

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2008

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

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Documents

Mr Billson, in accordance with standing order 201, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Bowen (Assistant Treasurer)—

Mr Bowen presented the following document:

Petrol prices and Australian consumers—Report of the ACCC inquiry into the price of unleaded petrol—Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, December 2007.

Questions without notice continuing—

Prime Minister—Motion of censure

Dr Nelson (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for letting down Australians struggling to make ends meet with the high cost of petrol, in particular for:

- (1) supporting a Treasurer who is so obviously out of touch that he declared yesterday ‘Australians are happy with the Budget’ when the pain of rising fuel costs is being felt across the community;
- (2) the Prime Minister’s admission that he has “done as much as we physically can to provide additional help to the family budget” when he refused to address the immediate pressure of fuel costs to the household and business budget;
- (3) the truth, now exposed by one of the Government’s most senior cabinet ministers, that FuelWatch is ‘FoolWatch’ and will kill off competition in the retail fuel sector, will send small business to the wall and will actually increase the cost of fuel;
- (4) mis-handling the treatment of fuel and GST matters in the Government’s tax review that exposes its lack of economic experience; but most of all,
- (5) quitting after less than six months in the job, when what people need most is a Prime Minister who doesn’t give up when the going gets tough and delivers on his promise to bring down the cost of petrol.

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House supports the Government’s creation of a National FuelWatch Scheme as announced by the Government on 15 April 2008 and foreshadowed in the report of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) into the price of unleaded petrol in December 2007, with the following characteristics:

- (1) under the National FuelWatch Scheme, petrol stations in metropolitan and major regional centres will be required to:
 - (a) notify the ACCC of their next day’s prices by 2 p.m. the day before;
 - (b) maintain this advised price for a 24 hour period; and

- (c) apply the scheme to unleaded petrol, premium unleaded petrol, LPG, diesel, 98 RON and biodiesel blends;
- (2) the extension of this scheme outside of metropolitan areas and major regional centres will be subject to negotiation between the ACCC and local Government authorities in rural areas. Rural local authorities will be able to opt in to the National FuelWatch Scheme—as they can under the WA FuelWatch model; and
- (3) the petrol price information collected from these petrol stations will be made available to consumers through:
 - (a) an email and SMS alert service informing subscribed consumers details of the cheapest fuel in their area;
 - (b) a national toll free number where motorists can locate the cheapest petrol in the area they are looking to purchase fuel; and
 - (c) a National FuelWatch website with station by station, day by day and suburb by suburb petrol price information; and

further, that this House supports FuelWatch as the most effective tool to empower motorists with their fuel purchasing decisions, leading to real benefits for motorists including:

- (1) the ability for motorists under a National FuelWatch Scheme to find and access with certainty the cheapest petrol prices;
- (2) the downward pressure in prices as a result of introducing FuelWatch with an independent analysis conducted by the ACCC concluding that petrol prices were on average 1.9 cents per litre less under Western Australia's FuelWatch Scheme;
- (3) the convenience of motorists being able to find the cheapest petrol via the FuelWatch website, or by SMS or email alerts; and
- (4) addressing the information imbalance in the retail petrol market as outlined by the ACCC's Petrol Pricing Report, a report and inquiry commissioned by the previous government".

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 59

Mr Abbott	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr Simpkins
Mr Baldwin	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Slipper
Mr Billson	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Mr Somlyay
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Dr Nelson	Dr Southcott
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Dr Stone
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Truss
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	Mr Tuckey
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Randall	Mr Turnbull
Mr Coulton	Mr Laming	Mr Robb	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Downer	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Dutton	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock	Dr Washer
Mr Farmer	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Schultz	Mr Wood
Mr Georgiou	Ms Marino	Mr Scott	

NOES, 80

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Mrs Irwin	Ms Rea
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms Jackson	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	Dr Kelly	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bidgood	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Dr Emerson	Mr McClelland	Ms Saffin
Mr Bradbury	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms McKew	Mr Shorten
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Butler	Mr Garrett	Mr Marles	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Sullivan
Ms Campbell	Ms George	Ms Neal	Mr Swan
Mr Champion	Mr Gibbons	Mr Neumann	Mr Symon
Mr Cheeseman	Ms Gillard	Mr B. P. J. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Clare	Mr Gray	Ms Owens	Mr C. R. Thomson
Ms Collins	Ms Grierson	Ms Parke	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Combet	Mr Griffin	Mr Perrett	Mr Trevor
Mr Crean	Mr Hale	Ms Plibersek	Mr Turnour
Mr Danby	Ms Hall*	Mr Price	Ms Vamvakinou
Mrs D'Ath	Mr Hayes*	Mr Raguse	Mr Zappia

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—stated.

Mr Hockey rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Point of order

Mr Hockey having raised as a point of order that he had the call—

Speaker's ruling

The Speaker ruled that standing order 81 stipulated that the closure of a question could be moved when a Member was addressing the House.

Dissent from ruling moved

Mr Hockey moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 1 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 57

Mr Abbott	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Mirabella	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mr Pearce	Dr Stone
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Dr Jensen	Mr Ramsey	Mr Tuckey
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson*	Mr Randall	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Costello	Mr Laming	Mr Robert	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Coulton	Ms Ley	Mr Ruddock	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	Mr Wood
Mr Dutton	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Scott	
Mr Farmer	Ms Marino	Mr Secker	
Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Simpkins	

NOES, 81

Mr Adams	Mr Dreyfus	Dr Kelly	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mrs Elliot	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Mr Bidgood	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Ms Bird	Dr Emerson	Ms McKew	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bowen	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms Macklin	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bradbury	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Cheeseman	Mr Gray	Ms Parke	Mr Trevor
Mr Clare	Ms Grierson	Mr Perrett	Mr Turnour
Ms Collins	Mr Griffin	Ms Plibersek	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Combet	Mr Hale	Mr Price	Mr Windsor
Mr Crean	Ms Hall*	Mr Raguse	Mr Zappia
Mr Danby	Mr Hayes*	Ms Rea	
Mrs D'Ath	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Debus	Ms Jackson	Ms Rishworth	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms Jackson	Mr Ripoll
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Mr Dutton	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Scott	
Mr Georgiou	Ms Marino	Mr Secker	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.

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

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Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms Jackson	Mr Ripoll
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Mrs Irwin	Ms Rea
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms Jackson	Mr Ripoll
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Mr Dutton	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Scott	
Mr Georgiou	Ms Marino	Mr Secker	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Questions without notice continued.

3 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:

Australian Communications and Media Authority—Performance Report—National Relay Service, 2006-07.

4 AUSTRALIA-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Crean (Minister for Trade), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech

Mr Crean, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Macfarlane speaking for a period not exceeding 14 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Macfarlane addressed the House.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FUELWATCH

The House was informed that Mr Hartsuyker had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of FuelWatch to provide cheaper petrol for motorists”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Hartsuyker addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under standing order 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

6 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) 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 Hartsuyker), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY AND MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE) BILL 2008

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

Document

Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

8 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE THRESHOLDS) BILL 2008

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

Document

Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the order of the day for the resumption of debate on the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General had been returned to the House from the Main Committee, and presented a certified copy of the report.

Question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to—put and passed.

10 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved— That, unless otherwise ordered, at the adjournment of the House for this sitting, the following bills stand referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Appropriation (No. 1) 2008-2009;

Appropriation (No. 2) 2008-2009;

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 1) 2008-2009;

Appropriation (No. 5) 2007-2008; and

Appropriation (No. 6) 2007-2008.

Question—put and passed.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2008-2009

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 Randall, by leave, presented the following document:

Regional Partnerships Program—Non-funding of approved projects—Various correspondence.

Mr Randall addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

It being 8.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr O'Connor (Minister for Employment Participation) requiring the question to be put immediately without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT

Mr McMullan (Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.01 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mr Forrest, Mr Irons, Ms King*, Mr Murphy and Mr Neville.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements being made—

Document

Ms A. E. Burke, by leave, presented the following document:

Cluster bombs—(*Receipt of document as a petition subject to approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions*).

Members' statements continuing—

Suspension of meeting

At 4.16 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 4.30 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Members' statements continued.

3 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—

Mr Hayes moved that further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

4 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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.

Suspension of meeting

At 4.58 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 5.33 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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 DEATH OF LANCE CORPORAL JASON MARKS—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Prime Minister—That the House record its deep regret at the death on 27 April 2008 of Lance Corporal Jason Marks while on combat operations in Afghanistan and place on record its appreciation of his service to the country and tender its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

Mr Butler moved that further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

6 DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN NORMAN BUTTON—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Prime Minister—That the House record its deep regret at the death on 8 April 2008 of the Honourable John Norman Button, former Federal Minister and Senator for Victoria, and place on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tender its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

Mr Butler moved that further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

7 FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLES OF FIRE SUPPORT BASES CORAL AND BALMORAL, VIETNAM—STATEMENTS

By indulgence, further statements were made.

8 CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1999 MONTREAL CONVENTION AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.

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

9 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Dreyfus, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.30 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