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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 142

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 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 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 PRIVACY AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Privacy Act 1988*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 DAIRY PRODUCE AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the dairy industry, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 NATIONAL MEASUREMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a National Measurement Institute, make technical amendments of the *National Measurement Act 1960* and associated regulations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 2003

Message No. 383, 2 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the amendment was disagreed to, after debate.

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

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate

This amendment would extend the fringe benefits tax (FBT) concessions currently available only to public hospitals and would undermine the historical distinction between public hospitals and other entities.

Public hospitals have been given different FBT treatment than other public benevolent institutions since the FBT exemption was capped as part of *The New Tax System*. Public hospitals can access a capped FBT exemption of up to \$17,000 of grossed up taxable value per employee, while public benevolent institutions can access a capped exemption of up to \$30,000 of grossed up taxable value per employee. The measure in Schedule 2 of Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003 maintains this treatment for public hospitals and does not alter the treatment of public benevolent institutions. The House of Representatives does not consider it appropriate to consider the FBT treatment of bodies other than public hospitals as part of this measure.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

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

8 AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY 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 M. J. Ferguson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for the unnecessary confusion that will be caused by its insistence on using a whole new terminology in its legislation instead of using and building on the terminology already used in the industry and recognised internationally;
- (2) calls on the Government to ensure that the regulations spell out agreed, clear and consistent roles and responsibilities for land-side security between the different operators and authorities;
- (3) calls on the Government to improve the accountability and transparency of the aviation security rule making, compliance and incident investigation governance arrangements;

- (4) calls on the Government to discuss with industry appropriate ways to close the security gap caused by the ability of unscreened service personnel and unchecked vehicles to access aircraft;
- (5) calls on the Government to impose stricter controls, cross-checking and audit arrangements on who is using ASIC passes, to minimise the number of missing passes;
- (6) calls on the Government to use the proceeds from the Ansett 'ticket tax' to have screening equipment and related physical infrastructure provided in respect of the airports at:
- (a) Burnie;
 - (b) Devonport;
 - (c) Dubbo;
 - (d) Albury;
 - (e) Wagga Wagga;
 - (f) Gladstone
 - (g) Port Lincoln;
 - (h) Tamworth;
 - (i) Port Macquarie; and
 - (j) Kingscote
- if requested by the relevant airport managers;
- (7) calls on the Government to require that the regulator consult formally with aviation industrial organisations on an ongoing basis in respect of security matters; and
- (8) calls on the Minister to ask the House Transport and Regional Services Committee to conduct a post-implementation review of the new security arrangements within 12 months of the Bill's commencement"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Ms Gambaro, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 64

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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 |
| Mr Crean | Mr Hatton | Mr Murphy | Mr Swan |
| Mrs Crosio* | Ms Hoare | Ms O'Byrne | Mr Tanner |
| Mr Danby* | Mrs Irwin | Mr B. P. O'Connor | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mr Edwards | Ms Jackson | Mr G. M. O'Connor | Ms Vamvakinou* |
| Ms Ellis | Mr Jenkins | Mr Organ | Mr Wilkie |
| Mr Emerson | Mr Kerr | Ms Plibersek | Mr Windsor |
| Mr Evans | Ms C. F. King | Mr Price | Mr Zahra |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

On the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson, Opposition amendment (1) was made, after debate.

Mr M. J. Ferguson moved Opposition amendment (2).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Ms Gambaro, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 77

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Paper

Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum and correction to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (46) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade), the Bill was read a third time.

10 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT 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—

Mr Emerson addressing the House—

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.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training) presented the following paper:

The Network University—Copy of article by Mark Latham, *Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management*, Vol. 23, No. 1, 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

12 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Federal Police—Report—A review of professional standards in the Australian Federal Police, February 2003.

Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent—2003-04.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2002-03.

Committee reports—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled by the Speaker on 26 June 2003, 3 December 2003.

General Practice Education and Training—Report for 2001-02.

Medical Training Review Panel—Report for 2002-03.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2002-03.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Funding of research and consumer representation in relation to telecommunications—Report for 2002-03.

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2001-02.

Treaties—Multilateral—

Text, together with national interest analyses and annexures—

Protocol against the smuggling of migrants by land, sea and air (people smuggling protocol) supplementing the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime (New York, 15 November 2000).

Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, supplementing the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime (New York, 15 November 2000).

United Nations Convention against transnational organized crime (New York, 15 November 2000).

*Text, together with national interest analysis, regulation impact statement and annexures—*Protocol of 1997 to amend the international convention for the prevention of pollution from ships of 2 November 1973, as modified by the protocol of 17 February 1978 (London, 26 September 1997).

13 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Treaties—Multilateral—

Text, together with national interest analyses and annexures—

Protocol against the smuggling of migrants by land, sea and air (people smuggling protocol) supplementing the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime (New York, 15 November 2000).

Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, supplementing the United Nations convention against transnational organized crime (New York, 15 November 2000).

United Nations Convention against transnational organized crime (New York, 15 November 2000).

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

14 PAPERS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House.

15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES

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 impact on families of the Government’s decision to raise interest rates further”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 2 December 2003, were reported returning the following Bills and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives:

Spam 2003—Message No. 381.

Spam (Consequential Amendments) 2003—Message No. 382.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Message No. 386, 2 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Fran Bailey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the amendments were disagreed to, after debate.

