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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 37

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2005

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

2 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005**

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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Mr Pearce 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 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (NATIONAL ACCESS REGIME) BILL 2005**

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Pearce 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.

4 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—OFFICE REPLACEMENT OF THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY AT WILLIS ISLAND, CORAL SEA, QUEENSLAND**

Dr Stone (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*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Office replacement of the Bureau of Meteorology at Willis Island, Coral Sea, Queensland.

Question—put and passed.

5 **DEVELOPMENT OF ON-BASE HOUSING FOR DEFENCE AT PUCKAPUNYAL, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Stone (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: Development of on-base housing for Defence at Puckapunyal, Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

6 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2005

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 Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) bungling the implementation of the new arrangements for Indigenous education programs, including swamping in red tape the Parent School Partnership Initiative (which is replacing funding to 3,785 Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness committees), resulting in the failure to deliver urgently needed funding to Indigenous students;
- (2) bungling the delivery of vital tutorial assistance resulting in serious delays in providing support to Indigenous students;
- (3) an Indigenous Year 12 retention rate of 39.1 per cent which is barely half of that for the non-Indigenous community;
- (4) presiding over a 2.8 per cent decline in the number of Indigenous VET enrolments, from 59,763 in 2002 to 58,087 in 2003;
- (5) policy settings which have resulted in a 3.2 per cent decline in the number of Indigenous student commencements in higher education between 2002 and 2003; and
- (6) failing to take an evidence based approach to its new Indigenous education funding arrangements”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott	

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Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

7 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2005

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 Ms Plibersek 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 calls on the Government to remove the age test for the maternity payment in relation to Australians who adopt children, including children from overseas, as the current policy results in Australians who adopt children over the age of two missing out entirely on this payment through no fault or omission on their part”.

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following documents:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2004–2005—

No. 48—Performance audit—Internationalisation of Australian Education and Training: Department of Education, Science and Training.

No. 49—Business support process audit—Administration of fringe benefits tax.

No. 50—Performance audit—Drought assistance.

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

10 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 14 June 2005, at 2 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.

11 DOCUMENTS

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

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

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The House was informed that both Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Katter had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 46, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Beazley, namely, “The Government’s maladministration of Australia’s national security, in particular in the crucial areas of immigration, border control and transport security”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Adams (Deputy Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met and considered documents presented to the House of Representatives since 12 May 2005.

The Committee recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Reports and recommendations to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 68—Upper Roper River Land Claims.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications reports for 2003-04—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards for 2003-04; Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia 1997-98 to 2003-04.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 28—Inquiry into complaints by immigration detainees concerning their detention at the Curtin Immigration Reception and Processing Centre.

Judge Advocate General—Report for 2004.

Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2001-02.

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

14 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2005

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 Ms Plibersek (see item No. 7, page 391)*—

Debate resumed.

Mrs Elliot addressing the House—

15 ADJOURNMENT

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

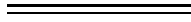
Debate ensued.

Member directed to leave

At 4.53 p.m. the Member for Melbourne (Mr Tanner) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for refusing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate continued.

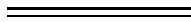
The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 14 June 2005, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.



DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 2 June 2005:

Criminal Code Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instruments Nos 85, 86, 87, 88 [F2005L01201], [F2005L01202], [F2005L01203], [F2005L01204].



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Draper, Mr Jull*, Mr Nairn, Mr Richardson, Ms Roxon* and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2005

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2005-2006—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 Swan, 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 condemns the Government for a Budget which:

- (1) delivers grossly unfair tax relief which favours the highest income earners at the expense of ordinary Australian families;
- (2) ignores the crippling effect of punishingly high effective marginal tax rates on workforce participation;
- (3) imposes harsh conditions on the income of the most vulnerable members of the community;
- (4) fails to invest in skills and infrastructure disregarding repeated warnings from the RBA and OECD about skills shortages and infrastructure bottlenecks;
- (5) exposes Australians to the risk of higher interest rates as a result of capacity constraints and escalating economic imbalances;
- (6) predicts a significantly slowing rate of real GDP growth to below the Australian long-term average and considerably below world GDP growth;
- (7) confirms continuing unsustainable current account deficits into the future;
- (8) predicts a continuing increase in Australia's foreign debt;
- (9) predicts import growth to exceed export growth; and
- (10) contains a proposed Future Fund which is focused on offsetting the superannuation liability of Commonwealth employees at the expense of sensible long-term investment in vital infrastructure”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.27 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.40 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Ms A. E. Burke 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.

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

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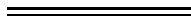
Mr Danby, by leave, presented the following document:

Exchange of information on the clean-up of the Yarra and Yarkon Rivers—Copy of speech by Robert Kennedy Jnr, Melbourne, 29 May 2005.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.29 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 June 2005.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee