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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 176

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 2007

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

2 VICTORIAN LEVEL CROSSING ACCIDENT AND HUNTER VALLEY FLOODS—STATEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement in relation to the recent level crossing accident at Kerang, Victoria, and the flooding in the Hunter region, New South Wales.

Ms Gillard (Acting Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matters.

3 RETURN TO AUSTRALIA OF THE REMAINS OF TWO AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE VIETNAM WAR—STATEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement in relation to the return to Australia of the remains of two Australian soldiers killed in the Vietnam war.

Ms Gillard (Acting Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 3.09 p.m. the Member for Parramatta (Ms Owens) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.10 p.m. the Member for Gorton (Mr B. P. O'Connor) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 42 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—The ATO's administration of debt collection—Micro-business: Australian Taxation Office.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

6 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Crime in the community: Victims, offenders and fear of crime—Government response, 2007.

Migration Act 1958—

Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2006 to 28 February 2007.

Section 440A—Conduct of Refugee Review Tribunal (RRT) reviews not completed within 90 days—Report for the period 1 November 2006 to 28 February 2007.

7 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

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

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Crime in the community: Victims, offenders and fear of crime—Government response, 2007.

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

8 MAIN COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, at the resumption of the Main Committee meeting at approximately 4 p.m. today, the first item of business shall be Members' statements, each for no longer than 3 minutes, with the item of business continuing for 30 minutes irrespective of suspensions for divisions in the House.

Question—put and passed.

9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to develop a comprehensive plan to deliver a national broadband network and the impact of this on regional Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under sessional order No. 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

10 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 12 June 2007, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 524—Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) 2007.

No. 525—Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) 2007.

11 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:

5 June 2007—Message No. 300—Governance Review Implementation (Treasury Portfolio Agencies) 2007.

12 INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Jull (Chair) presented the following document:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Review of the re-listing of Ansar al-Sunna, JeM, LeJ, EIJ, IAA, AAA and IMU as terrorist organisations, June 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Jull and Mr Byrne, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

13 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the bill was read a third time.

14 FISHERIES LEVY AMENDMENT 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the bill was read a third time.

15 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland, 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 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 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 Ruddock (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

16 MIGRATION AMENDMENT (STATUTORY AGENCY) 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Ms Gambaro (Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), the bill was read a third time.

17 FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND OTHER MEASURES) 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 Ms Macklin 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 notes that:

- (1) child care out of pocket costs are increasing five times faster than average prices for all goods and services;
- (2) for the past four years, child care out of pocket costs have increased by more than 12 per cent each year;
- (3) as a result of these increases, child care is becoming less affordable for Australian families;
- (4) despite the international consensus on the benefits of early childhood education, Australia ranks last in the OECD on the percentage of GDP spent on pre-primary education;
- (5) there are currently 100,000 four years olds in Australia that do not attend preschool; and
- (6) the current Government has no policy agenda to provide preschool to all Australian four year olds”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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. 301, 28 May 2007, 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 Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

18 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT (TOWNSHIP LEASING) 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.

Mr Tollner addressing the House—

19 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 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 12 June 2007:

Air Services Act—Air Services Regulations—Instruments—

Airroutes—No. AERU-07-72 [F2007L01621].

Class A Airspace—No. AERU-07-63 [F2007L01612].

Class C Airspace—No. AERU-07-64 [F2007L01613].

Class C Control Zones—No. AERU-07-65 [F2007L01614].

Class D Airspace—No. AERU-07-66 [F2007L01615].

Class D Control Zones—No. AERU-07-67 [F2007L01616].

Class E Airspace—No. AERU-07-68 [F2007L01617].

Class G Airspace—No. AERU-07-69 [F2007L01618].

Controlled Aerodromes—No. AERU-07-71 [F2007L01620].

Flight information areas—No. AERU-07-62 [F2007L01611].

Flight information regions—No. AERU-07-61 [F2007L01608].

General aviation aerodrome procedures (GAAP) control zones—No. AERU-07-70 [F2007L01619].

Australian Research Council Act—Determinations—2007 Nos 47, 48.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Exemptions—2007 Nos CASA EX18, CASA EX19, CASA EX23 [F2007L01284], [F2007L01285], [F2007L01345].

Instructions—2007 No. CASA 143 [F2007L01582].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—
Part 39-105—2007—

7 (2) May [F2007L01596], [F2007L01603].

9 (3) May [F2007L01557], [F2007L01559], [F2007L01560].

14 (2) May [F2007L01585], [F2007L01597].

15 (2) May [F2007L01568], [F2007L01595].

16 (6) May [F2007L01554], [F2007L01555], [F2007L01556], [F2007L01558], [F2007L01561], [F2007L01567].

17 May [F2007L01552].

18 (3) May [F2007L01564], [F2007L01566], [F2007L01594].

22 May [F2007L01578].

24 (2) May [F2007L01574], [F2007L01575].

25 (3) May [F2007L01573], [F2007L01586], [F2007L01601].

Part 39-106—2007—

15 May [F2007L01584].

24 (2) May [F2007L01569], [F2007L01576].

25 (2) May [F2007L01587], [F2007L01589].

29 (2) May [F2007L01541], [F2007L01542].

Corporations Act—Exemption under paragraph 911A(2)(l)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 07/74 [F2007L01580].

Currency Act—Determination—2007 Currency (Perth Mint) (No. 1) [F2007L01553].

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2007 Nos 27, 28, 30.

Home and Community Care Act—Home and community care review agreements with—the Australian Capital Territory, 21 May 2007.

New South Wales, 21 May 2007.

the Northern Territory, 21 May 2007.

Queensland, 21 May 2007.

South Australia, 21 May 2007.

Tasmania, 21 May 2007.

Victoria, 21 May 2007.

Western Australia, 21 May 2007.

Social Security Act—Determinations—2007—

Social security exempt lump sum (Compensation payments in respect of certain World War 2 internments) (DEST) [F2007L01671].

Social security exempt lump sum (Compensation payments in respect of certain World War 2 internments) (DEWR) [F2007L01610].

Social security exempt lump sum (Compensation payments in respect of certain World War 2 internments) (FaCSIA) [F2007L01577].

Taxation Administration Act—

Determination—2007 No. TD 18.

Rulings—

2004—Nos GSTR 1 (Addendum), GSTR 4 (Addendum).

2006—No. PR 129 (Addendum).

2007—

Nos CR 44, CR 45, CR 46, CR 47, CR 48.

Nos PR 3 (Addendum), PR 8 (Addendum), PR 49, PR 50, PR 51.

Nos ST 2387 (Withdrawal), ST 2390 (Withdrawal), ST 2392 (Withdrawal), ST 2393 (Withdrawal), ST 2394 (Withdrawal), ST 2395 (Withdrawal), ST 2396 (Withdrawal), ST 2397 (Withdrawal), ST 2398 (Withdrawal), ST 2399 (Withdrawal), ST 2400 (Withdrawal), ST 2401 (Withdrawal), ST 2402 (Withdrawal), ST 2403 (Withdrawal), ST 2404 (Withdrawal), ST 2406 (Withdrawal), ST 2407 (Withdrawal), ST 2408 (Withdrawal), ST 2409 (Withdrawal), ST 2410 (Withdrawal).

Therapeutic Goods Act—

Notice—2007 Therapeutic Goods (Listing) (No.2) [F2007L01548].

Order under subsection 3(1)—2007 Amendment to the definition of British Pharmacopoeia [F2007L01602].

Trade Practices Act—Consumer Product Safety Standard—2007 Consumer Protection Notice No. 5 [F2007L01537].

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Determination under paragraph 5H(12)(c)—2007 No. R16, 31 May [F2007L01581].



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Grierson, Mr Hunt, Mrs Moylan, Mr Murphy and Mr Rudd.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 176

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.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.

Amendment negatived.

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditure for the services in Schedule 1 be considered in the following order:

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio;
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio;

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio;
Environment and Water Resources Portfolio;
Transport and Regional Services Portfolio;
Defence Portfolio;
Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio;
Human Services Portfolio;
Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio;
Education, Science and Training Portfolio;
Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio;
Health and Ageing Portfolio;
Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio;
Attorney-General's Portfolio;
Defence Portfolio (continued);
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio;
Treasury Portfolio; and
Finance and Administration Portfolio.

Proposed expenditures—

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio, \$4,540,889,000—debated and agreed to.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio, \$745,671,000—debated and agreed to.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.01 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