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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2008

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- 1 The House met, at 12 noon, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**
 Message No. 145, 16 October 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 without amendment.
 - 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ARCHIVES AMENDMENT BILL 2008**
 Message No. 144, 16 October 2008, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Archives Act 1983*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DIGITAL RADIO) BILL 2008**
 Message No. 146, 16 October 2008, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to broadcasting, and for other purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 - 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (DE FACTO FINANCIAL MATTERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008**
 Message No. 94, 14 October 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Family Law Act 1975*, and for related purposes.
 - 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (DE FACTO FINANCIAL MATTERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008**
 Message No. 148, 16 October 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 with requests for amendments.
 Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered immediately.
 On the motion of Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), the requested amendments were made.
 - 7 **PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY SPEAKER**
 The Speaker presented copies of the terms of the following private Members' motions:
 Mr Hartsuyker—GROCERYchoice website (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).
 Mr Adams—Tasmania and drought (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).
 Mr Pyne—Chocolate industry and child exploitation (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).
 Ms Saffin—Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (*see item No. 6, 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.

8 SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA BILL 2008—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

Ms Gillard (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Closure

Ms Gillard moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Ms A. E. Burke, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 59

Mr Abbott	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Schultz
Fran Bailey	Mr Georgiou	Ms Marino	Mr Scott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr Secker
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr Simpkins
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella (<i>proxy</i>)	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Mr Somlyay
Mr Briggs	Mrs Hull*	Mrs Moylan	Dr Southcott
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hunt	Mr Neville	Dr Stone
Mr Chester	Mr Irons	Mr Pearce	Mr Truss
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson*	Mr Ramsey	Mrs Vale
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Coulton	Mr Laming	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be disagreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Ms A. E. Burke, in the Chair)—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms Gillard presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate amendment 1—Objects clause

This amendment is unnecessary.

Clause 3 of the bill explains to the reader that Safe Work Australia's (SWA's) role will be to 'improve occupational health and safety outcomes and workers' compensation arrangements across Australia'.

The recitals to the *Intergovernmental Agreement for Regulatory and Operational Reform in Occupational Health and Safety* (IGA) contain the aspirations of the parties, namely that the parties are committed to improving the health and safety of Australian workers and recognise that the prevention of workplace death, injury and disease is an object of the occupational health and safety (OHS) laws of each jurisdiction.

Senate amendments 2 to 4—Worker and employer members of Safe Work Australia

The bill provides for SWA to be constituted by an independent Chair, one representative from each of the jurisdictions and two representatives each of workers and employers in Australia. The bill also provides that the Minister is able to seek nominations from bodies which are the most representative organisations of employers and workers at the time nominations are sought.

These provisions are consistent with the IGA and reflect the view agreed to by the Commonwealth and the States and Territories that this composition strikes the right balance between the interests of the jurisdictions which will be required to adopt the model OHS legislation and the employers and workers who will be affected by it.

The amendment to increase the number of worker and employer representatives, if accepted, will only serve to delay the harmonisation process as it will inevitably result in further inter-governmental consultations and the need to seek amendments to the IGA.

Senate amendments 5 to 10—Ability of Workplace Relations Ministers' Council to direct changes to Safe Work Australia's draft and final strategic and operational plans

The States and Territories are providing 50 per cent of the funding for SWA. Accordingly, it is appropriate that the Workplace Relations Ministers' Council (WRMC) has an oversight role in relation to SWA's strategic and operational plans. It is still the responsibility of SWA to develop the plans with WRMC having a right to review—and, if necessary, amend—the plans.

For WRMC's role to be effective, it needs to be given explicit powers to approve or reject a plan, as well as the power to give directions to make specified alterations. If the Bill is not drafted to give WRMC such powers, then WRMC would have to rely on its informal authority, rather than having a legislated authority. As with other amendments, the practical effect of this change would be delays to the harmonisation process.

Senate amendments 11 to 14—Voting on model occupational health and safety laws

If Australia is to have a harmonised set of OHS laws, then it can only do so with the cooperation and agreement of the States and Territories.

The IGA provides for WRMC to agree to the model OHS legislation proposed by SWA by consensus. It is reasonable to conclude that if a majority of jurisdictional representatives on SWA do not support proposed model OHS legislation then it is unlikely that WRMC would reach a different conclusion. Consequently, the voting rules are intended to avoid unnecessary delays that would result from SWA recommending to WRMC model legislation that has no chance of gaining agreement.

It is about ensuring that the States and Territories, who are responsible for OHS laws in their jurisdiction, are involved in the development of, and agree with, any proposed model OHS legislation.

Senate amendments 15 to 18—Ministerial directions to CEO

The CEO has responsibilities to manage the administration of SWA and to assist SWA in the performance of its functions. The CEO is subject to statutory obligations contained in the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA Act).

Notwithstanding the independence of SWA, the Minister will be accountable to the Commonwealth Parliament, for the performance of the CEO and SWA staff, including in relation to the strategic and operational plans for SWA.

Accordingly, where there is conflict between the CEO's functions under the strategic or operational plan and the Minister's directions, it is appropriate that the Minister's directions prevail.

Senate amendment 19—Termination of CEO's appointment for unsatisfactory performance

Provisions enabling the Minister to terminate the appointment of a CEO for unsatisfactory performance are not uncommon. Such a provision is appropriate for a body like SWA. If the CEO is performing poorly, is not achieving results or is impeding the progress of OHS harmonisation through poor leadership or poor management of resources or staff, there must be a mechanism to terminate his or her appointment.

Provisions of this nature are not uncommon. Indeed, there is considerable precedent. Legislation that includes similar provisions include the *Offshore Petroleum Act 2006*, *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006*, *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* and the *Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act 1997*.

Senate amendment 20—Audit Committee

The amendment is unnecessary.

SWA will be subject to the accountability regime contained in the FMA Act. Part 7 of the FMA Act goes further than the amendment and deals in some detail with the Chief Executive's responsibilities in relation to financial management including:

- (1) the promotion of efficient, effective and ethical use of Commonwealth resources (section 44);
- (2) the implementation of a fraud control plan (section 45);
- (3) the requirement to establish an audit committee (section 46);
- (4) recovery of debts (section 47);
- (5) the keeping of accounts and records and access to those by the Finance Minister (section 48);
- (6) requirement to give the annual financial statements to the Auditor General (section 49); and
- (7) provision of additional financial statements and information to the Finance Minister that the Finance Minister requires about the financial affairs of the agency (section 50).

On the motion of Ms Gillard, the reasons were adopted.

9 EDUCATION 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.

Mr Tuckey addressing the House—

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Tuckey 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.

10 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Bowen (Assistant Treasurer), Mr Swan (Treasurer) would answer questions on his behalf.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation) presented the following document:

Future Fund—Report for 2007-08.

Questions without notice continued.

12 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Institute of Criminology and Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2007-08.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Strategic Policy Institute—Report for 2007-08.

Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2007-08.

Criminal Code Act 1995—Control orders and preventative detention orders—Report for 2007-08.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Family Court of Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia—Report for 2007-08.

National Blood Authority—Report for 2007-08.

13 EDUCATION 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.

It being 8.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 34, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND MINISTERS' RESPONSES—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Irwin (Chair) presented petitions and Ministers' responses to petitions previously presented to the House.

Statements in connection with petitions were made.

15 INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Ms King (Chair) presented the following documents:

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—Standing Committee—Rebuilding Australia's coastal shipping industry: Inquiry into coastal shipping policy and regulation—Report, October 2008.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to 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 King 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 King moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

16 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Marles (Chair) presented the following documents:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Open for business: Developing Indigenous enterprises in Australia—

Report, incorporating additional comments, October 2008.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

Mr Marles 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.

Mr Marles moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

17 UNITED NATIONS

Ms Parke, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes that 24 October is United Nations Day, celebrating the entry into force of the United Nations Charter on 24 October 1945;
- (2) celebrates Australia's key role in the formation of the United Nations and the drafting of the United Nations Charter;
- (3) recognises that Australia has been a consistent and long-term contributor to United Nations' efforts to safeguard international peace and security and to promote human rights, for example, by being the 13th largest contributor to the United Nations' budget, by contributing to many United Nations peacekeeping operations, and by firmly committing to increasing Australia's development assistance and seeking real progress towards the Millennium Development Goals;
- (4) notes further the Australian Government's commitment to the multilateral system as one of the three fundamental pillars of Australia's foreign policy, that Australia is determined to work through the United Nations to enhance security and economic well-being worldwide, and to uphold the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter;
- (5) notes that, as the only truly global organisation, the United Nations plays a critical role in addressing the global challenges that no country can resolve on its own and that Australia is determined to play its part within the United Nations to help address serious global challenges, including conflict prevention, international development, climate change, terrorism and the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction;
- (6) notes also Australia's commitment to, and support for, reform of the United Nations' system in order to ensure that the organisation reflects today's world and is able to function efficiently and effectively; and
- (7) reaffirms the faith of the Australian people in the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

Debate ensued.

Mrs B. K. Bishop addressing the House—

18 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 20 October 2008:

Banking Act—Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations—2008—

Direction relating to foreign currency transactions and to Iran [F2008L03785].

Variations—2008 Variations of exemption, 29 June 1990 [2] [F2008L03787], [F2008L03788].

Charter of the United Nations Act—Declaration—2008 Designated Commonwealth entity Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03609].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption—2008 No. CASA EX59 [F2008L03100].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives under Part 39-105—

AD/A330—No. 84—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03786].

AD/DHC-1—No. 22—Amendment (No. 3) [F2008L03744].

AD/EC 135—No. 21 [F2008L03792].

AD/EC 225—Nos 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 [F2008L03705], [F2008L03706], [F2008L03707], [F2008L03712], [F2008L03745].

AD/HS 125—No. 182 [F2008L03794].

AD/PA-24—

No. 9—Cancellation [F2008L03713].

- No. 22—Cancellation [F2008L03714].
 No. 25—Cancellation [F2008L03715].
 No. 29—Cancellation [F2008L03716].
 No. 30—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03717].
 No. 31—Cancellation [F2008L03718].
 No. 32—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L03719].
 No. 36—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03720].
 AD/PA-34—
 No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L03721].
 No. 8—Cancellation [F2008L03722].
 No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L03723].
 No. 11—Cancellation [F2008L03725].
 No. 12—Cancellation [F2008L03724].
 No. 13—Cancellation [F2008L03697].
 No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L03727].
 No. 16—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L03726].
 No. 20—Cancellation [F2008L03698].
 No. 21—Cancellation [F2008L03729].
 No. 22—Cancellation [F2008L03728].
 No. 23—Cancellation [F2008L03699].
 No. 24—Cancellation [F2008L03700].
- Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2008 Nos 51, 52.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Order—2008 Meat and meat products Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03834].
- Financial Management and Accountability Act—Directions under section 62A—2008 Nos 1, 2.
- Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instruments—2008—
 Classes of persons and addresses, No. IMMI 08/083 [F2008L03770].
 English language tests and level of English ability for general skilled migration, No. IMMI 08/084 [F2008L03768].
 Professional year programs, No. IMMI 08/074 [F2008L03767].
- National Health Act—2008—
 Amendment declaration and amendment determination under section 85—No. PB 97 [F2008L03754].
 Amendment determinations under—
 section 84AF—No. PB 99 [F2008L03758].
 sections 85, 85A and 88—No. PB 98 [F2008L03756].
 sections 85A and 88—No. PB 100 [F2008L03759].
 section 85B—No. PB 101 [F2008L03760].
 Amendment special arrangements under section 100—No. PB 102 [F2008L03761].
- Therapeutic Goods Act—Exemption—2008 Emergency (No. 3) [F2008L03790].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mrs Gash*, Ms Grierson, Dr Kelly, Mr Slipper and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
 Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 6.40 p.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 GROCERYCHOICE WEBSITE

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hartsuyker—That the House notes with concern, the failure of the GROCERYchoice website to provide meaningful information to consumers, in particular the:

- (1) failure of GROCERYchoice to provide meaningful information in a timely fashion;
- (2) failure of GROCERYchoice to enable a comparison of price and quality; and
- (3) inherent bias of GROCERYchoice against independent retailers (*see item No. 7, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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

4 TASMANIA AND DROUGHT

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

- (1) recognises the difficulties farming communities in Tasmania are facing because of the prolonged drought;
- (2) congratulates the Tasmanian State Government for its efforts in getting emergency water to the hardest hit areas;
- (3) commits to the extension of support programs to allow those areas to assist rural areas in dealing with the mental trauma of drought; and
- (4) continues to support the introduction of new schemes for water delivery and water recycling (*see item No. 7, 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.

5 CHOCOLATE INDUSTRY AND CHILD EXPLOITATION

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) today there are hundreds of thousands of children working on cocoa farms in Ivory Coast and Ghana and that these children routinely carry heavy loads, and work with fire, chemicals and knives, with little or no protection. Many of them have no chance of going to school;
 - (b) about 70 per cent of the cocoa beans used to make chocolate around the world come from West Africa, namely Ivory Coast and Ghana; and
 - (c) the principal reason that child labour is employed to grow cocoa is because cocoa farmers are paid so poorly for their produce;
- (2) commends World Vision Australia for its ‘Don’t Trade Lives’ campaign to draw attention to the plight of child exploitation in the world today; and
- (3) calls on the Prime Minister to take action to ensure that the chocolate industry knows Australia is serious about ending child exploitation and slavery by introducing a policy requiring vending machines in Australian Government offices to stock Fair Trade Chocolate exclusively (*see item No. 7, 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.

6 DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI

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

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the 19 June 2008 marks the 63rd birthday of Nobel laureate and leader of the democracy movement in Burma, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi;
 - (b) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been held under house arrest since May 2003, and periodically before then since 1989;
 - (c) the Burmese military dictatorship has refused to acknowledge the results of the 1990 election, in which the National League for Democracy of which Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was General Secretary, won an overwhelming majority; and
 - (d) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has refused a number of opportunities to leave Burma, even to visit her dying husband, knowing that she would be denied the right to return to continue the struggle for democracy and human rights in Burma;
- (2) welcomes the Australian Government’s continued advocacy on behalf of democracy in Burma;
- (3) calls on the Government to continue to pressure the Burmese regime to immediately and unconditionally release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners in Burma including a number of Members of Parliament and to commence an inclusive national reconciliation process to restore genuine democracy in Burma; and
- (4) congratulates Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on her birthday and for her efforts to campaign for human rights and democracy on behalf of the people of Burma (*see item No. 7, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

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

7 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.

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr C. R. Thomson, 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