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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 127

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 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 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE DR JAMES FORD CAIRNS)

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Dr J. F. Cairns, and moved—That this House record its deep regret at the death on 12 October 2003 of the Honourable Dr James Ford Cairns, former Federal Minister and Member for Yarra and Lalor, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Anderson (Leader of the Nationals) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

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

3 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Latham, by leave, presented the following paper:

Become involved—Copy of letter and attachment from Malcolm Turnbull faxed to the Australian Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers' Union, 14 October 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPER

Pursuant to section 65 of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, the Speaker presented the following paper:

Joint House Department—Report for 2002-03.

5 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Australia Council—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Film Television and Radio School—Report for 2002-03.

Australian National Training Authority—

Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2002—

Volumes 1 and 2—National overview and Commonwealth, State and Territory reports.

Volume 3—Key performance measures for the Australian vocational education and training system. Report for 2002-03.

Australian Research Council—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2002-03.
 Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 2002-03.
 Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 2002-03.
 Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Corporate plan—2003-04 to 2005-06.
 Crimes Act—Reports on authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities under Part 1AC—Australian Federal Police—2002-03.
 Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2002-03.
 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2002-03.
 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
 Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2002-03.
 National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2002-03.
 National Residue Survey—Report for 2002-03.
 Reserve Bank of Australia—Equity and diversity—Report for 2002-03.
 Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.
 Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2002-03.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL SECURITY DOCUMENTS

The House was informed that Mr Rudd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to protect national security documents at a time when it repeatedly states that Australia is under sustained national security threat”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 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, 3 November 2003.

8 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—INSTALLATION OF FOUR ACCESSIBLE PRAM RAMPS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE PARADE GROUND AND FEDERATION MALL, PARLIAMENT HOUSE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services), 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 13 October 2003, namely: Installation of four accessible pram ramps at the junction of the Parade Ground and Federation Mall, Parliament House.

Question—put and passed.

9 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 7) 2003—SENATE’S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Andren	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	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	Mr Katter	Mr Schultz	

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Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis*	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
Ms Burke	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Byrne	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Mr Griffin	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Mr Mossfield	Mr S. F. Smith
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hatton	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Danby*	Ms Hoare	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Jackson	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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate
Senate Amendments 1-8*

These amendments propose to remove from the Bill a measure that would specifically list deductible gift recipients by way of regulation rather than by the present slow and administratively cumbersome requirement of amending the principal legislation.

The measure contained within Schedule 3 of the Bill would benefit those organisations granted deductible gift recipient status as well as the donors who contribute to these organisations by improving the timeliness within which such organisations are added to the list.

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

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

10 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE DR JAMES FORD CAIRNS)—MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howard (Prime Minister) (*see* entry No. 2, page 1249)—That this House record its deep regret at the death on 12 October 2003 of the Honourable Dr James Ford Cairns, former Federal Minister and Member for Yarra and Lalor, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

All Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) BILL 2003

Message No. 350, 14 October 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003 and requesting the House to amend the Bill as indicated by schedule A annexed. The Senate informed the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered at the next sitting.

12 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr Sidebottom was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

13 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 15 October 2003, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Fran Bailey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 14 October 2003:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Instrument—2003 CASA 430.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Snowdon*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives