

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 17

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 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 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIANS WORKING TOGETHER AND OTHER 2001 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2002**

Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, 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 Swan).

Question proposed—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Mr Swan moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “resumption of the debate not occur until the House has had the opportunity to consider the following motion: ‘That this House condemns the Howard Government for its failure to proceed with the McClure Reforms’ ”.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	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	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 60

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Snowdon (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
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Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
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Mr Adams	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
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Mr Brereton	Ms Grierson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
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Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Wilkie
Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick*	Mr Zahra

\* 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)—

## AYES, 61

Mr Adams	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	
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Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
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Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Scott	

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And so it was negatived.

Question—That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for the next sitting—put and passed.

### 3 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL 2002

Mr Anthony (Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security in its application to disabled persons, 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 Snowdon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CONSOLIDATION) BILL (NO. 1) 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act about income tax to implement a New Business Tax System, 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 Snowdon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 2) 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to taxation and superannuation, 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 and to the Superannuation Guarantee Charge Amendment Bill 2002.

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

**6 SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Guarantee Charge Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**7 DIESEL FUEL REBATE SCHEME AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law with respect to the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme, 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 Griffin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**8 AUSTRALIAN PROTECTIVE SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Fran Bailey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Protective Service Act 1987*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Fran Bailey moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Fran Bailey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**9 STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2002**

Fran Bailey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make various amendments of the statute law of the Commonwealth, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Fran Bailey moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Fran Bailey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**10 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House declines to give the Bill a second reading and:

- (1) condemns the government for:
  - (a) attempting to pre-empt a decision of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia concerning the issue of whether bargaining fees ‘pertain to the relationship of employer and employee’;
  - (b) introducing legislation which unreasonably restrains the ability of parties in the workplace to voluntarily enter into service agreements concerning industrial representation and advocacy; and
  - (c) introducing legislation which is primarily designed to discourage workplace organisation rather than to facilitate agreement-making; and
- (2) confirms that it is appropriate that the House await the decision of the Federal Court prior to legislating in this area”—

Debate resumed.

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.

*Paper*

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

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

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

## AYES, 75

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

## NOES, 62

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

## 11 SPACE ACTIVITIES 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 by Mr Emerson 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:

- (1) noting that the issue of insurance is a central part of the Government’s proposal, expresses concerns about the Government’s priorities in offering \$3 billion of insurance cover for space launching when school fetes, country shows and sporting associations are struggling to meet the exorbitant cost of public liability insurance; and

- (2) notes that the Government has been able to find \$100 million to support the Asia Pacific Space Centre while freezing the R&D Start Program”.

Debate continued.

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 PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Speaker reminded the House that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House at 5.30 p.m. this afternoon. The sitting would be suspended at 5 p.m. The Speaker repeated he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

#### 13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Labor supports reform—Quotation from extract from speech by Mark Latham, MP, Member for Werriwa, Brisbane, 26 July 1999.

*Paper*

Mr Latham, by leave, presented the following paper:

Welfare system—Extract from transcript of speech by Mark Latham, MP, Brisbane, 26 July 1999.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.10 p.m. the Member for Lingiari (Mr Snowden) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

#### 14 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 50 of 2001-2002—A preliminary examination into the allocation of grant funding for the co-location of national General Practice organisations.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the report be printed.

Mr S. F. Smith addressing the House—

*Closure*

Mr Abbott 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, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
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## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the report be printed—was put accordingly, and passed.

**15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED**

Mr S. F. Smith moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Perth moving forthwith a motion that the House notes that the Auditor-General's report, just ordered to be printed, discloses the following serious findings:

- (1) the Government's decision on the eve of the election to fund \$5 million for a building in Canberra by taking \$1 million from asthma programs and \$4 million from rural and regional health programs was taken against the express advice of the Department of Finance and Administration; and
- (2) that the Prime Minister provided such advice to that effect from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Auditor-General on 17 March, two months ago.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Swan (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
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Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

## AYES, 61

Mr Adams	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
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Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

## 16 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners—

Report to Mr M. Moore-Wilton, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, into the process which occurred in the then Department of Health and Aged Care in the allocation of funding for GP House, 15 March 2002.

Report to Mr M. Moore-Wilton, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, outlining the process that involved the Department of Finance and Administration in the allocation of funding for GP House, 15 March 2002.

**17 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 27 May 2002, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

**18 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COST OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES**

The House was informed that Mr S. F. Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The adverse consequences of the Government’s unfair proposal to increase the cost of essential medicines by almost 30% for the sickest and the poorest in the Australian community”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**19 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

16 May 2002—Message No. 42—Student Assistance Amendment 2002.

**21 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy 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 K. J. Andrews (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**22 HORTICULTURE MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy 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 K. J. Andrews (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**23 PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY**

At 4.59 p.m., the sitting was suspended until 7.30 p.m.

The Speaker, after resuming the Chair, reported that, accompanied by Members he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address in Reply to His Excellency’s speech on the Opening of the 1st Session of the 40th Parliament, agreed to by the House on 21 March 2002, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:

Mr Speaker

Thank you for your Address in Reply.

It will be my pleasure and my duty to convey to Her Majesty The Queen the message of loyalty from the House of Representatives, to which the Address gives expression.

**24 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2002-2003—BUDGET DEBATE**

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.

*Papers*

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following papers:

Labor's Better Priorities—Media Release by Bob McMullan MP and Senator Stephen Conroy, 16 May 2002.

Reform of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme—Joint Statement by the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Simon Crean, MP, and Stephen Smith, MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing, 16 May 2002.

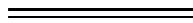
Debate adjourned (Mr Slipper—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 25 ADJOURNMENT

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.01 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 27 May 2002, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.



## PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 May 2002:

Corporations Act—Determinations under subsection 1438(6)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—15 February, 5 March (2) 2002.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Export Meat Amendment Order—2002 (No. 1).



## ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Ms Burke\*, Mr Charles, Mrs Gallus, Jackie Kelly\*, Mr McLeay, Mr Ruddock and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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No. 17

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2002

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 9.44 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 10.12 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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**3 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION 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 HORTICULTURE MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (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.

**5 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 12.26 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 12.40 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

At 12.58 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee