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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 92

TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2003



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 were asked.

3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS—TRANSFER OF QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning the transfer to a Minister of a question without notice originally directed to a committee chair. The Speaker confirmed that it was in order for a question addressed to a committee chair to be transferred to a Minister in respect of matters in the question concerning ministerial responsibilities, as he had ruled on 15 May 2003.

Dissent from ruling

Mr Albanese moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Member ordered to withdraw

At 4.22 p.m. the Member for Lyons (Mr Adams) 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.

Debate continued.

Closure

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion of dissent from the Speaker's ruling be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 65

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

NOES, 75

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian National Maritime Museum—Strategic plan 2003-2006.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2001-02—Corrigendum.

National Crime Authority—Report for 2001-02.

National Crime Authority Act 1984—Comments made by NCA Inter-governmental committee member regarding National Crime Authority Annual Report 2001-02 under section 61 (6).

5 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

National Crime Authority—Report for 2001-02.

National Crime Authority Act 1984—Comments made by NCA Inter-governmental committee member regarding National Crime Authority Annual Report 2001-02 under section 61 (6).

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

6 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 44 of 2002–2003—Performance Audit—Review of the Parenting Payment Single Program: Department of Family and Community Services: Centrelink.

Ordered to be printed.

7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DOUBLE STANDARDS WITH REGARD TO REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS

The House was informed that Mr McMullan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s double standards with regard to redundancy payments for working Australians and golden handshakes for highly paid executives”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

8 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 2 June 2003.

9 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Customs Amendment (No. 1) 2003;

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 2003;

National Handgun Buyback 2003; and

Intellectual Property Laws Amendment 2002.

Question—put and passed.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2003-2004—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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McMullan, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:

- (1) its obsession with shifting the cost of health and education from the budget to Australian families;
- (2) imposing higher costs of doctors’ visits on families without concession cards and a 30 per cent hike in essential medicine prices;
- (3) allowing HECS fees to rise by 30%, introducing a loan scheme with a 6% interest rate and doubling the number of places reserved for full fee paying students;
- (4) its cynical attempt to distract the public from these higher costs by offering miserly tax cuts of \$4 a week for the average family;
- (5) its failure to address the complexity of superannuation and its determination to offer super cuts only to the wealthiest families;
- (6) its willingness to deliver tax cuts to corporate Australia while imposing a record tax burden on Australian families;
- (7) its failure to protect the superannuation savings of Australian families by protecting them from corporate greed;

- (8) its decision to hire yet more tax officials rather than take steps to ease the BAS compliance burden on small business; and
- (9) its failure to provide leadership on environmental issues and in particular its failure to address water reform?—

Debate resumed.

11 ADJOURNMENT

It being approximately 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 May 2003:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Amendment Order—2003 No. 5.

Exemption—2003 No. CASA EX11.

Instruments—2003 Nos CASA 127, CASA 192, CASA 193, CASA 205.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—

Instrument under Section 178, 24 April 2003 (2).

Instrument under subsection 303DC(1), 7 May 2003.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination—2003 Financial Management and Accountability (Employee Entitlement Support Scheme Account) Amendment.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr Downer, Jackie Kelly, Mr I. E. Macfarlane and Mr Randall.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives