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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 175

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2007

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- 1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL**
Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2007).
Debate adjourned (Mr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD CARE AND OTHER 2007 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2007**
Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to family assistance and social security, and for related purposes.
Document
Mr Brough presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Brough moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (INSOLVENCY) BILL 2007**
Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for other purposes.
Document
Mr Pearce presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Pearce moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**
Mr C. P. Thompson (Chair) presented the following document:
Committee of Privileges—Report on allegations of documents fraudulently and inaccurately written and issued in a member's name, May 2007.
Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.
Mr C. P. Thompson, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 6 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT**
Mrs Draper (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 10 May 2007.

The Committee recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)—Report for 2005-06.

Australian Maritime College—Report for 2006.

Finance—Budget 2007-08—Ministerial statements—

Australia's overseas aid program 2007-08, 8 May 2007.

Building a strong future for regional Australia, 8 May 2007.

Higher Education—Report for 2005.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 39—Tasmanian freight subsidy arrangements, 14 December 2006.

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On the motion of Mrs Draper, by leave, the report was agreed to.

7 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RAAF BASE AMBERLEY REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 3, QLD

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 3, Queensland.

Question—put and passed.

8 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—C-17 HEAVY AIR LIFT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: C-17 heavy air lift infrastructure project.

Question—put and passed.

9 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—HMAS CRESWELL REDEVELOPMENT, JERVIS BAY TERRITORY

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: HMAS Creswell redevelopment, Jervis Bay Territory.

Question—put and passed.

10 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—LAND ENGINEERING AGENCY TEST SERVICES RELOCATION, MONEGEETTA, VIC

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: Land Engineering Agency Test Services relocation, Monegeetta, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RAAF BASE PEARCE REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1, PEARCE, WA

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage 1, Pearce, WA.

Question—put and passed.

12 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS SCHEME) BILL 2007

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. 299, 28 May 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (21) on sheet QH359 and (1) to (17) on sheet PL298 were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

13 EVIDENCE AMENDMENT (JOURNALISTS' PRIVILEGE) BILL 2007

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 McClelland 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 regrets that while the bill confers protection in respect of journalists, the bill fails to acknowledge the need for appropriate protection for whistleblowers and other persons who provide information to journalists”.

Debate continued.

It being 2.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 30 May 2007, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

14 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Albanese, by leave, presented the following document:

Georgetown University Environmental Conference—Office of the Governor (Arnold Schwarzenegger)—Copy of speech, 11 April 2007.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

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

Sorcery of Labor’s spin doctors—Copy of article from the *Australian*, 31 May 2007.

Questions without notice continued.

15 AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 41 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—Administration of the Work for the Dole Programme: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

16 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Expanding Australia’s trade and investment relations with North Africa—Government response, May 2007.

17 DOCUMENTS

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) presented the following documents:

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

18 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2007, 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.

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CLIMATE CHANGE

The House was informed that Mr Swan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to secure Australia’s future economic prosperity through its attitude to climate change”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Swan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Dr Southcott addressing the House—

20 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2007, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 31 May 2007:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemptions—2007 Nos CASA EX20, CASA EX22 [F2007L01287], [F2007L01318].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instrument under subsection 303DC(1)—17 November 2006 [F2007L01467].

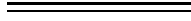
Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determinations under—paragraph 15(1)(a)—2007 Telecommunications (Costs attributable to telecommunications functions and powers) [F2007L01538].

paragraph 15(1)(c)—2007 Telecommunications (Recovery of ITU budget contribution) [F2007L01539]. subsection 14(1)—2007 Telecommunications (Annual carrier licence charge) [F2007L01536].

Telecommunications Act 1997—Variation—2007 Telecommunications (Do not call register) (Telemarketing and research calls) Industry standard (No. 1) [F2007L01546].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baker, Mr Beazley, Ms Corcoran, Ms Hoare, Mr Hunt, Mr Katter, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms Livermore, Mr Macfarlane, Mr McMullan, Ms Plibersek, Mr Sercombe and Mr Turnbull.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 175

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2007-2008—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 Tanner, 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 is of the view that:

- (1) despite record high commodity prices from surging demand from India and China and rising levels of taxation, the Government has failed to secure Australia's long term economic fundamentals and should be condemned for its failure to:
 - (a) address Australia's flagging productivity growth;
 - (b) stem the widening current account deficit and trade deficits;
 - (c) attend to the long term relative decline in education and training investment undercutting workplace productivity;
 - (d) provide national leadership on infrastructure including a high speed national broadband network for the whole country;
 - (e) expand and encourage research and development to move Australian industry and exports up the value-chain; and
 - (f) reform our health system to equip it for a future focused on prevention, early intervention and an ageing population;
- (2) the Government's failure to address the damaging consequences of climate change is endangering Australia's future economic prosperity;
- (3) the Government's extreme industrial relations laws will lower wages and conditions for many workers and do nothing to enhance productivity, participation or economic growth; and
- (4) the Government's Budget documents fail the test of transparency and accountability”—

Debate resumed.

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

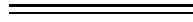
4 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Neville moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 June 2007.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee