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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 148

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2004

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Edwards, by leave, presented the following paper:

House of Representatives—Draft daily program: 17 February 2004—Parliamentary Liaison Officer.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 2.55 p.m. the Member for Bass (Ms O'Byrne) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

3 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Defence Act—Statutory review of Part IIIAAA—Aid to Civil Authorities, January 2003.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2002-03—Corrigenda.

Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. Native Title Unit—Report for 2002-03.

Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Goldfields Land and Sea Council—Report for 2002-03.

Gurang Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Ngaanyatjarra Council Native Title Unit—Report for 2002-03.

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council—Report for 2002-03.

United Nations—International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination—Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination—Communication—No. 26/2002—Opinion (Replacement).

4 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AGED CARE SECTOR

The House was informed that Ms Ellis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to address the crisis in Australia’s aged care sector, including its refusal to release the Hogan Pricing Review”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Ellis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

5 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 1 March 2004.

6 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) 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.

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

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

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Debate continued.

Bill agreed to.

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.

7 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

8 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2003-2004

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr McMullan who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for its budget waste and mismanagement, and wrong priorities which have resulted in:

- (1) a costly Medicare ‘safety net’ which does not protect families from increasing health costs and declining levels of bulk billing;
- (2) inadequate funding and higher fees for students seeking access to higher education;
- (3) a growing number of families who are financially squeezed and trying to balance work and family; and
- (4) 500,000 Australians waiting up to five years to get their teeth fixed”.

Debate continued.

Ms C. F. King addressing the House—

9 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 17 February 2004:

Social Security Act—Determination—2004 Social Security (Class of visas—Newly arrived resident’s waiting period for special benefit).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting).

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives