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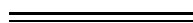
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 98

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2003



1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Mr Costello (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**3 OZONE PROTECTION AND SYNTHETIC GREENHOUSE GAS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Dr Kemp (Minister for the Environment and Heritage), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to ozone protection and synthetic greenhouse gas, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**4 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—IMPORTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Dr Kemp (Minister for the Environment and Heritage) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**5 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—MANUFACTURE) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Dr Kemp (Minister for the Environment and Heritage) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**6 ACTS INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT (COURT PROCEDURES) BILL 2003**

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, 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 Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**7 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MEDICARE AND PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE) BILL 2003**

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 S. F. Smith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House rejects this Bill and the Government’s so-called “A Fairer Medicare” package for the following reasons:

- (1) it will create a two tiered user-pays health system under which Australian families will pay more for a visit to the doctor;
- (2) it will lead in time to Medicare becoming a second-class safety net in which bulk billing is only available for pensioners and concession card holders;
- (3) it will make it easier for those doctors who currently bulk bill Australian families to start charging them co-payments for the first time, and those doctors who are currently private billing to increase their fees;

and commends Labor’s plan to save Medicare and restore bulk billing for Australians families”—

Debate resumed.

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.

**8 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Ms Gillard, by leave, presented the following paper:

Migration intervention—Copy of letter from Karim KISRwani to the Hon. Philip Ruddock MP, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic and Indigenous Affairs, 21 November 2002.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs) presented the following paper:

Migration provisions—Extract from Migration Regulations—Subclass 127—Business Owner(1).

*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Motion of censure*

Ms Gillard, by leave, moved—That this House censures the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs for continuing to allow the following substantial allegations about the proper functioning of Australia’s immigration system to go unanswered:

- (1) that the Maha Budhi Monastery received preferential treatment in the allocation of religious worker nominations and visas because of its donation of \$100,000 to the Minister's election campaign;
- (2) that Mr Dante Tan, a man wanted for corporate fraud in the Philippines was able to become an Australian citizen as a result of the intervention of Mr Karim Kisrwni and the making of a donation of \$10,000 to the Minister's election campaign via the Minister's electorate office;
- (3) that Mr Bedweny Hbeiche gained permanent residency in Australia as a result of a donation being made on his behalf by Mr Karim Kisrwni; and
- (4) the pattern of preferential treatment to visa applicants represented by Mr Karim Kisrwni, who is not registered as a migration agent.

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.22 p.m. the Member for Sturt (Mr Pyne) 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 ensued.

Question—put.

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

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

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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	Mr P. E. King	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	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	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Schultz	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

*Adjournment negatived*

It being past 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

**9 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 16 June 2003, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 16 June 2003, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 June 2003:

Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 107.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2003 No. 12.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 105.

*Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 108.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under Section 125, June 2003.

Statement under sub-section 40(3), June 2003.

Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 109.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 106.

Payment Systems (Regulations) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 110.

Proceeds of Crime Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 100.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 103.

Student Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 101.

Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 104.

Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 102.

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms George and Mr I. E. Macfarlane\*.

\* On leave

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 98

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2003

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2003-2004**

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.

Debate adjourned, by leave, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Neville moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.25 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday, 16 June 2003.

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