

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2008

1 The House met, at 12 noon, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY SPEAKER

The Speaker presented copies of the terms of the following private Members' motions:

Ms Owens—Poverty (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Ciobo—Tourism industry (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mrs Moylan—Kokoda Track campaign (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

In accordance with standing order 41(h) the motions were made orders of the day and referred to the Main Committee.

3 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from Her Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that Her Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bills:

20 September 2008—Message—

No. 85—

Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) 2008.

Aviation Legislation Amendment (International Airline Licences and Carriers' Liability Insurance) 2008.

Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Datum) 2008.

No. 86—

Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) 2008.

Financial Framework Legislation Amendment 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) 2008.

30 September 2008—Message No. 87—

First Home Saver Accounts (Further Provisions) Amendment 2008.

First Home Saver Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition 2008.

3 October 2008—Message—

No. 88—

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Customs) Amendment 2008.

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—Excise) Amendment 2008.

A New Tax System (Luxury Car Tax Imposition—General) Amendment 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) 2008.

International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 1) 2008.

No. 89—

Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment 2008.

Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment 2008.

Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Annual Charges) 2008.

Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) 2008.

4 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 25 September 2008, were reported:

(a) informing the House that Senator Cormann had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings, and Senator Parry had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 132; and

(b) returning the following bills and informing the House that the Senate had agreed to the bills as amended by the House at the request of the Senate:

No. 133—Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) 2008;

No. 134—Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) 2008.

5 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS) BILL 2008

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

Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Ms McKew (Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Childcare), the bill was read a third time.

6 FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORTS AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS) 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 third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Debus (Minister for Home Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

7 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE THRESHOLDS) BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Mr Dutton addressing the House—

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Dutton was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

8 DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBER (MR STEPHEN EDWARD CALDER) AND FORMER SENATOR (DR GLENISTER FERMOY SHEIL)

The Speaker informed the House of the deaths of Mr Stephen Edward (Sam) Calder, on 30 September 2008, a Member of this House for the Division of Northern Territory from 1966 to 1980, and of Dr Glenister (Glen) Fermoy Sheil, on 29 September 2008, a Senator for the State of Queensland from 1974 to 1981 and from 1984 to 1990.

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

9 SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF BALI BOMBINGS—STATEMENTS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement on the sixth anniversary of the Bali bombings.

Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.

10 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That further statements by indulgence on the sixth anniversary of the Bali bombings be referred to the Main Committee.

Question—put and passed.

11 RETURN TO AUSTRALIA OF THE REMAINS OF PRIVATE DAVID FISHER—STATEMENTS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement on the return to Australia of the remains of Private David Fisher.

Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.

12 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That further statements by indulgence on the return to Australia of the remains of Private David Fisher be referred to the Main Committee.

Question—put and passed.

13 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Swan (Treasurer), Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation) would answer questions on his behalf.

14 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 6 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the Southern Ocean: Australian Customs Service.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

16 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report for 2007-08, incorporating report of the Australian Energy Regulator.

Australian Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2007-08, incorporating the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner.

Crimes Act 1914—Controlled operations—Report for 2007-08.

Customs Act 1901—Conduct of Customs officers—Report for 2007-08.

Finance—Final budget outcome for 2007-08.

Inspector-General of Taxation—Report for 2007-08.

International Air Services Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Medibank Private—Report for 2007-08.

17 RUNWAY END SAFETY AREA PROJECT AT SYDNEY AIRPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Runway End Safety Area project at Sydney Airport.

Document

Mr Albanese presented the following document:

Runway End Safety Area (RESA), Sydney Airport (Sydney Airport Corporation Limited)—Major development plan—Conditions of Ministerial approval.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Albanese, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) speaking for a period not exceeding 11 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Truss addressed the House.

18 BIPARTISAN NORTHERN TERRITORY INDIGENOUS AGED CARE SERVICES VISIT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mrs Elliot (Minister for Ageing), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a bipartisan Northern Territory Indigenous aged care services visit.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mrs Elliot, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mrs May speaking for a period not exceeding four minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mrs May addressed the House.

19 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE THRESHOLDS) BILL (NO. 2) 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 (Ms Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

20 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Ms Hall (Acting Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Dairy Adjustment Levy Termination 2008;

Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing) 2008.

Question—put and passed.

21 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE THRESHOLDS) BILL (NO. 2) 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.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Ms Bird, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Scott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Ms Marino	Mr Secker
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr Simpkins
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr Slipper
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Briggs	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mr Chester	Mrs Hull*	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Mr Irons	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Pearce	Mr Wood
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	
Mr Coulton	Mr Keenan	Mr Randall	
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Ms Roxon (Minister for Health and Ageing), the bill was read a third time.

22 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Broadbent presented petitions and Ministers' responses to petitions previously presented to the House.

Statements in connection with the petitions were made.

23 FAMILY, COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND YOUTH—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Ms A. L. Ellis (Chair) presented the following documents:

Family, Community, Housing and Youth—Standing Committee—The value of volunteering: A discussion paper on volunteering in the community and welfare sector—
Report, September 2008.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Ms A. L. Ellis moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Ms A. L. Ellis moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

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

Mr Bevis (Chair) presented the following document:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the re-listing of Al-Qa'ida, Jemaah Islamiyah and Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of Islamic Maghreb as terrorist organisations under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*—Report, October 2008.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

Mr Bevis (Chair) presented the following document:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Annual report of committee activities 2007-2008—Report, October 2008.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

26 DROUGHT

Mrs Hull, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) recognise the seriousness of the drought situation across rural Australia; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) recognise the need for long term commitment for Exceptional Circumstances (EC) declared areas, and to provide continued support to allow those areas to fully recover from the drought;
 - (b) look at the history of EC declared areas and the direct correlation between longevity of declaration and hardship inflicted;
 - (c) commit to the extension of support programs to allow those areas to fully recover regardless of meeting current EC requirements; and
 - (d) extend EC assistance to all rural based businesses who meet the criteria.

Debate ensued.

Mr Sullivan addressing the House—

27 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10 p.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 13 October 2008:

AusLink (National Land Transport) Act—Variation under section 88—2008 AusLink Roads to Recovery list (No. 7) [F2008L03608].

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 63—Molonglo and North Weston [F2008L03633].

Australian National University Act—
Order—2008 Academic and ceremonial dress [F2008L03615].

Rules—2008 University House Rules [F2008L03616].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2008 Confidentiality No. 11 [F2008L03522].

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act—National Anti-Doping Scheme—Amendment instruments—2008 Nos 1, 2 [F2008L03530], [F2008L03533].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Order—2008 Civil Aviation Order 100.66—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L03543].

Instrument—2008 No. CASA 420 [F2008L03046].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives under—

Part 39-105—
AD/A320—
No. 207—Cancellation [F2008L03643].
Nos 225, 226, 227 [F2008L03572], [F2008L03571], [F2008L03644].
AD/A330—No. 92 [F2008L03645].
AD/AC—No. 101—Cancellation [F2008L03646].
AD/AC-CLA—No. 5—Cancellation [F2008L03573].
AD/B747—No. 383 [F2008L03647].
AD/B767—No. 245 [F2008L03648].
AD/BAe 146—No. 134 [F2008L03575].
AD/BELL 206—
No. 3—Cancellation [F2008L03576].
No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L03570].
No. 5—Cancellation [F2008L03569].
No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L03577].
No. 11—Cancellation [F2008L03578].
No. 12—Cancellation [F2008L03568].
No. 13—Cancellation [F2008L03567].
No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L03566].
No. 17—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03565].
No. 20—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03564].
No. 23—Cancellation [F2008L03563].
No. 25—Cancellation [F2008L03649].
No. 28—Cancellation [F2008L03650].
No. 32—Cancellation [F2008L03654].
No. 38—Cancellation [F2008L03579].
No. 39—Cancellation [F2008L03597].
No. 45—Cancellation [F2008L03658].
No. 55—Cancellation [F2008L03598].
No. 69—Cancellation [F2008L03599].
No. 86—Cancellation [F2008L03600].
No. 116—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03602].
No. 120—Cancellation [F2008L03682].
AD/CESSNA 206—
No. 23—Cancellation [F2008L03562].
No. 28—Cancellation [F2008L03561].
No. 34—Cancellation [F2008L03560].
AD/CESSNA 207—
No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L03559].
No. 25—Cancellation [F2008L03558].
AD/CL-600—
No. 97—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03618].
No. 98—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03619].
AD/DH 82—
No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L03606].
No. 3—Cancellation [F2008L03607].
No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L03620].
AD/DH 84—No. 2—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L03622].
AD/DH 89—
No. 2—Cancellation [F2008L03621].
No. 3—Cancellation [F2008L03623].
AD/DHC-1—
No. 2—Cancellation [F2008L03624].
No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L03625].
No. 5—Amendment (No. 2)—Cancellation [F2008L03557].
No. 7—Cancellation [F2008L03626].
No. 8—Cancellation [F2008L03556].

- No. 14—Cancellation [F2008L03627].
 No. 16—Cancellation [F2008L03628].
 No. 18—Cancellation [F2008L03629].
 No. 27—Cancellation [F2008L03634].
 AD/DHC-2—
 No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L03555].
 No. 3—Cancellation [F2008L03636].
 No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L03635].
 AD/ERJ-170—No. 17 [F2008L03553].
 AD/ERJ-190—No. 16 [F2008L03584].
 AD/PA-24—
 No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L03552].
 No. 18—Cancellation [F2008L03550].
 Part 39-106—AD/LYC—No. 119 [F2008L03521].
 Exemption—2008 No. CASA EX51 [F2008L02651].
- Corporations Act—
 Accounting standards—2008—
 Amendment—AASB 139 [F2008L03582].
 Standard—AASB 1039 [F2008L03580].
 ASIC Class Orders—2008 Nos 1, 763, 764 [F2008L03595], [F2008L03532], [F2008L03534].
 Customs Act and Customs Tariff Act—By-Law—2008 No. 9740019—Revocation (No. 1) [F2008L03519].
 Defence Act—Determinations under—
 section 52—2008 No. 1 [F2008L03617].
 section 58B—2008 Nos 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.
 Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Determination of reporting standards under section 13—
 2008 Nos 56, 57, 58 [F2008L03601], [F2008L03517], [F2008L03518].
 Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variations to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards
 Code—2008 Amendment No. 102 [F2008L03711].
 Fuel Quality Standards Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 203
 [F2008L03632].
 Health Insurance Act—Declaration—2008 QAA No. 4 [F2008L03531].
 Higher Education Support Act—VET provider—Notices of approval—2008 Nos 1, 2, 3, 4
 [F2008L03660], [F2008L03661], [F2008L03663], [F2008L03668].
- Migration Act—
 Migration Agents Regulations—Migration Agents (Continuing Professional Development) Notices—
 2008—
 Attendance at a seminar, workshop, conference or lecture, No. MN39-08c [F2008L03539].
 Miscellaneous activities, No. MN39-08f [F2008L03540].
 Private study of audio, video or written material, No. MN39-08b [F2008L03537].
 Migration Regulations—Instrument—2008 Travel agents for PRC citizens applying for tourist visas,
 No. IMMI 08/069 [F2008L03528].
 Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 205 [F2008L03542].
Migration Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 2008—Proclamation under subsection 2 (1) fixing
 7 October 2008 as the day on which items 3 to 5 and 14 of Schedule 5 commence, 27 October 2008 as
 the day on which Schedule 1 commences, and 27 October 2008 as the day on which items 1 to 4 and
 subitems 6 (1) and (2) of Schedule 4 commence [F2008L03538].
 Occupational Health and Safety Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 201
 [F2008L03614].
 Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—
 2008 No. 198 [F2008L03581].
 Quarantine Act—Determination—2008 Quarantine service fees—Amendment (No. 3) [F2008L03449].
 Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act—
 Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 202 [F2008L03631].

Social Security (Administration) Act—Determination—2008 Declared relevant Northern Territory areas—Various (No. 31) [F2008L03535].

Social Security Act—Determination—2008 Personal care support—NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) direct funding model—DEEWR [F2008L03541].

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Determination under section 11E—2008 Approved guarantee (Nos 1, 2) [F2008L03523], [F2008L03524].

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2008—
CR—No. 60.

PR—No. 88 (Withdrawal).

Therapeutic Goods Act—Order under section 10—2008 Microbiological Standards for Medicines (No. 77) [F2008L03574].

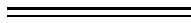
Water Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 204 [F2008L03630].



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mrs Gash*, Mrs Irwin, Dr Jensen, Mr Laming, Mr Price, Mr Schultz, Mr Swan, Mrs Vale and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 50

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 6.40 p.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

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*).

Members' statements continued.

3 POVERTY

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Owens—
That the House:

(1) notes:

- (a) that 12-18 October marks Anti-Poverty Week with the United Nations declaring Friday 17 October as International Anti-Poverty Day; and
- (b) that the last time Australia contributed .5 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) was in 1974-75 and that the contribution has declined since then to as low as .25 per cent from 2000-04;

(2) recognises:

- (a) the Federal Government's commitment to lifting the nation's contribution to .5 per cent of GNI by 2015; and
 - (b) that the majority of the world's poor live in our region;
- (3) commends the excellent work done by Micah Challenge and Make Poverty History in bringing this matter to public prominence; and
- (4) calls on the Government to continue to play a leadership role in our region and to honour our commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (*see item No. 2, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 TOURISM INDUSTRY

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Ciobo—
That the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for abandoning the tourism industry in a time of need;
- (2) notes the negative impact that the Government's decision to reduce funding for Tourism Australia by \$5.9 million in real terms will have on the tourism industry;

- (3) recognises that the Government's \$940 million of new tourism taxes will adversely affect the 483,000 Australians employed in the tourism industry; and
- (4) acknowledges that, in the new spirit of cooperative federalism, many State Labor Governments are following the example set by the Federal Government and are reducing their support for the tourism industry (*see item No. 2, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Turnour was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 KOKODA TRACK CAMPAIGN

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Moylan—
That the House:

- (1) recognises the importance of the Kokoda Track campaign in World War II in stopping the overland Japanese advance to Port Moresby, which would have given the enemy a beachhead into Australia;
- (2) acknowledges the courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice demonstrated by the Australian Defence personnel during the Kokoda battles;
- (3) pays tribute to the contribution of Papua New Guinea (PNG) nationals, specifically the Koiari people affectionately known as “Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels” in carrying supplies and equipment for Australian soldiers in the Kokoda campaign as well as the carriage of wounded to safety;
- (4) notes that the Kokoda battles were fought in PNG from July 1942 on Australian soil; and
- (5) in recognition of this contribution, urges the Australian Government to:
 - (a) acknowledge the service of the PNG nationals affectionately known as “Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels”;
 - (b) direct the new Defence Awards and Honours Tribunal to promptly determine the most appropriately form of medal or recognition for the remaining “Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels” or their surviving families;
 - (c) consider any other appropriate initiatives including making a small ex gratia payment to each “Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel”, in recognition of their contribution over and above the call of duty; and
 - (d) examine, and where appropriate fund initiatives to upgrade the health and education status of the PNG people in the isolated villages along the Kokoda Track (*see item No. 2, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of meeting

At 8.18 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 8.34 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Simpkins was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 192B, the order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That grievances be noted—

Debate ensued.

Mr Forrest, by leave, again addressed the Main Committee.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Hayes, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 4 p.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee