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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2006

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

2 **NATIONAL CATTLE DISEASE ERADICATION ACCOUNT AMENDMENT BILL 2006**

Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Cattle Disease Eradication Account Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mrs Ley presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Ley moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

3 **PETROLEUM RETAIL LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 2006**

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 M. J. Ferguson, 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) calls on the Government to require the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources to report to the Parliament annually, commencing in August 2007, on the measures taken and the progress made to:
 - (a) increase market penetration of ethanol and biodiesel, LPG and CNG, including the number and location of service stations and the names of the companies offering these products on their retail sites;
 - (b) secure new investment in biofuel, LPG and CNG production and supply infrastructure in Australia; and
 - (c) secure investment in new alternative transport fuel industries in Australia, including gas and coal to liquids;
- (2) calls on the Government to review, in 2009, the proposal to introduce excise on ethanol and biodiesel, LPG and CNG in 2011, and consider whether or not there is a case for delaying the introduction of excise, depending on the progress made:
 - (a) in increasing market penetration of biofuels, LPG and CNG;
 - (b) in securing new investment in biofuel, LPG and CNG production and supply infrastructure in Australia; and
 - (c) towards achieving the 350 million litre biofuels target in 2010;
- (3) criticises the Government for:
 - (a) its tardiness in moving on petrol retail reform;

- (b) bypassing due parliamentary process in introducing a regulation to “undeclare” companies under the Sites Act;
 - (c) failing to introduce amendments to the TPA to implement the 2003 Dawson and 2004 Senate recommendations for reform; and
 - (d) failing to act to reduce Australia’s dependence on foreign oil and improve its transport fuel security;
- (4) calls on the Government to immediately conduct a feasibility study into a gas to liquids fuels plant in Australia, including:
- (a) consideration of Petroleum Resources Rent tax incentives for developers of gas fields which provide resources for gas to liquid fuels projects;
 - (b) examining a new infrastructure investment allowance for investment in Australian gas to liquids infrastructure; and
 - (c) developing a targeted funding scheme for research and development in this area;
- (5) calls on the Government to immediately embrace Labor’s Fuels Blueprint proposal to:
- (a) make alternative fuel vehicles tariff free, cutting up to \$2000 off the price of current hybrid cars; and
 - (b) grant tax rebates for converting petrol cars to LPG; and
- (6) calls on the Government to immediately embrace Labor’s Fuels Blueprint to find more oil and use more gas by:
- (a) re-examining the depreciation regime for gas production infrastructure; and
 - (b) allowing the selective use of flow-through share schemes for smaller operators”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 81

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

NOES, 59

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Ms King	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
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	Ms Owens	Mr Windsor
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Fitzgibbon moved the Opposition amendment.

Debate continued.

Mr Fitzgibbon addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Ms Ley	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull*	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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 Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wood
Mr Downer	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	

NOES, 55

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Sawford
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bowen	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	Mr Windsor
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Quick, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 83

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

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And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Macfarlane, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

4 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF INOPERATIVE PROVISIONS) BILL 2006

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 Fitzgibbon 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 that while technically operative the following provisions are unnecessary and should be repealed:
 - (a) in *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*: s 26(b), s 26(e), s 94, s 102, s 108, s 109, Part II Subdivision 3D, Part II Division 6A, Part II Division 9C, and Part II Subdivision 11B; and
 - (b) in *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*: s 15-10, s 15-15, s 15-20, s 15-30, s 25-10, s 25-35, s 25-40, s 25-45, s 26-30, s 26-35, s 26-40, Part 2-5 Division 32, Part 3-1 Subdivision 110-B, Part 3-1 Division 149, and Part 2-42;
- (2) notes that the following provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* are rarely used or enforced: s 44(1)(b), s 95A(2), s 99B, and Division 6D of Part II; and
- (3) calls on the Government to present to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, within six months, proposals for the redrafting or repeal of these provisions to further simplify the operation of income tax law”.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 83

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Ms Ley	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baker	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Tollner
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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 King	Ms Roxon
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
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Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek	

* 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

5 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BORDER COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

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 Bevis 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 delay in introducing the Accredited Client Program;
- (2) notes the waste and cost blow-outs in the associated Cargo Management Re-engineering project;

- (3) notes the broken promise to industry regarding the abandonment of duty-deferral;
- (4) notes the absence of any security enhancing measures in the Accredited Client Program;
- (5) calls on the government to conduct and publish the results of a thorough cost-benefit analysis of the Accredited Client Program, examining both the original duty deferral payment scheme and the revised payment scheme; and
- (6) notes the introduction of further legislation to amend provisions that the bill inserts into the Customs Act before the bill has even been passed”.

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.

6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Albanese, by leave, presented the following document:

Energy security in the Asia Pacific region—Copy of opening address to the Energy Security in Asia Pacific Forum, Mr Costello, Treasurer, 18 January 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.51 p.m. the Member for Sydney (Ms Plibersek) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

Mr Swan, by leave, presented the following document:

Beazley Budget Reply—Transcript of doorstep interview by Mr Costello, Treasurer, Parliament House, Canberra, 11 May 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Documents

Mr Rudd, by leave, presented the following documents:

Iraq's oil for food program—

Independent inquiry commission claims about AWB Ltd's involvement in the Iraq oil for food program—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade record of conversation between Mr Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Lindberg, Managing Director, AWB Ltd, 4 October 2005.

Time for answers—Copy of editorial article, *The Australian*, 10 April 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.16 p.m. the Member for Denison (Mr Kerr) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

7 DOCUMENT

Mr McClelland, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Pull envoys, security detail out of Baghdad: Labor—Copy of article by John Kerin, *Australian Financial Review*, 16 August 2006.

8 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 January to 31 March 2006.

Criminal Code Act 1995—Preventative detention and control orders—Report for 2005-06.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Government response to the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman's statements—Personal identifiers 067/06 to 069/06.

Reports by the Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 067/06 to 069/06.

Treaties—List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government as at August 2006.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HIGHER EDUCATION POLICIES

The House was informed that Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The impact of the Government's higher education policies on ordinary Australian families, with 96 full-fee undergraduate degrees costing students over \$100,000 and 5 courses costing over \$200,000".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

10 SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES) BILL 2006—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following document:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report—Tactical unmanned aerial vehicle facilities project, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Qld (Twelfth report of 2006).

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

12 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Ms A. E. Burke presented the following documents:

Corporations and Financial Services—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—

Report, August 2006.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Ms A. E. Burke, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

Ms A. E. Burke moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

13 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report No. 76: Treaties tabled on 28 March 2006 (3) and 10 May 2006, August 2006.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Dr Southcott, by leave, made statement in connection with the report.

Dr Southcott moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

14 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BORDER COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

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 Bevis (see item No. 5, page 1328)*—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the bill was read a third time.

15 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2006

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Message No. 195, 9 August 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and for other purposes.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Message No. 356, 16 August 2006, from the Senate was reported returning the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

18 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

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

- (a) failing to deliver urgently needed funding for Indigenous students by insisting on complex and bureaucratic administrative arrangements that prevent many schools and communities from benefiting from education programs;
- (b) causing a \$126 million underspend in Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives expenditure in 2004-05 through bureaucratic bungling;
- (c) imposing impenetrable red tape that has led to a decline in the involvement of Indigenous communities in the parent-school partnership initiative;

- (d) failing to provide sufficient resources for early intervention programs in schools to raise Indigenous children's literacy standards;
 - (e) reducing the number of Indigenous school children who access tutorial assistance by making eligibility requirements more restrictive and short-term; and
 - (f) presiding over ten long years over continuing gaps in educational and training participation and performance between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students; and
- (2) calls on the Government to reform its funding criteria and guidelines so as to address the above concerns and provide all Indigenous students with the opportunity to achieve quality schooling results”.

Debate continued.

Mr Haase addressing the House—

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 196, 6 July 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006.

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 16 August 2006:

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2006-2007—Advance to the Finance Minister—Instrument—2006-07 No. 1, 7 August 2006 [F2006L02669].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act and Acts Interpretation Act—Instrument fixing charges to be paid to APRA—2006 No. 8, 8 August [F2006L02657].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2006 14 (2) August [F2006L02681], [F2006L02682].

Instrument—2006 Manual of Standards (MOS) Part 171 Amendment (No. 1) [F2006L02666].

Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notices under section 45—

Commonwealth acquiring shares in Bryanston Freehold Limited.

Commonwealth becoming the sole member of the National Australia Day Council Limited.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Determinations—2006—

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 8/01—Safety glazing material) 2005 Amendment 1 [F2006L02662].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 82/00—Engine immobilisers) [F2006L02665].

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2006 Nos 14, 15, 16, 17 [F2006L02658], [F2006L02659], [F2006L02660], [F2006L02661].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Byrne, Mrs Draper and Mrs D. S. Vale.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 117

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2006

1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.42 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES) BILL 2006

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.

Suspension of meeting

At 10.51 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 11.11 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 194, 31 March 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

5 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 9 August 2006*), viz.:

Australian Defence Force commitment to Afghanistan—Ministerial Statement—

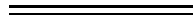
Debate resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Lindsay, the Main Committee adjourned at 1.07 p.m.

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



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee