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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 188

WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2007

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

2 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION) BILL 2007**

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

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Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

3 **NATIONAL GREENHOUSE AND ENERGY REPORTING BILL 2007**

Mr Turnbull (Minister for the Environment and Water Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the reporting and dissemination of information related to greenhouse gas emissions, greenhouse gas projects, energy production and energy consumption, and for other purposes.

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Mr Turnbull presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

Mr Billson (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to defence, and for related purposes.

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Mr Billson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

5 **ADDRESS BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE STEPHEN HARPER, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA**

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), for Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) the House invite the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, to attend and address the House on Tuesday, 11 September 2007, at a time to be notified by the Speaker;

- (2) at this sitting of the House:
- (a) the initial proceedings shall be welcoming remarks by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and an address by the Prime Minister of Canada, after which the sitting of the House automatically shall be suspended until the ringing of the bells and the order of business for the remainder of the sitting shall be in accordance with the provisions for Tuesday in standing order 34 (with the first item being question time);
  - (b) the provisions of standing order 257(c) shall apply to the area of Members' seats as well as the galleries;
- (3) a message be sent to the Senate inviting Senators to attend the House as guests for the welcoming remarks by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and address by the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; and
- (4) any variation to this arrangement be made only by an action by the Speaker or by a motion moved by a Minister.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**6 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT (TERRORIST MATERIAL) 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 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 that the existence of PG-rated terrorist material came to light in April of 2005, and condemns the Attorney-General for taking more than two years to act to protect Australian children from this material, and notes that this bill could have been advanced two years ago;
- (2) notes that it is completely unacceptable for the Attorney-General to sit on his hands for two years while material which exists to brainwash children into acts of terrorism is freely and lawfully distributed in Australia; and
- (3) notes that, under the government's hand-picked Classification Board and Classification Review Board, a situation has evolved where material that openly praises and advocates terrorist acts can be given a rating as low as ‘PG’.

Debate continued.

*Document*

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) presented the following document:

Chronology of events in relation to the review of classifications and the introduction of the Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) Bill 2007.

Debate continued.

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 the bill was read a third time.

**7 AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 S. F. Smith, 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 recognises that the Government has failed to act to address the skills needs of the Australian economy by:

- (1) its continued failure over 11 long years in office to ensure Australians get the training they need for a skilled job and to meet the skills needs of the economy;

- (2) slashing funding to the existing TAFE system, with Commonwealth revenues in vocational education decreasing by 13 per cent from 1997 to 2000 and only increasing by one per cent from 2000 to 2004;
- (3) failing to make the necessary investments in existing vocational education and training infrastructure to create opportunities for young Australians to access high quality vocational education and training in all our secondary schools and in the TAFE system;
- (4) creating an expensive, inefficient, and duplicative network of stand alone Australian Technical Colleges, without cooperation or consultation with the States within the existing Vocational Education and Training framework;
- (5) appropriating more than half a billion dollars for 28 Colleges that will produce 10,000 graduates by 2010 when by the Government's own estimates there will be a shortage of 200,000 skilled workers over the next five years;
- (6) failing to provide opportunities for young people interested in pursuing vocational education and trades training who do not live near the 28 Australian Technical Colleges; and
- (7) not recognising that a broad approach covering all of Australia's 2650 secondary schools and the 1.2 million students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 is needed to meet Australia's future skills needs"—

Debate resumed.

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 being asked—

*Document*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following document:

"I paid poll rival, says Labor MP"—Article from *The Australian*, 29 November 2000.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Member directed to leave*

At 3.08 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.

## 9 DOCUMENT

Mr M. J. Ferguson, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Federal Labor's vision for rail in a national intermodal transport system—Address by Mr M. J. Ferguson to the Australian Rail Summit, Sydney, 18 July 2007.

## 10 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

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

Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent for 2007-2008.

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

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statement—Personal identifiers 200/07 to 214/07.

Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 200/07 to 214/07.

Treaties—

*Explanatory statements*—

1 of 2007—Amendment, adopted at Christchurch in November 2006, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) of 19 June 2001.

2 of 2007—Amendments, done at Anchorage, Alaska 28-31 May 2007, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946.

3 of 2007—Amendment, adopted at Paris on 7 February 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005.

4 of 2007—Amendment to Annex 2-B (United States Tariff Schedule) of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) of 18 May 2004.

*Multilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—*

Patent Law Treaty, done at Geneva on 1 June 2000.

Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks adopted at Singapore on 27 March 2006.

#### 11 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

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

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

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

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statement—Personal identifiers 200/07 to 214/07.

Report by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 200/07 to 214/07.

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

#### 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WORKING FAMILIES

The House was informed that Mr Rudd (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's focus on itself rather than governing Australia in the interests of working families".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

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

#### 13 HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following documents:

Health and Ageing—Standing Committee—Review of Auditor-General's Report No. 19 (2006-2007): Administration of State and Territory compliance with the Australian Health Care Agreements—

Report, August 2007.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

#### 14 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following documents:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at the Woden Town Centre (6th report of 2007).

Royal Malaysian Air Force Base Butterworth, Malaysia—Australian Defence Force facilities rationalisation (7th report of 2007).

RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage one, Pearce, Western Australia (8th report of 2007).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

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

**15 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 Hizballah's External Security Organisation (ESO), July 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

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

**16 AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2007—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

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

**17 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) AMENDMENT BILL 2007—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

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

**18 MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

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Bill agreed to.

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

**19 AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 S. F. Smith (see item No. 7, page 2072)*—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs B. K. Bishop, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 79

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

## NOES, 54

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 328, 8 August 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 Robb (Minister for Vocational and Further Education), the bill was read a third time.

**20 FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER 2007 BUDGET 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) the cost of living pressures are on older Australians are increasing;
- (2) families are facing skyrocketing child care costs, higher mortgage repayments after 5 interest rate rises since the last election, and increases in the cost of groceries; and
- (3) early intervention support for parents can provide significant benefits for their children’s start in life”.

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. 331, 21 June 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.

## 21 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (EXTENDING FEE-HELP FOR VET DIPLOMA AND VET ADVANCED DIPLOMA COURSES) 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 having been resumed by Mr S. F. Smith—

## 22 ADJOURNMENT

It being past 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 15 August 2007:

Australian War Memorial Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 238 [F2007L02340].

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

11 July [F2007L02567].

17 July [F2007L02564].

20 (5) July [F2007L02563], [F2007L02565], [F2007L02568], [F2007L02569], [F2007L02570].

8 August [F2007L02481].

13 August [F2007L02573].

Customs Act—

Orders—

Tariff Concession—2007—

6 (2) July [F2007L02489], [F2007L02493].

13 (2) July [F2007L02497], [F2007L02501].

20 (11) July [F2007L02534], [F2007L02535], [F2007L02536], [F2007L02539], [F2007L02541],

[F2007L02545], [F2007L02546], [F2007L02548], [F2007L02549], [F2007L02550], [F2007L02551].

23 (2) July [F2007L02512], [F2007L02533].

27 (5) July [F2007L02520], [F2007L02521], [F2007L02522], [F2007L02523], [F2007L02525].

3 (4) August [F2007L02526], [F2007L02527], [F2007L02528], [F2007L02529].

6 August [F2007L02530].

Tariff Concession Revocation—2007—20 (4) July [F2007L02552], [F2007L02553][F2007L02558], [F2007L02559].

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 234 [F2007L02476].

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2007 No. 53.

Electronic Transactions Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 235 [F2007L02443].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Directions under section 32—2007-2008—Nos 3, 4 [F2007L02544], [F2007L02543].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instrument—2007 Travel agents for PRC citizens applying for tourist visas, No. IMMI 07/059 [F2007L02581].

National Environment Protection Council Act—National Environment Protection Measure—National Pollutant Inventory—Variation—No. 1, 2 June 2007 [F2007L02572].

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2007 Nos 230, 231 [F2007L02466], [F2007L02474].

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 232 [F2007L02465].

Social Security Act—Determinations—2007—

Social security (Personal care support—direct payments project) (DEWR)—30 July [F2007L02555].

Social security (Personal care support—direct payments project) (FaCSIA)—16 July [F2007L02532].

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#### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Ms Hoare and Mr Sercombe.

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives



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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 188

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST 2007

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements being made and a petition presented—

*Document*

Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented the following document:

Establishment of a Medicare Office co-located with Centrelink in Hastings, Victoria—Out of order petition.

Members' statements continued.

3 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2007**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

*Document*

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr M. J. Ferguson 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 condemns the Government for creating an exemption mechanism for senior dignitaries rather than using the case by case mechanism already existing for security screening and calls on the Government to:

- (1) consult further with the aviation industry and unions and take into account their advice before exercising the power to exempt any senior dignitaries from security screening;
- (2) consult further with the aviation industry and unions and take into account their advice regarding the practical implementation of the proposed drug and alcohol management and testing regime;
- (3) stop making excuses and fix the dangers identified in the Sir John Wheeler's Independent Review of Airport Security and Policing;
- (4) consult fully with stakeholders in the drafting of all relevant regulations subsequent to the passage of the bill; and
- (5) expand the powers of Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI), so that it can oversee the police-like activities undertaken by Customs”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION AND ACCESS) 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.

*Document*

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) presented a replacement explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

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.

**5 MARITIME 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 by Mr M. J. Ferguson, 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 condemns the Government for neglecting the skills, training and certification crisis in the maritime industry over the last eleven years and calls on the Government to:

- (1) ensure the AMC has an independent chair;
- (2) include industry stakeholders in the development of the AMC Business Plan following the integration; and
- (3) act as a matter of urgency to consult with industry employers, unions, training institutions, AMSA, the industry skills council and State and Territory governments to:
  - (a) ensure the availability of suitable maritime training and skills development arrangements to meet the skills needs of the maritime industry;
  - (b) ensure there is a coordinated approach to resourcing and delivery of maritime training across all maritime training institutions;
  - (c) ensure that any bottlenecks in the distribution of resources to maritime training be resolved, aimed at ensuring training expenditure is allocated to regions and to projects having the greatest demand for seafaring skills;
  - (d) assist in expediting industry research on reconciling data on maritime industry skills supply and demand with the capacity of training institutions to deliver relevant training;
  - (e) review the charter, management and focus of the Australian Maritime College to ensure it is responsive to the needs of the Australian and regional maritime industry;
  - (f) develop a nationally coordinated scheme to ensure that both private and public shipping assets are harnessed in an effort to maximise opportunities for maritime trainees to gain sea time as a necessary part of acquiring a maritime qualification; and
  - (g) consult with regional Governments on the most appropriate ways to involve regional nations in the training and skill formation strategies for the offshore oil and gas industry, to assist in meeting Australia’s skills needs and to facilitate skills transfer as a part of Australia’s commitment to regional development”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

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.

**6 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT (OHS) 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.

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

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Jackie Kelly, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.55 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