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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 196

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 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 CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY BILL 2007

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to give effect to the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, and for related 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.

3 TRADEX SCHEME AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Mr Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tradex Scheme Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Macfarlane 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 FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONSOLIDATION) BILL 2007

Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws in order to respond to the Northern Territory's national emergency, and for other 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.

5 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (TAXATION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2007

Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Dutton presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Dutton 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.

6 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (DISABILITY, WAR WIDOW AND WAR WIDOWER PENSIONS) BILL 2007

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Document

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 Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 RAAF BASE AMBERLEY REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 3, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 3, Queensland.

Question—put and passed.

8 CSIRO COLLOCATION WITH QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT ON THE ECOSCIENCES AND HEALTH AND FOOD SCIENCES PRECINCTS, BRISBANE, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: CSIRO collocation with Queensland Government on the Ecosciences and Health and Food Sciences precincts, Brisbane, Queensland.

Question—put and passed.

9 C-17 HEAVY AIRLIFT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: C-17 Heavy Airlift Infrastructure Project.

Question—put and passed.

10 INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Jull (Chair) presented the following document:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into the proscription of 'terrorist organisations' under the Australian Criminal Code—Report, September 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

11 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Slipper (Chair) presented the following documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Older people and the law—Report, September 2007.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Slipper and Mr Murphy, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Slipper 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.

Mr Slipper, by leave, moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

12 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett, by leave, moved—That the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2007 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

13 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Draper (Chair) presented the following documents:

Publications Committee—Printing standards for documents presented to Parliament—Report, September 2007.

Evidence received by the Committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mrs Draper and Mr Adams, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

14 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mrs Draper (Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 16 August 2007, recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report and recommendations to the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 69—Alcoota Land Claim No. 146.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2006-07.

Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2005-06.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—No. 37—Report of an inquiry into Dr Julie Copeman's complaint that Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service terminated her employment on the basis of her trade union activity (and corrections).

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4 for 2006-07.

Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2005-06.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 2006-07.

Witness Protection Act 1994—Report on the operation of the National Witness Protection Program for 2006-07.

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

15 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 89: Treaties tabled on 7 August 2007—Report, September 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Dr Southcott and Mr Wilkie, by leave, made statements 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.

16 NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY 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 Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), the bill was read a third time.

17 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—*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:

- (1) welcomes the extension of FEE-HELP but notes it has been unnecessarily restricted by requiring eligible providers to be corporate entities thereby excluding more than 7,000 VET students in Queensland TAFE Institutes, and secondly by limiting eligibility to those courses that give credit for higher education or University qualifications; and
- (2) notes the Senate Inquiry into this legislation also shared Labor’s concerns through their recommendation that the Government consider the practical examples raised regarding the exclusion of the vocational graduate certificate and vocational graduate diploma to ensure the legislation adequately meets its stated objectives”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Messages from the Governor-General

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 350, 8 August 2007, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill; and

No. 351, 12 September 2007, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Farmer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Farmer, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (7) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Farmer, the bill was read a third time.

18 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 19 September 2007, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 616—Higher Education Endowment Fund 2007.

No. 617—Higher Education Endowment Fund (Consequential Amendments) 2007.

19 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 6) 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 (Ms King), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

20 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (DISABILITY, WAR WIDOW AND WAR WIDOWER PENSIONS) BILL 2007—RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, moved—That the resolution of the House agreed to at this sitting making the second reading of the Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Disability, War Widow and War Widower Pensions) Bill 2007 an order of the day for the next sitting, be rescinded and that the second reading of the bill be made an order of the day for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

21 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (DISABILITY, WAR WIDOW AND WAR WIDOWER PENSIONS) 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. 352, 18 September 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 Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

22 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION 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 Gambaro (Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

23 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS) 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 Gambaro (Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

24 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr Baird presented the following document:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Australia's aid program in the Pacific—Report, September 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Baird and Mr Sercombe, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Sercombe 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.

25 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:

17 September 2007—Message No. 353—Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) 2007.

26 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2007

Message No. 618, 20 September 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 5) Bill 2007 with an amendment.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered immediately.

On the motion of Ms Gambaro (Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), the amendment was agreed to.

27 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2007 MEASURES NO. 6) 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.

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.

28 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Dr Nelson (Minister for Defence), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the Minister for Defence making a ministerial statement immediately relating to the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap; and
- (2) the Minister for Defence presenting a copy of his statement, a motion being moved to take note of the document and an equal period of time for an Opposition Member speaking to the motion to take note of the document.

Question—put and passed.

29 JOINT DEFENCE FACILITY PINE GAP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Dr Nelson (Minister for Defence) made a ministerial statement on the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap and presented the following document:

Statement by the Minister for Defence, the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, MP—Statement on the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap, 20 September 2007.

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

Debate ensued.

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

30 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Documents

Mr Kerr, in accordance with standing order 201, having called for documents quoted from by Mr Costello (Treasurer)—

Mr Costello presented the following documents:

Kev's affair to remember—Article from *Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 September 2007.

Wayne Swan—Doorstop interview—Parliament House, Canberra—Thursday 20 September 2007.

Questions without notice continuing—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Costello (Treasurer), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition detailing to the House his smear allegation against the Prime Minister, the Liberal Party and the Government.

Member directed to leave

At 3.09 p.m. the Member for Oxley (Mr Ripoll) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for persistent interjection, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate ensued.

Mr Rudd (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House repudiates the consistent, negative, year-long campaign by the Government against the Opposition, rather than advancing its own positive plans for Australia’s future”.

Debate continued.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended to enable debate continuing until 3.34 p.m. and the Prime Minister being called to speak for a period not exceeding 10 minutes.

Member named and suspended

The Speaker named the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese) for defying the Chair.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Grayndler be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 83

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

NOES, 54

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	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	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.40 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 94, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Mr Abbott withdrew his motion to suspend standing and sessional orders.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister speaking without interruption for 10 minutes on the question that the words proposed to be omitted by the Leader of the Opposition stand part of the question.

Debate ensued.

Closure

Mr Abbott moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 83

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

NOES, 54

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders moved by Mr Abbott be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) addressed the House.

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

NOES, 52

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for suspension of standing and sessional orders moved by Mr Costello be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr Rudd addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Abbott requiring the question to be put immediately without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Rudd continued to address the House.

Questions without notice concluded.

31 DOCUMENT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 2006-07.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

32 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2007-08.

Medibank Private—Statement of corporate intent 2008 to 2010.

National Security Information (Criminal and Civil Proceedings) Act—Non-disclosure and witness exclusion certificates—Reports for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07.

33 DOCUMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) presented the following documents:

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

34 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until 12.30 p.m. on Monday, 15 October 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.

35 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE PROSPERITY

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 need for fresh thinking and new leadership to secure Australia’s future prosperity”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd rising to address the House—

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Ms Ley	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	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
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Mr Causley	Mrs Hull*	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	

NOES, 44

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Hayes	Mr Price*
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Jenkins	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Edwards	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Emerson	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

36 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 20 September 2007, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 619—Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Terrorist Material) 2007.

No. 620—Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Disability Assistance) 2007.

No. 621—Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2007 Budget Measures) 2007.

No. 622—Social Security Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures for Students) 2007.

No. 623—Superannuation Legislation Amendment 2007.

No. 624—Financial Framework Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2007.

No. 625—Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment (No. 2) 2007.

37 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. on Monday, 15 October 2007, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 20 September 2007:

Australian Communications and Media Authority Act—Determinations—2007—Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment (No. 3) [F2007L03648].

Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Amendment (No. 2) [F2007L03650].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2007 Confidentiality No. 13, 12 September [F2007L03727].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2007 17 (3) September [F2007L03731], [F2007L03732], [F2007L03733].

Defence Act—Determination under subsection 58B(1)—2007 Defence (Employer support payments) Amendment (No. 1).

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—2007 Export control (Fees) Amendment Orders (No. 2) [F2007L03665].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Net Appropriation Agreements under section 31—2007—

17 July [F2007L03666].

6 September [F2007L03664].

Gene Technology Act—Determination under section 72B—2007 18 September [F2007L03766].

Health Insurance Act—Determinations under subsection 3(1)—2007 Nos HIB 13, HIB 14, HIB 15, HIB 16, HIB 17, HIB 18, HIB 19 [F2007L03696], [2007L03697], [2007L03698], [2007L03700], [2007L03701], [2007L003703], [2007L03705].

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Determinations—2007—

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 29/00—Side door strength) 2006 Amendment 1 [F2007L03749].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule—Definitions and vehicle categories) 2005 Amendment 3 [F2007L03748].

Natural Heritage Trust of Australia Act and the Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—The Natural Heritage Trust and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality—Extension to bilateral agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of New South Wales to 30 June 2008.

Natural Resources Management (Financial Assistance) Act—The National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality—Extension to bilateral agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of—

Queensland to 30 June 2008.

South Australia to 30 June 2008.

Tasmania to 30 June 2008.

Victoria to 30 June 2008.

Private Health Insurance Act—Rules—2007 Benefit requirements (No. 3) [F2007L03707].

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determination—2007 Radiocommunications (Transmitter licence tax) Amendment (No. 3) [F2007L03651].

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 277 [F2007L03751].

Social Security Act—Determinations—2007—

Social security (Personal care support—direct payments project) (DEST)—12 September [F2007L03686].

Social security exempt lump sum (Queensland Government Redress Scheme) (DEST)—14 September [F2007L03723].

Social security exempt lump sum (Queensland Government Redress Scheme) (DEWR)—6 September [F2007L03631].

Social security exempt lump sum (Queensland Government Redress Scheme) (FaCSIA)—6 September [F2007L03594].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Ms A. E. Burke, Ms Hoare and Mr Lindsay.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

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

Document

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS) BILL 2007 2007**

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

Document

Mr Pyne (Minister for Ageing) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

Debate ensued.

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 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—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 Baird—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 17 September 2007*), viz.—

Economics, Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Review of the Reserve Bank of Australia Annual Report 2006 (Second report)—Report, September 2007—

Debate resumed.

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

6 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Document

Mr Murphy, by leave, presented the following document:

Introduce health warning labels on alcohol products—Petition from certain citizens of Australia within the electorate of Lowe.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.11 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2007.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee