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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 175

TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 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 DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

The Speaker advised that the Right Honourable Jonathan Hunt, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of New Zealand, was within the precincts. With the concurrence of Members, the distinguished visitor was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

3 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Franklin (Mr Quick) for defying the Chair.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Franklin be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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

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

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.35 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPERS

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) added to an answer to a question without notice given yesterday and presented the following papers:

Invasive Pneumococcal Disease—

Copy of letter from Mr Latham, Leader of the Opposition, to Trisha, Quakers Hill, New South Wales, 28 May 2004.

Data from National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System.

5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 49 of 2003–2004—Business support process audit—The use and management of HRIS in the Australian Public Service.

Ordered to be printed.

6 PAPER

The following paper was presented:

Health Services Australia—Statement of corporate intent 2003-06.

7 RESOLVING DEADLOCKS: THE PUBLIC RESPONSE—REPORT OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the report of the Consultative Group on Constitutional Change and presented the following papers:

Resolving Deadlocks: The public response—Report of the Consultative Group on Constitutional Change, March 2004.

Ministerial statement, 1 June 2004.

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

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Abbott, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 10 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock—Attorney-General), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNIVERSITY FUNDING

The House was informed that both Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Windsor had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Ms Macklin, namely, “The need to properly fund universities, particularly through increased indexation of grants, and reverse the Howard Government’s 25 per cent HECS hike so that students and their families are not faced with even greater HECS debts”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—EXECUTIVE MINUTES—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Charles (Chair), by leave, presented the following papers:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Executive minutes on—

Report 390—Review of Auditor-General’s reports 2001-2002, first, second and third quarters.

Report 393—Review of Auditor-General’s reports 2001-2002, fourth quarter.

Report 394—Review of Australia’s Quarantine Function.

Report 396—Review of Auditor-General’s reports 2002-2003, first, second and third quarters.

Mr Charles, by leave, made a statement in connection with the minutes.

10 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT 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 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:

- (1) notes the failure of the Government’s ‘practical reconciliation’ agenda;
- (2) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) failing to consult or negotiate with indigenous Australians on the provisions of the Bill;
 - (b) failing to explain how the proposed abolition of indigenous representative organisations and mainstreaming of indigenous programs from 1 July 2004 will address endemic indigenous disadvantage; and
 - (c) failing to develop a new legislative and administrative model that restores the right of indigenous Australians to be responsible for their own future; and
- (3) notes Labor’s support for the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and creation of new legislative and administrative arrangements that restore responsibility and opportunity for indigenous Australians”.

Debate continued.

11 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 9.30 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 June 2004:

Taxation Administration Act—

Determination—2004 No. TD 15.

Rulings—2004 Nos CR 48, CR 49, GSTR 4, PR 66, PR 67, PR 68, PR 69, PR 70.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Determination—2004 Premium service (No. 1).

Therapeutic Goods Act—Determination under section 19A, 5 May 2004.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Ellis*, Mr Katter, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms J. S. McFarlane* and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2004

1 The Main Committee met at 4.08 p.m.

2 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Crean, viz.*—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:

- (1) condemns the Government for its cynical election driven spending spree which—while spending a record \$52 billion over the forward estimates—failed to deliver crucial services to Australians, including:
 - (a) funding the pneumococcal vaccine for children;
 - (b) funding VET in schools so young Australians can either Earn or Learn;
 - (c) ensuring access to Higher Education without excessive fees or increasing student debt levels;
 - (d) ensuring all Australians can access bulkbilling services; and
 - (e) ensuring adequate measures to respond to Australia’s skill shortage; and
- (2) also condemns the Government for failing to present a strategy to adequately address the long term fiscal challenges facing the nation”—

Debate resumed.

Ms George 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.

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Prosser, the Main Committee adjourned at 9 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