Fran Bailey 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 1-4*

These amendments propose that the Government recognise same-sex couples for the purpose of eligibility for the Defence Home Owners Scheme.

Existing Australian Defence Force Policy prohibits discrimination and harassment on the grounds of sexual orientation. Accordingly, applicants for the Defence Home Owners Scheme are not asked about their sexual orientation, and sexual orientation is not taken into consideration when determining an individual’s eligibility for the Defence Home Owners Scheme.

Existing policy arrangements for recognition of a member’s spouse are based upon two pieces of Commonwealth legislation. The *Marriage Act (1961)* provides that ‘marriage’, according to Australian law, is ‘the union of a man and a woman’. The *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* defines a de facto relationship being with ‘a person of the opposite sex’.

The amendments proposed by the Senate take an ad hoc and overly simplistic approach to this issue. Any decision to recognise same sex couples for the purpose of eligibility to Government-funded financial benefits would need to be taken in a whole-of-Government context. At this time, there are no plans to extend recognition to same sex couples.

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

On the motion of Fran Bailey, the reasons were adopted.

18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS BILL 2003

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Attorney-General moving amendments to the Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 during the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS BILL 2003

Message No. 384, 2 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), amendments 1, 2 and 4 to 22 were agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, amendment 3 was disagreed to, after debate.

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

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate

Senate amendment 3

This amendment passed by the Senate would prescribe that a rule-maker must ensure that appropriate consultation is undertaken where a legislative instrument is likely to have a direct, or a substantial indirect, effect on:

- business
- any other sector of the community
- human rights or civil liberties, or
- the natural, Aboriginal, cultural or built environment.

This is no longer an indicative list of when consultation is particularly appropriate, but is a prescriptive list. At the same time the listed circumstances are so broad and vague that they are difficult of precise definition.

Secondly, the amendment creates a doubt as to who determines the appropriateness of the consultation and whether it has been undertaken. The provision requires the rule-maker to ensure that appropriate consultation is undertaken, but it silent as to who forms this opinion. This creates the risk that the validity of a legislative instrument may be challenged on the basis that appropriate consultation was not undertaken.

Thirdly, even to the extent that meaning can be given to the requirements, what is appropriate is essentially a matter of individual judgement—there is no basis for any objective standard that the rule-maker can refer to. For example, how is a rule-maker to ensure that appropriate consultation is undertaken in relation to an instrument that effects “any other sector of the community”.

Fourthly, the amendment requires consultation even when this is not reasonably practicable. This places an onerous obligation on rule-makers.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

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

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, further Government amendments Nos 1 to 5 were made together, after debate.

Mr Ruddock moved—That in the message returning the Bill to the Senate, the Senate be requested to reconsider the Bill in respect of the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

2 December 2003—Message No. 385—Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 2003.

21 DEVELOPMENT OF OFF-BASE HOUSING FOR DEFENCE AT QUEANBEYAN, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of off-base housing for Defence at Queanbeyan, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

22 CONSTRUCTION OF A RESPECIFIED IMMIGRATION RECEPTION AND PROCESSING CENTRE ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is

expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a respecified Immigration Reception and Processing Centre on Christmas Island.

Question—put and passed.

23 PROPOSED CHRISTMAS ISLAND COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Proposed Christmas Island community recreation centre.

Question—put and passed.

24 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Neville (Chair) presented the following papers:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* Inquiry into governance on Norfolk Island—Report, December 2003.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Neville, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

25 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:

National Residue Survey Customs Levy Rate Correction (Lamb Exports) 2003;

National Residue Survey Excise Levy Rate Correction (Lamb Transactions) 2003; and

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Wine Grapes) 2003; and

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

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* Inquiry into governance on Norfolk Island—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

26 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT 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 by Mr Emerson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading and condemns the Government for:

(1) persistently seeking to erode the bargaining capacity of working Australians;

(2) its one-sided, confrontational approach to reform in this industry; and

(3) failing to address the non-payment of employee entitlements and tax evasion in the building and construction industry”.

Debate continued.

Mr Organ addressing the House—

27 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 December 2003:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2003 No. 2.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Order—2003 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Saudi Arabia).

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Exemption—2003 No. CASA EX25.

Instruments—2003 Nos CASA 513, CASA 522, CASA 537, CASA 538.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under section 125(5)—December 2003.

Statement under sub-section 40(3)—December 2003.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 271.

Superannuation Act 1990—Nineteenth amending deed to the deed to establish an occupational superannuation scheme for Commonwealth employees and certain other persons, pursuant to section 5, 26 November 2003.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brough, Dr Lawrence, Mr Schultz, Mr A. D. H. Smith and Mr Snowdon*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002-03

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 142

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 1 December 2003*), viz.:

Transport and Regional Services—Standing Committee—Report—Making ends meet: Regional aviation and island transport services, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr B. P. J. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 1 December 2003*), viz.:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2002, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

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

5 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 24 November 2003*), viz.:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Rates and taxes: A fair share for local government, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

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

6 RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—SELECT COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nairn—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 November 2003*), viz.:

Recent Australian Bushfires—Select Committee—Report—A nation charred: Inquiry into the recent Australian bushfires, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

Mr Nairn, by leave, again addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

Debate adjourned (Ms J. S. McFarlane), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—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 (*presented on 1 December 2003*), viz.:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Arrangements for second reading speeches, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

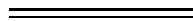
Mr Price was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Dr Southcott, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.48 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee