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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 136

MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2003

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Scott presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Defence Sub Committee visit to RAAF Williamstown, Darwin Establishments, East Timor and RAAF Tindal, 14 to 17 July 2003—Report, October 2003.

Ordered to be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

Mr Scott moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Rates and Taxes: A fair share for responsible local government—

Report, October 2003.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hawker moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—NON PRESENTATION OF REPORTS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning the non presentation of two reports at this sitting by the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would allow the resumption of the debate on the motion to take note of the Standing Committee on Procedure's report presented at this sitting to be:

- (a) adjourned to a later hour this day; and
- (b) the order of the day to be called on at a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

6 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mrs May (Chair) presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Revised standing orders—The standing orders of the House of Representatives as last amended on 6 February 2003, redrafted and reorganised—

Report, November 2003.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mrs May moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs May was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

7 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE**

Mr Ripoll, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the contribution of the Royal Australian Air Force to the defence of Australia;
- (2) recognises and acknowledges the importance of the F111 fleet to the security of Australia and the region and the contribution this aircraft has made to Australia's defence;
- (3) congratulates the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program for giving Members of Parliament greater access and a better working knowledge of the daily operations of our defence forces;
- (4) congratulates RAAF Base Amberley for the great work it does as a defence base and recognises the expertise of the RAAF personnel working at the base; and
- (5) recognises the contribution RAAF Base Amberley makes to the city of Ipswich and the community link that has been fostered over many years.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

9 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

10 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Hockey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism) presented the following paper:

WTO warmly welcomes Australia's tourism white paper and the decision to rejoin the organization—
News from the World Tourism Organization, 21 November 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

11 PAPER

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:
Government faces battle over asylum seeker regulations—ABC Online, 5 November 2003.

12 AWARDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning the presentation to the Department of the House of Representatives of the Prime Minister's Silver Award for Excellence in Public Administration and the Investors in People's Silver Award in the category of "Best Federal Government Agency".

13 PETITIONS AND MINISTER'S RESPONSE

Petitions lodged for presentation and a ministerial response to a petition were announced.

14 INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr P. E. King, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House give consideration to a new program of infrastructure development in Australia called "Build the Nation" in cooperation with state and local governments and private enterprise and having regard to:

- (1) the primary obligation of States for the maintenance of public infrastructure; and
- (2) a reasonable allocation of available resources between city and country areas.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 TETANUS

Ms Hoare, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the development and distribution of the tetanus vaccine in developed countries such as Australia has led to the virtual elimination of the disease;
- (2) notes that tetanus continues to be a major cause of fatalities in many developing countries, with some 100 million people still at risk of contracting the disease;
- (3) calls for measures to be implemented that will lead to the elimination of tetanus in developing countries; and
- (4) recognises the efforts of UNICEF and its programs in attempting to reduce tetanus in communities around the world.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

17 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVISED STANDING ORDERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs May—That the House take note of the paper (*see item No.6, page 1312*), viz.:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Revised standing orders—The standing orders of the House of Representatives as last amended on 6 February 2003, redrafted and reorganised, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Ms Gallus—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

7 November 2003—Message No. 358—Criminal Code Amendment (Hamas and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba) 2003.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

7 November 2003—Message No. 186—Criminal Code Amendment (Hamas and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba) 2003.

12 November 2003—Message No. 187—

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) 2003.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) (Consequential Amendments) 2003.

Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment 2003.

Telecommunications Interception and Other Legislation Amendment 2003.

20 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Tuesday, 25 November 2003, at 4.30 p.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

21 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

(1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Customs Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 2003;

Social Security Amendment (Further Simplification) 2003;

Intelligence Services Amendment 2003;

Designs 2002; and

Designs (Consequential Amendments) 2002; and

(2) the following orders of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Report—Rates and taxes: A fair share for responsible local government—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate; and

Standing Committee on Procedure—Report on the inquiry into the adequacy of procedures for examining estimates of expenditure—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

22 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT 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.

Dr Lawrence addressing the House—

23 ADJOURNMENT

It being 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 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 November 2003:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Rules—2003 Torres Strait Regional Authority Amendment (No. 1).

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 45—Block 11 and Part Block 14 Section 49 Symonston (Quamby).

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 274.

Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 275.

Australian Research Council Act—Determination—2003 No. 18.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Amendment Orders—2003 Nos 7, 8.

Exemptions—2003 Nos CASA EX21, CASA EX22, CASA EX23.

Instruments—2003 Nos CASA 441, CASA 483.

Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 282.

Criminal Code Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 285.

Dairy Produce Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 276.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2003 Nos 22, 24.

Determinations under section 58B—2003 Nos 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act—Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Regulations—Certificates—2003 12 November (2).

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instruments under subsection 303DC(1), 27, 30 October 2003.

Fisheries Management Act—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995—Determination—2003/04 SBT Final TAC.

Higher Education Funding Act—Guidelines—2003 Special Capital Projects.

International Transfer of Prisoners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 278.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 283.

National Health Act—Determinations under subsection 5D(1)—2003 Nos PHS 22, PHS 23.

Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 286.

Ozone Protection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 279.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 280.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 281.

Privacy Act—Tax file number guidelines—Amendment—2003 No. 1.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 277.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2003 No. 11.

Taxation Administration Act—

Determination—1995 No. TD 15 (Withdrawal).

Rulings—

2001 No. PR 38 (Withdrawal)

2002 No. PR 133 (Withdrawal).

2003 Nos CR 94 (Erratum), CR 98, CR 99, CR 100, CR 101, CR 102, GSTR 14, PR 65, PR 66, PR 67, PR 68, TR 14.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments under section 196B—2003 Nos 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Schultz, Mr Snowdon*, Mr Swan and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives