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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2003

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mrs Hull (Chair) presented the following papers:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Road to Recovery: Report on the inquiry into substance abuse in Australian communities—

Report, including dissenting reports, August 2003.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mrs Hull moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs Hull was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 PARLIAMENTARY (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2003

Mr Andren, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation for parliamentarians, and for related purposes.

Mr Andren made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Paper

Mr Andren presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

4 ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE—75TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms Livermore, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the 75th anniversary this year of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS);
- (2) congratulates the RFDS for providing essential emergency and primary health care to the people of remote, rural and regional Australia since its establishment in 1928;
- (3) thanks the doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, pilots, mechanics, support staff, volunteers and fundraisers for their commitment to continuing the life-saving work of the RFDS; and
- (4) notes with concern the difficulty in recruiting and retaining health professionals in remote, rural and regional Australia that threatens to impact on the services provided by the RFDS.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, Ms Hall was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

6 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training) presented the following paper:

TAFE fee increases—Letter from Dr Brendan Nelson, Minister for Education, Science and Training to Mr R J Carr, Premier of New South Wales, 8 July 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

8 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

9 AUSTRALIAN KNOWLEDGE OF ASIA

Dr Southcott, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes the problems and possibilities identified in the report *Maximising Australia's Asia Knowledge: repositioning and renewal of a national asset*, prepared by the Asian Studies Association of Australia;
- (2) recognises that the national interest is served by the knowledge Australians have of their world and particularly of their own diverse, complex region; and
- (3) commends efforts by governments, educational institutions, businesses and voluntary associations to renew, enhance and extend Australian knowledge of Asia.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Mr L. D. T. Ferguson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

10 AVIATION

Mr M. J. Ferguson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that 2003 marks the celebration of 100 years of piloted flight;
- (2) notes the Wright Brothers' achievement in successfully undertaking the first flight as the culmination of a centuries' old quest by philosophers, scientists and engineers to turn the dream of flight into a reality that redefined the boundaries of scientific capacity;
- (3) notes that, in the 100 years since the first piloted flight, the outstanding development in air travel has taken us from the Wright Brothers' Kitty Hawk flight to the Moon;
- (4) recognises that the invention, growth and refinement of piloted flight has allowed us to cross and expand our boundaries, both personal, cultural, economic and national, enriching our experiences and bringing people of the world closer together;
- (5) notes that the aviation industry has also fostered inter and intra State and Territory trade, commerce and experiences;
- (6) recognises the importance of the aviation industry to Australian jobs, skills and industry, in particular, to the tourism, aeronautical, technical, engineering, and export industries;
- (7) acknowledges the aviation industry as an important provider of high skilled jobs to Australians;

- (8) notes with disappointment the collapse of Ansett Airlines and recognises the valuable role that Ansett played in the development of the aviation industry in Australia;
- (9) notes proudly that Qantas is an Australian icon, recognised throughout the world and one of Australia's largest private sector employers;
- (10) welcomes the newer players in Australia like Virginblue and Regional Express and recognises the important contribution of regional airlines and operators to our regional communities;
- (11) acknowledges the work, enterprise, innovation, ingenuity, commitment, passion and enthusiasm of all those who have worked in aviation over the past one hundred years;
- (12) pays its respects to all those who have died in the pursuit of work and recreation in aviation;
- (13) notes the negative effect of the terrorist attacks of September 11 on the global aviation and associated industries and expresses our hope that the industry will recover;
- (14) notes the vital need for Federal Government efforts to ensure that airline passengers can travel in the safest possible environment, in particular now Australia is a terrorist target, to restore confidence in air travel; and
- (15) notes the importance of a competitive and sustainable local aviation industry.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Paper

Mr Price, by leave, presented the following paper:

Draft private Member's Bill—Family Law Amendment 2003.

Debate continued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

25 August 2003—Message No. 160—Export Control Amendment 2003.

13 ACIS ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT 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 Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (ACIS) 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 Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS 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 Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**16 LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS)
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 Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE, RAAF BASE TINDAL, KATHERINE, NT—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: Perimeter Security Fence, RAAF Base Tindal, Katherine, NT.

Question—put and passed.

18 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 26 June 2003, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report and recommendations to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 65—Lower Roper River Land Claim No. 70.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications reports for 2001-02—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards; Report 2: Changes in prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia; Report 3: Telstra's compliance with price control arrangements.

Judge Advocate General—Report for 2002.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2001-02.

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 2000-01.

DON RANDALL

Chair

21 August 2003

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

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 21 August 2003, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 317—National Transport Commission 2003.

No. 318—National Transport Commission (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) 2003.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Message No. 316, 21 August 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered at the next sitting.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Message No. 313, 21 August 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL BILL 2002

Message No. 314, 21 August 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the amendments were agreed to.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

Message No. 315, 21 August 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the amendments were agreed to.

24 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT 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.

Paper

Mr Albanese, by leave, presented the following paper:

How many of your staff attract a \$4400 government grant?—Advertisement by Business & Corporate Training Services Pty Ltd.

Debate continued.

Mrs Hull addressing the House—

25 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 September 2003:

Aged Care Act—

Determination under section 44—2003 No. ACA 36.

Principles under section 96-1—2003—

Residential Care Subsidy Amendment (No. 1).

User Rights Amendment (No. 1).

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Exemptions—2003 Nos CASA EX19, CASA EX20.

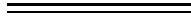
Instruments—2003 Nos CASA 353, CASA 354, CASA 355, CASA 392.

Regulations—Statutory Rules—2003 No. 232.

- Currency Act—Determination—2003 Currency (Royal Australian Mint) No. 5.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 210, 227.
- Defence Act—
- Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2003 Nos 13, 14.
- Determination under section 58B—2003 No. 24.
- Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act—Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Regulations—Certificates—2003 26 August (2).
- Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 211.
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instrument under subsection 303DC(1), 3 September 2003.
- Extradition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 228.
- Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 229.
- Health Insurance Act—Declaration—2003 QAA No. 2.
- Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 215.
- International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 230.
- Migration Act—
- Direction under section 499—2003 No. 33.
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 224, 231.
- National Health Act—
- Determinations under paragraph (bj) of Schedule 1—2003 Nos PHS 10, PHS 11, PHS 12, PHS 13, PHS 14, PHS 15, PHS 18.
- Determinations under subsection 5D(1)—2003 Nos PHS 16, PHS 17.
- National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 218.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 213.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 219.
- Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 220.
- Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 216, 221, 225.
- Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 209, 217, 222, 226.
- Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—
- 2000 No. TR 9 (Addendum).
- 2002 No. PR 110 (Withdrawal).
- 2003 Nos CR 41 (Addendum), CR 42 (Addendum), CR 69, CR 70, CR 71, CR 72, CR 73, CR 74, CR 75, CR 76, CR 77, CR 78, CR 79, GSTR 11, PR 21 (Addendum), PR 52, PR 53, PR 54.
- Telecommunications Act 1997*—Determination—2003 Telecommunications (Standard form of agreement information).
- Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 214.
- Wheat Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 223.
- Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 212.
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ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mr Brereton, Mrs Gallus, Mr Kerr, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives