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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 143

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2003

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- 1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM (AUDIT REFORM AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE) BILL 2003**

Mr Costello (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, 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 (Ms Roxon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 3 **CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2003**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations (Fees) Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Ms Roxon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 4 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE MODERNISATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2003**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for certain application and transitional matters relating to international trade modernisation, to amend customs legislation, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Ms Roxon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 5 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES (AMENDMENT AND REPEAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Act 2002*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**6 NEW INTERNATIONAL TAX ARRANGEMENTS BILL 2003**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**7 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (COMMONWEALTH-STATE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), for Mr Costello (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**8 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 9) 2003**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**9 TAXATION LAWS (CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT FACILITY SUPPORT) BILL 2003**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to negate tax consequences relating to payments under section 891A of the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**10 TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS) BILL 2003**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to limit certain liabilities in accordance with professional standards laws of the States and Territories, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 48A AND 103**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) and standing order 103 (new business) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

## NOES, 59

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Evans	Ms Livermore	Mr Quick*
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
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 Swan
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr B. P. O'Connor*	Ms Vamvakinou*
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr Organ	Mr Zahra
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr McMullan moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Fraser moving the following motion:

That this House:

- (1) reaffirms its commitment to open government and the democratic principles of the Freedom of Information Act;
- (2) condemns the decision of the Treasurer, Mr Costello, to issue a conclusive certificate to exempt certain documents from the FOI Act—that is, documents requested by *The Australian* newspaper relating to maladministration of the first homebuyers scheme, the extent of income tax bracket creep and baseline information used in the preparation of the Government's Intergenerational Report; and
- (3) orders the Treasurer to table forthwith, without any further amendment or debate, the above listed documents.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 76

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

## NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Evans	Ms Livermore	Mr Quick*
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll*
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
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 Swan
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou*
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr Organ	Mr Windsor
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McClelland (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 76

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

## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 61

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

## NOES, 76

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

### 13 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF BILL

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the introduction and passage through all stages without delay by 12.30 p.m. today of a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to medicare, and for related purposes.

Debate ensued.

Ms Gillard rising to address the House—

*Closure*

Mr Abbott moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
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 I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	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 Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	

## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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



## AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andren	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
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 I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	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	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	

## NOES, 59

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

#### 14 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MEDICARE) BILL 2003

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to medicare, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Abbott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Ms Gillard moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House condemns the Government for seeking to destroy Medicare and calls on the Government to withdraw the Bill and introduce provisions to increase the Medicare rebate by a further \$5 for every bulk billed GP consultation across Australia”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

## AYES, 79

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

## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 194, 4 December 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

It being past 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day, the question was proposed—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 79

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill accordingly read a third time.

**15 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

**16 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 10 February 2004, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

**17 MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION BILL 2003**

Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide rehabilitation, compensation and other entitlements for veterans, members and former members of the Defence Force, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs D. S. Vale moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mrs D. S. Vale 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.

**18 MILITARY REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2003**

Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2003*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs D. S. Vale moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mrs D. S. Vale 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.

**19 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Emerson, viz.*—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 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.

**20 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr McMullan, by leave, presented the following paper:

*Freedom of Information Act 1982*—Certificate under sub-section 36(3)—Q2003/809 (bracket creep) conclusive certificate and schedule—Mr Peter Costello, Treasurer, 1 December 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

**21 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—The Speaker's schedule of outstanding Government responses to reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, also incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period between 25 June 2003, the date of the last schedule, and 4 December 2003.

**22 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2003–2004—Performance audits—

No. 16—Administration of consular services follow-up audit: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

No. 17—AQIS cost-recovery systems follow-up audit: Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

Reports ordered to be printed.

**23 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

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

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Reports and recommendations to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—

No. 66—Seven Emu Region Land Claim No. 186; Wollongorang Area II Land Claim No. 187; and part of Manangoora Region Land Claim No. 185.

Explanatory Statement by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

No. 67—Lower Daly Land Claim No. 68.

Explanatory Statement by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Australian Communications Authority—Telecommunications performance—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 2002-03—Erratum.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report—Australia's welfare 2003.

Australian Technology Group Limited—

Financial statements for 2003.

Statement of Corporate Intent—2003-04.

Central Land Council—Report for 2002-03.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period January to June 2003.

Department of Finance and Administration—Reports—

Former Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period January to June 2003, December 2003.

Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period January to June 2003, December 2003.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the department for the period January to June 2003.

Enterprise and Career Education Foundation—Report for 2002-03.

Environment and Heritage—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Co-ordinating Catchment Management—Government response.

Finance—Consolidated financial statements in respect of the year ending 30 June 2003.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 2002-03.

