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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 191

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 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 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PROSTHESES) BILL 2004**

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), for Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Ms Worth 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.

**3 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**

Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**4 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION STANDARDS) BILL 2004**

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 Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**6 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY LEVIES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**7 AUTHORISED NON-OPERATING HOLDING COMPANIES SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**8 AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**9 LIFE INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**10 GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**11 RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROVIDERS SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**12 SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Brough 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.

**13 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**

Ordered—That notice No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**14 PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HEADQUARTERS JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND, 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: Provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations Command, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**15 MID-LIFE UPGRADE OF EXISTING CHANCERY BUILDING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND—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: Mid-life upgrade of existing chancery building for the Australian High Commission, Wellington, New Zealand.

Question—put and passed.

**16 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT ACCESS RAMPS TO THE REAR ENTRANCE OF OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL**

Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 11 August 2004, namely: Construction of permanent access ramps to the rear entrance of Old Parliament House.

Question—put and passed.

**17 POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2004**

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ombudsman Act 1976*, 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 McMullan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 18 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) 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.

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

AYES, 79

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

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Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	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 Snowdon
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*	Ms Jackson	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Organ	Mr Wilkie
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	
Mr Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick*	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

\* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), the Bill was read a third time.

#### 19 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

#### 20 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.10 p.m. the Member for Chisholm (Ms Burke) 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.

#### 21 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—  
Report, June 2003.

Government response.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—56<sup>th</sup> Report—Treaties tabled on 8 October 2003: Economic and Commercial Cooperation, Kazakhstan; ILO Convention No. 182 – Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labour—Government response.

#### 22 PAPERS

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

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

#### 23 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 48A AND 103

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

Question—put and passed.

#### 24 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT

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 need to restore public trust and confidence in the integrity of the Australian Government”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### 25 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Mr Billson be discharged from the Committee of Privileges and that, in his place, Mr McArthur be appointed a member of the committee; and

- (2) Mr Lloyd be discharged from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and that, in his place, Mr Wakelin be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

**26 SPEAKER'S PANEL**

The following warrant revoking a nomination and nominating a member of the Speaker's panel, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid on the Table:

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Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I revoke the nomination of Ms Gambaro to be a member of the Speaker's panel.

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate Mr Somlyay to be a member of the Speaker's panel to assist the Chair when requested to do so by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

Given under my hand on 12 August 2004.

NEIL ANDREW

Speaker

**27 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 24 June 2004, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Intelligence Agencies—Inquiry—Report by Philip Flood, July 2004.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Transnational terrorism: The threat to Australia—White paper.

Interactive Gambling Act 2001—Review of the operation of the Act—Report, July 2004.

Higher education—Report for the 2004 to 2006 triennium.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2002-03.

Productivity Commission—Reports—

No. 27—National workers' compensation and occupational health and safety frameworks, 6 March 2004.

No. 29—Impacts of native vegetation and biodiversity regulations, 8 April 2004.

No. 30—Review of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, 30 April 2004—

Volume 1—Chapters.

Volume 2—Appendices.

No. 31—Review of the gas access regime, 11 June 2004.

DON RANDALL

Chair

12 August 2004

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

**28 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 301, 21 June 2004, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

**29 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 4.42 p.m. the Member for Lingiari (Mr Snowdon) 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 he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

*Paper*

Ms Jackson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Ugg boots—Copy of photograph.

Question—put and negatived.

**30 SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

At 5.02 p.m. the Speaker left the Chair.

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**31 RESUMPTION OF SITTING**

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 10 a.m.

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

Mr Crean moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Treasurer being required to attend the Chamber and immediately move the legislative amendments before the Parliament rises and before the election:

- (a) to ensure that the Government's backflip on the Treasurer's plan to extend the GST to all elderly Australians living in retirement villages in serviced apartments who receive personal care or assistance with their daily living is honoured;
- (b) to hold the Government to the promises of the Minister for Aged Care in 1999 and 2000 that those residents who receive personal care or assistance with their daily living would be GST free is honoured;
- (c) to ensure that instead of backing down with weasel words in the stealth of night the Government in broad daylight honestly brings in the real words to give effect to their promise and roll the highest taxing Treasurer's secret plan to tax elderly Australians;
- (d) to make sure that given the Government's track record it does not have a secret plan to say one thing before the election and do another thing after the election; and
- (e) to give these elderly Australians peace of mind before the election; and

calls on the Treasurer to satisfy the Parliament that the Government has not played a part in delaying the Tax Office ruling on this matter which was due early this year but which it is claimed has been delayed until after the election.

*Closure of Member*

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 68

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

## NOES, 53

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Cox (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 52

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

\* 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 Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 52

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

## NOES, 69

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

**33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) AMENDMENT (EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT AND COMPLIANCE) BILL 2002**

Message No. 552, 12 August 2004, from the Senate was reported returning the Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**34 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 8 of 2004–2005—Performance audit—Management of bilateral relations with selected countries: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ordered to be printed.

**35 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 402—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2003-2004, first and second quarters, August 2004.

Ordered to be printed.

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

**36 ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Hawker (Chair) presented the following papers:

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 2003—

Report, August 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Hawker and Mr Cox, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**37 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) 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.

Debate adjourned (Ms C. F. King), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**38 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION BILL 2004**

Message No. 553, 13 August 2004, from the Senate was reported returning the US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Bill 2004 with amendments.

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade) moved—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Debate ensued.

*Closure*

Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren, Mr Katter, Mr Organ and Mr Windsor voting “No”, the Speaker (Mr J. N. Andrew) declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be considered forthwith—was put accordingly and passed.

On the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile, the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**39 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

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

13 August 2004—Message No. 554—US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) 2004.

**40 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) 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.

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

**41 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ANTI-TERRORISM BILL (NO. 2) 2004**

Message No. 555, 13 August 2004, from the Senate was reported returning the Anti-terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2004 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

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

**42 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

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

13 August 2004—Message No. 556—Anti-terrorism (No. 3) 2004.

**43 ADOPTION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 84A**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That sessional order 84A (Interventions in the Main Committee) be adopted as a standing order with effect from the first day of the meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament, and that the standing order be incorporated in the revised standing orders as standing order 66A.

Question—put and passed.

**44 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 3.29 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 30 August 2004, at 12.30 p.m.



**PAPER**

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 12 August 2004:

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act—Determination—2004 Family Assistance (Designated Date).



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Georgiou and Mr Sawford.



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

2002-03-04

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**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 191

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 2004**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and petitions were presented.

3 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs Gash moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Papers*

Mr Snowdon, by leave, presented the following papers:

Christmas Island casino—

Copy of letter from Senator Ian Macdonald to Mr Jeff Herbert, 30 August 1999.

Copy of letter from Senator Ian Campbell to Senator Amanda Vanstone, 5 April 2004.

Copy of letter from Senator Ian Campbell to Mr David Kwon, Managing Director, Asia Pacific Space Centre, 5 April 2004.

Islanders irate as new casino blocked—Copy of article by Nick Taylor, *The Sunday Times*, 8 August 2004.

Debate continued.

*Paper*

Ms Hall, by leave, presented the following paper:

Medicare Office closures: Belmont, New South Wales—Text of question on notice No. 305—Ms Hall to Minister for Health and Aged Care, 7 December 1998—and answer.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.13 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.40 a.m. on Wednesday, 1 September 2004.

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