

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2008

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

2 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2008 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 2008**

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

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

3 **RESERVE BANK AMENDMENT (ENHANCED INDEPENDENCE) BILL 2008**

Mr Swan (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Reserve Bank Act 1959*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 2008**

Mr Crean (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Market Development Grants Act 1997*, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

5 **CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1999 MONTREAL CONVENTION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008**

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to aviation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Albanese presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Truss—Leader of the Nationals), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE) BILL 2008

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to give effect to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Albanese presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill and to the Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

7 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make amendments consequential on the enactment of the *Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage) Act 2008*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

8 SYDNEY AIRPORT DEMAND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2008

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Albanese presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NEW GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2008

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about fisheries, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr A. S. Burke presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr A. S. Burke moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

10 AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET AMENDMENT (MINOR AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008

Mr M. J. Ferguson (Minister for Resources and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to gas, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr M. J. Ferguson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

11 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (STRENGTHENING BORDER CONTROLS) BILL 2008

Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Debus presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MODERNISING) BILL 2008

Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to customs, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Debus presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

13 REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF APARTMENTS—AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COMPLEX, TOKYO, JAPAN—APPROVAL OF WORK

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: Refurbishment of staff apartments—Australian Embassy complex, Tokyo, Japan.

Question—put and passed.

14 HMAS CRESWELL REDEVELOPMENT, JERVIS BAY TERRITORY—APPROVAL OF WORK

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

Question—put and passed.

15 LAND ENGINEERING AGENCY TEST SERVICES RELOCATION, MONEGEETTA, VIC—APPROVAL OF WORK

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), 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: Land Engineering Agency test services relocation, Monegeetta, Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

16 PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Raguse (Chair) presented the following documents:

Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests—

Report concerning the operations of the Committee of Members' Interests during 2007, March 2008.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

17 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT

Mr Hawker presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the sixteenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Auckland, New Zealand, 20 to 25 January 2008—Report, March 2008.

18 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Hayes (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 12 February 2008, recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 2006-07.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2006-07.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2006-07.

Administrative Review Council—Report for 2006-07.

Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act, incorporating a correction.

Aged Care Commissioner—Report for the period 1 May to 30 June 2007, and final report of the Commissioner for Complaints (Aged care) for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2006-07.

Airservices Australia—Report for 2006-07.

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 2006-07.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2006-07.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2006-07.

Australia Council—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report for the period 30 December 2006 to 30 June 2007.

Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—

Telstra's compliance with price control arrangements—Report for the period 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2007.

Report for 2006-07, incorporating report of the Australian Energy Regulator.

Australian Crime Commission—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2006-07.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Fair Pay Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Federal Police—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Film Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Film Television and Radio School—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Hearing—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2006-07.
Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—
Australia's welfare 2007.
Report for 2006-07.
Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Law Reform Commission—Reports—
No. 106—Report for 2006-07.
No. 107—Privilege in perspective: Client legal privilege in federal investigations.
Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2006-07, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner.
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Research Council—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Reward Investment Alliance—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2006-07.
Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Bankruptcy Act 1966—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act.
Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2006-07.
Centrelink—Report for 2006-07.
Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 2006-07.
Comcare—Report for 2006-07.

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 2006-07.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2006-07.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2006-07.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—
Report for 2006-07.

State revenue sharing relativities—2008 update, incorporating a corrigendum.

Commonwealth Ombudsman—
Report for 2006-07.

Report for 2006-07 on the Ombudsman's activities in monitoring controlled operations conducted by the Australian Crime Commission, Australian Federal Police and Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity.

Report for 30 December 2006 to 30 June 2007 on the Ombudsman's activities under Part V of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*.

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)—Report for 2006-07.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2006-07.

Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.

Crimes Act 1914—Controlled operations—Report for 2006-07.

CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2006-07.

Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for 2006-07.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2006-07.

Defence Housing Australia—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Defence—Reports for 2006-07—
Volume 1—Department of Defence.
Volume 2—Defence Materiel Organisation.

Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2006-07—
Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Human Services—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2006-07, incorporating an erratum.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Parliamentary Services—Report for 2006-07.

Department of the Environment and Water Resources—Reports for 2006-07—
Volume 1—Department of the Environment and Water Resources.
Volume 2—Legislation.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2006-07.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2006-07.

Department of Transport and Regional Services—Report for 2006-07.

Director of National Parks—Report for 2006-07.

Employment Advocate—Report for 2006-07.

Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act.

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2006-07.
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Family Court of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Family Law Council—Report for 2006-07.
Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Federal Magistrates Court of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Film Australia Limited—Report for 2006-07.
Financial Reporting Council, Australian Accounting Standards Board and Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Report for 2006-07.
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2006-07.
Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Freedom of Information Act 1982—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act.
Future Fund—Report for 2006-07.
Gene Technology Regulator—Report for 2006-07.
Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Health Services Australia (HSA Group)—Report for 2006-07.
High Court of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—
Report for 2006-07.
Reports—
No. 38—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr Frank Ottaviano of discrimination in employment on the basis of criminal record against South Australia Police (State of South Australia).
No. 39—Complaint by Mr Huong Nguyen and Mr Austin Okoye against the Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Immigration and Citizenship, formerly the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs) and GSL (Australia) Pty Ltd.
Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 2006-07.
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2006-07.
Inspector-General of Taxation—Report for 2006-07.
International Air Services Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Land and Water Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Medibank Private—Report for 2006-07.
Medicare Australia—Report for 2006-07.
Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2006-07.
Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2006-07.
Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2006-07.
National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2006-07.
National Blood Authority—Report for 2006-07.
National Capital Authority—Report for 2006-07.
National Competition Council—Report for 2006-07.
National Environment Protection Council—Report for 2006-07

National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for the period 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2007.
National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2006-07.
National Library of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
National Museum of Australia—Report for 2006-07.
National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2006-07.
National Residue Survey—Report for 2006-07.
National Transport Commission—Report for 2006-07.
National Water Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Native Title Act 1993—Native title representative bodies—Reports for 2006-07—
Central Land Council.
Northern Land Council.
Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2005-06.
Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2006-07
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2006-07.
Office of Workplace Services—Report for 2006-07.
Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2006-07.
Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Privacy Act 1988—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act.
Private Health Insurance Administration Council—
Report for 2006-07.
Report for 2006-07 on the operations of the private health insurers, incorporating a correction.
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2006-07.
Productivity Commission—
Report for 2006-07.
Report No. 42—Safeguards inquiry into the import of pigmeat: Accelerated report.
Professional Services Review—Report for 2006-07.
Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2006-07.
Renewable Energy Regulator—Financial Report for 2006-07.
Repatriation Commission, National Treatment Monitoring Committee and Department of Veterans' Affairs—Reports for 2006-07.
Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—Report pursuant to section 47B, December 2007.
Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2006-07.
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2006-07.
Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004—
Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2006.
Screenrights—Report for 2006-07.
Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2006-07.
Services Trust Funds—Report for 2006-07.
Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2006-07.
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2006-07.
Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2006-07.
Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act.
Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2006-07.
Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2006-07.

Tourism Australia—Report for 2006-07.

Venture Capital Registration Board—Report for 2006-07.

Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2006-07.

War Crimes Act 1945—Report for 2006-07 on the operation of the Act.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2006-07, including State of the Wet Tropics report for 2006-07.

CHRIS HAYES

Chair

20 March 2008

On the motion of Mr Hayes, by leave, the report was agreed to.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 22, 19 March 2008, from the Senate was reported informing the House that Senator Eggleston had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and Senator Payne had been appointed a member of the committee.

20 FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONSOLIDATION) BILL 2008

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 Abbott who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House questions the approach reflected in this bill and:

- (1) calls on the federal Government to impose a blanket ban on all pornographic material in prescribed areas;
- (2) calls on the federal Government to prohibit the transport of pornographic material through any prescribed area; and
- (3) urges the federal Government to leave in place the permit system amendments that have enabled access to public land”.

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.

21 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Documents

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) presented the following documents:

Beijing AustChina Technology Ltd—Australian Government support for an Australian company—Copies of letters from—

Mr Peter Osborne, Australian Embassy Beijing, to Mr Wang Qishan, Mayor of Beijing.

Senator Alston (Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) to Mr P. Smith, Beijing AustChina Technology Ltd, 29 July 2002.

Mr Martin Walsh, Australian Embassy Beijing, to Mr Ian Tang, Beijing AustChina Technology Ltd, 25 June 2002.

Mr Paul Sanda, Australian Embassy Beijing, to Mr Ian Tang, Beijing AustChina Technology Ltd, 27 March 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

Mr Katter, by leave, presented the following document:

Fuel—Photograph of Mr Katter at an overseas fuel bowser.

Questions without notice continued.

22 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports for 2007—

Native title.

Social justice.

AusAID—Office of Development Effectiveness—Annual review of development effectiveness for 2007.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 October to 31 December 2007.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on Indian Ocean Territories 2007.

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and *Life Insurance Act 1995*—Review of the income tax exemption for structured settlements—

Report by Alan Cameron, December 2007.

Government response.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Quarterly report on movement cap for Sydney airport for the period 1 October to 31 December 2007.

23 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), by leave, made a ministerial statement on Regional Development Australia.

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Mr Albanese, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Cobb speaking for a period not exceeding 6 ½ minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Cobb addressed the House.

24 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

The House was informed that Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The adverse impact of the Government’s policies on rural and regional Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Truss addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Documents

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented the following documents:

Griffith, New South Wales—Visits by the former Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—

The Area News—Front page, 9 May 2005.

Directions from Parliament House, Canberra, to Griffith, New South Wales—Map and key sourced from www.whereis.com.

Discussion continued.

Mr Cobb addressing the House—

25 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

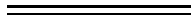
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.58 p.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 May 2008.

DOCUMENTS

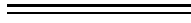
The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 20 March 2008:

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Determination of reporting standards under section 13—2008 Nos 45, 46, 47, 52, 53, 54 [F2008L00484], [F2008L00486], [F2008L00512], [F2008L00519], [F2008L00520], [F2008L00521].



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Billson, Mr Bowen, Ms K. M. Ellis, Mr Georganas, Ms Grierson, Mr Kerr, Mrs May, Mr Neville, Mr Tuckey, Ms Vamvakinou and Mr Zappia.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 15

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **LANDS ACQUISITION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2008**

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 the question on the report to be put immediately.

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

4 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT (ASSESSMENTS AND ADVERTISING) BILL 2008**

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 the question on the report to be put immediately.

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

5 **CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY BILL 2008**

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

Document

Dr Emerson (Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Dr Emerson 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.

6 **FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL DECISIONS) BILL 2008**

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

Document

Dr Emerson (Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Dr Emerson 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.

7 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, express our loyalty to the Sovereign, and thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Parliament—

Debate resumed.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Document

Ms Hall, by leave, presented the following document:

Post Office for Jewells—(*Receipt of document as a petition subject to approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions*).

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 May 2008.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee