Speaker, *ex officio*, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash and Mr Lindsay be members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

Question—put and passed.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISABILITY SERVICES AMENDMENT (IMPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE) BILL 2002

Message No. 20, 20 March 2002, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to improve the quality of employment services and rehabilitation programs provided for people with disabilities, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Leave granted for debate to continue.

Debate adjourned (Mr Swan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

21 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Speaker had received advice from Mr Howard (Prime Minister) nominating Members to be members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD.

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*, Mr Jull, Mr Beazley, Mr McLeay and Mr McArthur be appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD.

Question—put and passed.

22 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Motion of censure of the Government

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Government for its persistent failure to be accountable and to tell the truth, denigrating, in the process institutions fundamental to Australian democracy, including the public service, the defence forces, the Parliament and the courts, in particular the Government's failure to:

- (1) prevent the raising of false allegations concerning a judge, its repetition and expansion of those false allegations despite its prior knowledge that documents used to support the allegations were bogus and the Prime Minister's failure to apologise to the judge for his and the Government's actions;
- (2) tell the truth about the Children Overboard Affair and its subsequent efforts to cover it up;

- (3) disclose the transfer of funding from rural and regional health and asthma programs for Wooldridge House and its ongoing efforts to cover that up;
- (4) its failure to release as promised a copy of the Australian Taxation Office's audit report into the Queensland Branch of the Liberal Party of Australia's Macfarlane GST Scam in an effort to cover it up; and
- (5) admit that it spied on Australians and its efforts to cover these matters up.

Debate ensued.

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House censures the Leader of the Opposition for his wrongful and deceptive attempt to construct conspiracies without reliance on any truth or facts and for his total incapacity to present policy alternatives to the reform agenda of the Government”.

Debate continued.

Mr Swan addressing the House—

Closure

Mr McGauran (Minister for Science) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
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Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Questions without notice concluded.

23 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Higher Education—Report for the 2002 to 2004 triennium.

National Crime Authority—Report for 2000-01.

Privileges—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Inquiry into the status of the records and correspondence of Members—Government response.

Screenrights—Report for 2000-01.

Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for 2000-01.

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act—Reporting requirements under section 34A, 5 March 2002.

24 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act—Reporting requirements under section 34A, 5 March 2002.

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

25 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INSTITUTIONS FUNDAMENTAL TO AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY

The House was informed that both Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Windsor had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Crean, namely, “The persistent failure of the Government to be accountable and to tell the truth, denigrating in the process institutions fundamental to Australian democracy, including the public service, the defence forces, the Parliament and the courts”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean 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.

26 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 14 May 2002, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

27 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

28 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 48A AND 103

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) and standing order 103 (new business) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

29 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The 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 Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

30 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the order of the day for the resumption of debate on the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General had been returned to the House from the Main Committee.

Question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to—put and passed.

31 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—INTRODUCTION OF BILL

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent a Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill being presented at this sitting:

Mr Tanner rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Dr Martin	Mr Snowdon
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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

32 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) BILL 2002**

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other 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 (Ms Livermore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

33 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 2 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

34 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—TEMPORARY WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CANBERRA 400 V8 SUPERCAR RACE CARNIVAL—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Tuckey (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 20 March 2002, namely: Temporary works associated with the National Capital Canberra 400 V8 supercar race carnival.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

35 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Mr Windsor, by leave, moved—That the House's program be altered to allow Members to debate the serious issue of public liability insurance to guide the Federal representatives before they attend the inter-governmental Summit scheduled on the issue for Wednesday, 27 March 2002, and that this House—

- (1) recognises the widespread distress being caused by the insurance crisis and requires a multi faceted approach by all levels of Government and the community to solve this dilemma;
- (2) recognises the comments made by the Prime Minister in question time last week “that there is not one level of government that can tackle the problem”;
- (3) notes with alarm the Treasurer's reply in Question time today that the only Federal Government role will be to facilitate talks on the issue;
- (4) acknowledges that under paragraph 51(xiv) of the Australian Constitution insurance is very much a Federal issue and demands that the Prime Minister takes a leadership role in relation to the National Insurance Summit being held on Wednesday 27 March 2002;
- (5) acknowledges that this is the last opportunity for this House to send a message to the Government and the States, the views of our constituents prior to the insurance summit;
- (6) recommends that a Joint Select Committee of Federal Parliament be established to address this important issue of public liability insurance with the widest possible terms of reference; and
- (7) recognises and acknowledges that until a permanent and systemic solution to the public liability insurance crisis is found, the Government must implement emergency measures to allow public life and events to continue without fear of unreasonable public liability exposure.

Debate ensued.

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

36 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation to enhance the Commonwealth's ability to combat terrorism, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

37 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—BILL—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Attorney-General moving a motion to refer the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the ASIO, ASIS and DSD for consideration and an advisory report.

Question—put and passed.

38 BILL—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) moved—

(1) That:

- (a) the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 be referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the ASIO, ASIS and DSD for consideration and an advisory report by 3 May 2002; and
- (b) the terms of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

(2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this reference to the committee.

Question—put and passed.

39 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CHRISTMAS ISLAND AIRPORT

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: Proposed Christmas Island common-use infrastructure—Christmas Island Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

40 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE

Ordered—That notice No. 9, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

41 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws relating to the financial sector, 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 (Ms Livermore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

42 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law with respect to veterans' entitlements, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs D. S. Vale moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mrs D. S. Vale presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

43 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL MOVEMENT) BILL 2002

Message No. 21, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

44 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (BABY BONUS) BILL 2002

Message No. 32, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendment was disagreed to, after debate.

Mr Slipper presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate

Senate Amendment 1

This amendment by the Democrats seeks to cause a review of the operation of the First Child Tax Refund, or Baby Bonus. This review is to be undertaken jointly by the Departments of Employment and Workplace Relations and the Treasury and is to be tabled in both Houses of the Parliament by the end of the 2005 financial year. This adds nothing to the policy intent behind the Baby Bonus, but instead adds to the complexity of its administration.

The Labor Party's support for this amendment is contrary to an agreement with the Government that the proposed Democrat amendments would not be agreed to. However, the Government understands this was a result of a communication breakdown in the Opposition.

The House welcomes the Labor Party's subsequent agreement to the House opposing the amendment. The House also seeks an indication from the Opposition that they will not be insisting on the amendment in the other place.

This will allow the Australian Taxation Office to proceed with the documentation and the administration of the Baby Bonus on the basis that the Bill will not be amended.

A delay in the passage of this Bill would jeopardise the effective communication of the benefits of the Baby Bonus to families. Any delay will not be of the Government's doing.

For these reasons the House opposes the amendment.

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

45 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPERS

Mr Haase (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 40th Parliament, 21 March 2002, and, by leave, presented the following paper:

Notifications of alterations of interests received after 28 September 2001 and before dissolution of the House on 8 October 2001.

46 DISABILITY SERVICES AMENDMENT (IMPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE) 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 Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

47 FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Slipper 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 Mr Slipper, the Bill was read a third time.

48 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Message No. 33, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

49 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—QUARANTINE AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Message No. 34, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the amendment was agreed to.

50 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Message No. 35, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

51 CONSTRUCTION OF A PURPOSE BUILT IMMIGRATION RECEPTION AND PROCESSING CENTRE ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND—APPROVAL OF WORK

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*, and by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient that the following proposed work be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Construction of a purpose built immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island.

Mr Snowdon moved, as an amendment—That all words after “1969” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of a purpose built immigration reception and processing centre on Christmas Island”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived

Motion agreed to.

52 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Wilkie to be a supplementary member of the Standing Committee on Education and Training.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, moved—That Mr Wilkie be appointed a supplementary member of the Standing Committee on Education and Training for the purpose of the committee’s inquiry into boy’s education.

Question—put and passed.

53 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 31, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator George Campbell had been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority, and Senator Hutchins had been appointed a member of the committee.

54 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 36, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported returning the States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2002 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments Nos 1 to 9 disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

55 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 21 March 2002, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 22—Ministers of State Amendment 2002.

No. 23—Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) 2002.

No. 24—Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) (No. 1) 2002.

No. 25—Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) 2002 (*without requests*).

No. 26—Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) 2002.

No. 27—Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment 2002.

No. 28—Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card Extension) 2002.

No. 29—Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) 2002.

56 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.13 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 14 May 2002, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 March 2002:

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act—Determination—2002 Family Assistance (Immunisation Requirements Exemption) Amendment (No. 1).

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act—Determinations—2001—

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) (No. 2).

A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) Amendments Nos 1, 2.

2002—A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges)—Amendment (No. 1).

Navigation Act—Marine Orders—2002 Nos 2, 3.

Social Security Act—Determination—2002 Social Security (Threshold Rates).

Telecommunications Act 1997—

Notice—2002 Telecommunications Labelling (Customer equipment and customer cabling) Amendment (No. 1).

Telecommunications disability standard—2002 Requirements for customer equipment for use with the standard telephone service—features for special needs of persons with disabilities—AS/ACIF S040.

Telecommunications technical standards—2002—

Analogue interworking and non-interference requirements for customer equipment for connection to the public switched telephone network—AS/ACIF S002 Amendment (No. 1).

Requirements for customer equipment with hierarchical digital interfaces—AS/ACIF S016.

Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act—Determination—2002 Telecommunications (Exemption from Annual Charge).



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Burke*, Mrs Gallus, Mr Howard, Jackie Kelly*, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Sciacca and Mr Somlyay.

* On leave



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 14

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

2 FILMING IN THE MAIN COMMITTEE AND MR W. CHRISTIE—STATEMENTS BY THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Deputy Speaker made a statement concerning filming in the Main Committee.

The Deputy Speaker also made a statement concerning the contribution made by a staff member, Mr W. Christie, on his retirement.

3 MARRIAGE 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.

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 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*see item number 7, page 18*)—

Debate resumed.

There being no further debate—Order of the day to be returned to the House.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Matters referred to the Main Committee having been completed—The question was proposed—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 12.44 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

J. W. PENDER
Clerk of the Main Committee