Privacy Amendment Bill 2003—Explanatory memorandum.

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

**24 PAPER**

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

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

**25 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE**

The House was informed that Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Howard Government's failure to provide adequate opportunities for the Australian people, particularly in health, education and community services".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**26 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 387, 3 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2003 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

**27 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY CUSTOMS LEVY RATE CORRECTION (LAMB EXPORTS) BILL 2003—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**28 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY EXCISE LEVY RATE CORRECTION (LAMB TRANSACTIONS) BILL 2003—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**29 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT (WINE GRAPES) BILL 2003—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**30 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER**

Mr Haase (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 40th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 26 June to 3 December 2003.

**31 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Randall (Chair) presented the following paper:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 6 November 2003, recommends that the following be printed:

Administrative Review Council—Report for 2002-03.

Australia and the International Financial Institutions—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report—2003—Redistribution of Queensland into electoral divisions.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2002-03.

Australian Land Transport Development Programme—Progress report for 2002-03.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2002-03.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2002-03.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2002-03.  
 Defence Housing Authority—Report for 2002-03.  
 Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2002-03—Corrigendum.  
 Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 2002-03.  
 Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2002-03.  
 Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2002-03.  
 Productivity Commission—Report No. 26—Review of TCF assistance, 31 July 2003.  
 Screenrights—Report for 2002-03.  
*States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2002.  
 Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2001-02.

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On the motion of Mr Randall, by leave, the report was agreed to.

**32 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 57: Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code—  
 Report, December 2003.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Dr Southcott, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Dr Southcott, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Dr Southcott 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.

**33 NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Secker presented the following papers:

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Joint Statutory Committee—The Effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal—  
 Report, December 2003.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Secker, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

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

Mr Secker 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.

**34 VALEDICTORIES**

Mr Anderson (Acting Prime Minister), by indulgence, expressed thanks to all who served the House throughout the year and wished Members, their families and staff seasons good wishes.

Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Costello (Treasurer), Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and other Members, by indulgence, expressed similar thanks and good wishes.

The Speaker also expressed his appreciation and good wishes to all Members, their families and staff.



**35 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 4 December 2003, were reported:

- (a) returning the following Bills without amendment:  
 No. 388—Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Amendment 2003;  
 No. 389—Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Members of Local Government Bodies) 2002;  
 No. 390—Customs Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 2003;  
 No. 391—Designs 2003;  
 No. 392—Designs (Consequential Amendments) 2003; and
- (b) returning the following Bills and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendments disagreed to by the House:  
 No. 393—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) 2003;  
 No. 394—Defence Legislation Amendment 2003; and
- (c) returning the Legislative Instruments Bill 2003 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendments disagreed to by the House, and has agreed to the amendments made by the House—Message No. 395.

**36 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Emerson, viz. (see item No. 19, page 1385)—*

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

## NOES, 60

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	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Mr Murphy	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr Organ	Ms Vamvakinou*
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

### 37 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL) 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 Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

### 38 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 9.58 p.m. the Speaker left the Chair.

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### 39 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 9 a.m.

### 40 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 2002

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 Cox 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 regards it as an ‘unsafe choice’ Bill because:

- (1) there is no provision for clear, simple and comparable disclosure so that consumers can understand the total impact of fees and charges;
- (2) excessive entry and exit fees, which act as barriers to choice, are not banned, nor is there provision for the regulation of any fees, charges and, in particular commissions on investing the compulsory 9% superannuation guarantee contributions that can significantly erode superannuation savings;

- (3) there is no exemption for small business, further burdening it with red-tape and paperwork and the consequential financial costs;
- (4) it causes complications for those superannuation funds which provide low cost life insurance for members, with the consequence that many funds will cease to provide a life insurance option;
- (5) there is no provision for a comprehensive and effective consumer education program;
- (6) there is no provision to include same sex couples in the choice regime, further perpetuating the existing discrimination against same sex couples in relation to superannuation rights; and
- (7) there is no prohibition on financial service providers offering inducements to employers to direct superannuation to a particular fund where the fund selected may not be the one that best represents the employees' interests".

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Cameron—Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**41 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT BILL 2003**

Message No. 196, 2 December 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments to a Bill for an Act relating to the funding of higher education, and for other purposes.

**42 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT BILL 2003**

Message No. 396, 4 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Higher Education Support Bill 2003 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

**43 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003**

Message No. 195, 25 November 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of amendments to a Bill for an Act to deal with transitional and consequential matters arising from the enactment of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, and for other purposes.

**44 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003**

Message No. 397, 4 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), the requested amendments were made.

**45 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 2002**

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 Cox (see item No. 40, page 1390)*—

Debate resumed.

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

**46 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr Fitzgibbon moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Hunter moving the following motion forthwith:

This House calls upon the Acting Prime Minister to:

- (1) table Mr Daniel Bolger's white wash security report relating to the visit to the Parliament by the President of the United States;
- (2) request that the Speaker table the report of the Serjeant-at-Arms into the presence of a rogue camera in the gallery during the President's address;
- (3) explain to the House the failure of Mr Bolger's report to address the events which led to the presence of the camera;
- (4) reveal who gave authority for the third group of US journalists to access the 1<sup>st</sup> floor northern gallery through the lift closest to the House of Representatives Chamber on the ground floor thus avoiding the security point on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor walkway; and
- (5) reveal who accompanied the third group of US journalists to the northern gallery after it left the Cabinet room, and what representatives of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet or staff of the Prime Minister were with them.

*Closure of Member*

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

## NOES, 54

Mr Adams	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Ripoll*
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Grierson	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou*
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Organ	Mr Windsor
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Price	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick*	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McClelland (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

Dr Stone moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 55

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick*
Mr Albanese	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Ripoll*
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Grierson	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou*
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr Organ	Mr Windsor
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Price	

## NOES, 72

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**47 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 2002**

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 Cox (see item No. 40, page 1390)*—

Debate resumed.

Mr Tuckey 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 a later hour this day.

**48 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT BILL 2003**

Message No. 398, 5 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Higher Education Support Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 67

Mr Abbott	Mr Ciobo	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Andren	Mr Costello	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Draper	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson*	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd*	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker*	Mr Neville*	Mr Wakelin
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Dr Washer
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	

## NOES, 37

Mr Beazley	Ms Grierson	Mr McClelland	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane*	Mr Sawford*
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mrs Crosio*	Ms Hoare	Mr McMullan	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Melham	Ms Vamvakinou*
Ms Ellis	Ms Jackson	Mr Mossfield	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	
Mr Gibbons	Ms C. F. King	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Ms Gillard	Mr Latham	Mr Organ	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**49 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003**

Message No. 399, 5 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 67

Mr Abbott	Mr Ciobo	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Andren	Mr Costello	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Draper	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson*	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd*	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker*	Mr Neville*	Mr Wakelin
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Dr Washer
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	

## NOES, 36

Mr Beazley	Ms Grierson	Mr Latham	Mr G. M. O'Connor
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Mr McClelland	Mr Organ
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Ms J. S. McFarlane*	Mr Price
Mrs Crosio*	Mr Hatton	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Edwards	Ms Hoare	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Ms Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Jackson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Gibbons	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mossfield	Ms Vamvakinou*
Ms Gillard	Ms C. F. King	Mr Murphy	Mr Wilkie

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**50 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—ARTWORK SEVEN AT RECONCILIATION PLACE—PROPOSAL—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL**

Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade) presented a proposal, together with supporting documentation, for works in the Parliamentary Zone, being:

Artwork Seven at Reconciliation Place—Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation.

Mrs D. M. Kelly, by leave, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone, namely: Artwork Seven at Reconciliation Place.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**51 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 400, 5 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives and has made a further amendment to the Bill. The Senate requests the concurrence of the House in the further amendment made by the Senate.

Ordered—That the further amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the further amendment was agreed to.



**52 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

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

5 December 2003—Message No. 401—Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Protection for Victorian Workers) 2003.

**53 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 2002**

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 Cox (see item No. 40, page 1390)*—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 197, 18 September 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Paper*

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Cameron, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (39) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Cameron, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**54 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Message No. 402, 5 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Family Law Amendment Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**55 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM) BILL 2003**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Cameron presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Ms Gillard was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

**56 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Message No. 403, 5 December 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to.

**57 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.32 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 10 February 2004 at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 December 2003:

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations—2003 Nos TD 29, TD 30, TD 31, TD 32.

Rulings—2003 Nos CR 87 (Addendum), CR 106, CR 107, PR 70, PR 71.

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**ATTENDANCE**

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

\* On leave

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

2002-03

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

No. 143

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2003**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

*Suspension of sitting*

At 9.54 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 10.38 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

**3 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, committee and delegation reports, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**4 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY CUSTOMS LEVY RATE CORRECTION (LAMB EXPORTS) 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.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**5 NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY EXCISE LEVY RATE CORRECTION (LAMB TRANSACTIONS) 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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**6 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT (WINE GRAPES) 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.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**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 paper be noted (*presented on 1 December 2003*), viz.:

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

Debate resumed.

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

**8 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT 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 paper be noted (*presented on 3 December 2003*), viz.:

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

Debate resumed.

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

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

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 12.29 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.40 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 February 2004.

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