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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 38

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2005

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) presented the following document:

Corruption the big ALP task—Copy of editorial, *The Canberra Times*, 13 June 2005.

Questions without notice continued.

3 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Fuel Quality Standards Act—Independent statutory review of the Act—Final report prepared by Fuel Quality Standards Act Review Panel with assistance from Economic Associates (Australia) Pty Ltd and SWB Consulting Pty Ltd, April 2005.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Supplementary report for 2003-04.

Regional Forest Agreements Act—Report on the review of the Forest and Wood Products Council, February 2005.

4 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

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

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2004.

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

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CHANGES

The House was informed that Mr S. F. Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The reduction in the living standards of working Australians as a result of the cutting of wages, slashing of conditions and entitlements and removal of safety nets for employees through the Government’s extreme, unfair and divisive industrial relations changes”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 MAIN COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, for each of the Main Committee meetings on Wednesday, 15 June, Thursday, 16 June, and Monday, 20 June 2005,

the first item of business shall be Members' statements, each for no longer than 3 minutes, with the item of business finishing by 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, and by 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

Question—put and passed.

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Plibersek, 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 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 resumed.

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

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

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

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

* 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 72, 27 May 2005, 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 immediately.

On the motion of Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary—Children and Youth Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

8 SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE 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.

Mr Hayes addressing the House—

9 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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 14 June 2005:

A New Tax System (Wine Equalisation Tax) Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 116 [F2005L01291].

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 106 [F2005L01414].

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 104 [F2005L01411].

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 105 [F2005L01410].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Exemption—2005 No. CASA EX15 [F2005L01419].

Instruments—2005—

Nos CASA 193, CASA 194, CASA 198, CASA 202, CASA 203, CASA 214 [F2005L01386], [F2005L01387], [F2005L01427], [F2005L01435], [F2005L01436], [F2005L01406].

No. CASA VTA 147 [F2005L01394].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2005—

11 (2) May [F2005L01323], [F2005L01371].

19 (9) May [F2005L01302], [F2005L01329], [F2005L01330], [F2005L01333], [F2005L01334], [F2005L01335], [F2005L01349], [F2005L01366], [F2005L01367].

20 May [F2005L01376].

23 (4) May [F2005L01301], [F2005L01358], [F2005L01368], [F2005L01370].

25 (16) May [F2005L01317], [F2005L01331], [F2005L01332], [F2005L01337], [F2005L01340], [F2005L01342], [F2005L01343], [F2005L01344], [F2005L01345], [F2005L01346], [F2005L01350], [F2005L01354], [F2005L01355], [F2005L01364], [F2005L01365], [F2005L01369].

26 (7) May [F2005L01322], [F2005L01336], [F2005L01351], [F2005L01360], [F2005L01363], [F2005L01375], [F2005L01378].

27 (5) May [F2005L01299], [F2005L01338], [F2005L01347], [F2005L01356], [F2005L01357].

31 (2) May [F2005L01380], [F2005L01381].

3 June [F2005L01416].

Part 39-106—2005—

19 (4) May [F2005L01324], [F2005L01341], [F2005L01361], [F2005L01379].

25 (8) May [F2005L01303], [F2005L01304], [F2005L01305], [F2005L01306], [F2005L01307], [F2005L01311], [F2005L01313], [F2005L01314].

27 (2) May [F2005L01320], [F2005L01362].

7 June [F2005L01448].

Part 39-107—2005—

19 May [F2005L01319].

25 May [F2005L01318].

27 May [F2005L01339].

Corporations Act—

Accounting standards—2005 No. AASB 1 [F2005L01283].

Declaration under paragraph 601QA(1)(b)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 05/566 [F2005L01432].

Financial stability standard for securities settlement facilities—No. FSS 2005.1 [F2005L01377].

Order under paragraph 1020F(1)(a)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 05/346 [F2005L01444].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—2005—

26 May [F2005L01312].

3 (5) June [F2005L01421], [F2005L01422], [F2005L01423], [F2005L01424], [F2005L01425].

Dairy Produce Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 107 [F2005L01396].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—

Instruments under section 184(1)—13, 19, 24 May 2005 [F2005L01385], [F2005L01388], [F2005L01389].

Instruments under section 269A—11 (3) April 2005 [F2005L01289], [F2005L01295], [F2005L01296].

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Livestock Export (Merino) Orders (Amendment) 2005 No. 1 [F2005L01402].

Federal Magistrates Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 109 [F2005L01395].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—

Determinations to establish a special account—2005 Nos 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 [F2005L01474], [F2005L01437], [F2005L01438], [F2005L01439], [F2005L01443], [F2005L01447], [F2005L01466].

Determination to vary a special account—2005 No. 14 [F2005L01465].

Net Appropriation Agreement under section 31—2005 26 May [F2005L01353].

Health Insurance Act—Principle—2005 Health Insurance (Eligible collection centres) Approval [F2005L01412].

Higher Education Support Act—Tax file number guidelines No. ID 2005/OPS/TFNG [F2005L01383].

Income Tax Assessment Act 1936—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 117 [F2005L01316].

Judiciary Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 110 [F2005L01348].

Maritime Transport Security Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 115 [F2005L01407].

Medical Indemnity Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 112 [F2005L01298].

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Advice under paragraph 18(a), 23 May 2005.

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 92 [F2005L01226].

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 93 [F2005L01218].

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—2005 Select Legislative Instrument No. 94 [F2005L01227].

Radiocommunications Act—
Notices—2005—
Radiocommunications (Spectrum Designation) No. 1 [F2005L01373].
Radiocommunications Devices (Compliance Labelling) Amendment No. 1 [F2005L01404].
Standards—2005—
Radiocommunications (406 MHz satellite distress beacons) [F2005L01403].
Radiocommunications (Analogue speech (Angle modulated) equipment) [F2005L01401].
Social Security Act—Determination—2005 Child Disability Assessment Amendment [F2005L01434].

Taxation Administration Act—
Determinations—
1992—No. TD 199 (Withdrawal).
1993—No. TD 229 (Withdrawal).
1994—Nos TD 25 (Addendum), TD 98 (Withdrawal).
1996—No. TD 34 (Withdrawal).
Rulings—
1993—No. SGR 2 (Withdrawal).
2004—Nos PR 28 (Addendum), PR 33 (Addendum).
2005—
Nos CR 42, CR 43.
Nos PR 84, PR 85, PR 86, PR 87, PR 88, PR 89.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—
Determination under paragraph 15(1)(a)—2005 Telecommunications (Costs attributable to telecommunications functions and powers) [F2005L01398].
Determination under paragraph 15(1)(c)—2005 Telecommunications (Recovery of ITU budget contribution) [F2005L01400].
Determination under subsection 14(1)—2005 Telecommunications (Annual carrier licence charge) [F2005L01429].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Jull*, Dr Lawrence, Mr Richardson and Ms Roxon*.

* 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

TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2005

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 **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 4.19 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 4.31 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Document

Mr Price, by leave, presented the following document:

Highest interest rates in the developed world—Copy of table from Eurostat.

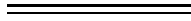
Debate continued.

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

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.23 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee