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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 169

THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2004



1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2004**

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to reduce personal income tax, 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 (Mr Swan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **SUPERANNUATION BUDGET MEASURES BILL 2004**

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to superannuation, 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 (Mr Swan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 **MEDICAL INDEMNITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RUN-OFF COVER INDEMNITY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2004**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002* and the *Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Act 2003*, to repeal the *Medical Indemnity (Enhanced UMP Indemnity) Contribution Act 2002*, 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 following Bills:

Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Run-off Cover Indemnity and Other Measures) 2004; and  
Medical Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) 2004.

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

**5 MEDICAL INDEMNITY (RUN-OFF COVER SUPPORT PAYMENT) BILL 2004**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on premium payments for medical indemnity cover, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**6 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 24 May 2004, at 12.30 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.

**7 TOURISM AUSTRALIA (REPEAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2004**

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Australian Tourist Commission Act 1987*, to deal with transitional matters arising from the repeal of that Act and the enactment of the *Tourism Australia Act 2004*, 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 Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**8 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Market Development Grants Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs D. M. Kelly moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mrs D. M. Kelly presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**9 ANTI-TERRORISM BILL 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

**10 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (ACCESS TO ELECTORAL ROLL AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 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.

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—

*Papers*

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Pneumococcal vaccination—Copies of letter from—

Ken McLennan, Marketing Director, Wyeth Australia and New Zealand, to Kellie Bisset, Editor, Medical Observer, MediMedia Australia Pty Ltd, 18 February 2004.

Mr Howard, Prime Minister, to Ms Erica L. Mann, Managing Director, Wyeth Australia and New Zealand, 6 May 2004.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Crean, by leave, presented the following paper:

The Senate: Bills which imposed a new tax or increased an existing tax introduced during 38<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> Parliaments—Senate Table Office, 5 March 2004.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Papers*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Republic, News Poll and Iraq—Transcripts of interviews with Mr Latham, Leader of the Opposition on radio station 6PR, Howard Sattler—

20 April 2004.

12 May 2004.

Questions without notice continued.

**12 PAPER**

Mr Sidebottom, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Regional airport security—Copy of letter from Mr Sidebottom, Member for Braddon, to Mr Anderson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, 3 June 2003.

**13 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—

Co-regulatory scheme for online content—Report—January to June 2002; July to December 2002; January to June 2003.

Report on review of the operation of Schedule 5 to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, March 2004.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Expanding Australia's trade and investment relationship with the countries of Central Europe—Government response.

Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003—Revised explanatory memorandum.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—A last resort? National inquiry into children in immigration detention, April 2004.

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—2003 Review of Migration Regulation 4.31B—Government response.

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 396—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2002-03: First, second and third quarters, September 2003—Government response to recommendation 6.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—40<sup>th</sup> Report—Extradition: A review of Australia's extradition law and policy—Government response.

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

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

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—A last resort? National inquiry into children in immigration detention, April 2004.

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—2003 Review of Migration Regulation 4.31B—Government response.

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

**15 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS**

Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the current period of sittings be given to Ms Ellis and Ms J. S. McFarlane on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

**16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TREATMENT OF IRAQI PRISONERS**

The House was informed that Mr Rudd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Howard Government as an Occupying Power in Iraq to honour its obligations under the Geneva Conventions for the humane treatment of Iraqi prisoners”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**17 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 1 April 2004, recommends that the following be printed:

Central Land Council—Report for 2002-03—Addendum.

Finance—Budget 2004-05—Ministerial statements—

A sustainability strategy for the Australian continent—Statement by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Dr Kemp), 11 May 2004.

Australia’s international development cooperation—Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer), 11 May 2004.

Regional partnerships for growth and security—Statement by the Minister for Transport and Regional Services (Mr Anderson), 11 May 2004.

Rural and regional Australia: Sustaining the nation—Statement by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Truss), 11 May 2004.

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Chair

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

**18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Message No. 481, 12 May 2004, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to integrate the Australian Protective Service into the Australian Federal Police, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**19 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY—STANDING COMMITTEE**

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Quick to be a member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in place of Mr Zahra.

Jackie Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That Mr Zahra be discharged from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and that, in his place, Mr Quick be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

**20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 13 May 2004, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 482—Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—Increased Payments) 2004.

No. 483—Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (More Help for Families—One-off Payments) 2004.

No. 484—Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 2004.

No. 485—Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 2004.

**21 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (ACCESS TO ELECTORAL ROLL AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 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.

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

**22 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS**

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 9, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

**23 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005—BUDGET DEBATE**

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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Abbott—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**24 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 24 May 2004, at 12.30 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 13 May 2004:

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2004 No. 18.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under sub-section 40(3)—May 2004.

Statement under sub-section 125(5)—May 2004.

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 84.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Ellis\*, Mr Hockey, Ms J. S. McFarlane\*, Mr Schultz, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Mr Wakelin.

\* On leave

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

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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No. 169

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 13 MAY 2004

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

**3 IRAQ—AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE PERSONNEL—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 Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 30 March 2004*), viz.:

Australian Defence Force personnel in and around Iraq—Copy of Prime Minister's motion—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Snowden, viz.*—That the following words be added at the end of the motion: "and the Prime Minister's and Leader of the Opposition's speeches of 30 March 2004 to the Prime Minister's motion relating to ADF personnel in or around Iraq"—

Debate resumed.

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

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 12.11 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.40 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 May 2004.

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