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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 58

MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2008

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

2 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:

17 October 2008—Message No. 84—

Financial Claims Scheme (ADIs) Levy 2008.

Financial Claims Scheme (General Insurers) Levy 2008.

Financial System Legislation Amendment (Financial Claims Scheme and Other Measures) 2008.

18 October 2008—Message No. 98—

AusLink (National Land Transport) Amendment 2008.

Australian Research Council Amendment 2008.

Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) 2008.

Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) 2008.

31 October 2008—Message—

No. 99—Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) (No. 2) 2008.

No. 100—

International Tax Agreements Amendment (No. 2) 2008.

Migration Amendment (Notification Review) 2008.

No. 101—

Archives Amendment 2008.

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Radio) 2008.

3 PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS—PRESENTED BY SPEAKER

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

Mr Hale—Economic Security Strategy (*see item No. 7, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mr Forrest—Market concentration in the grocery sector (*see item No. 8, 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.

4 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Dr Stone be discharged from the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and that, in her place, Mrs Vale be appointed a member of the committee;

- (2) Mr Wood be discharged from the Standing Committee on Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts and that, in his place, Ms Marino be appointed a member of the committee;
- (3) Mr Ciobo and Mr Pearce be discharged from the Standing Committee on Economics and that, in their places, Mr Hockey and Mr Andrews be appointed members of the committee;
- (4) Mr A. D. H. Smith be discharged from the Standing Committee on Education and Training and that, in his place, Mr Oakeshott be appointed a member of the committee;
- (5) Mr Laming and Mr Hartsuyker be discharged from the Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations and that, in their places, Mr Keenan and Mr Ramsey be appointed members of the committee;
- (6) Ms Ley be discharged from the Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth and that, in her place, Mrs Mirabella be appointed a member of the committee;
- (7) Mr Andrews be discharged from the Standing Committee on Health and Ageing and that, in his place, Mr Irons be appointed a member of the committee;
- (8) Dr Stone and Mrs Mirabella be discharged from the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and that, in their places, Mr Randall and Mr Robb be appointed members of the committee;
- (9) Mr Keenan be discharged from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services and that, in his place, Mr Pearce be appointed a member of the committee;
- (10) Mr Randall be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Migration and that, in his place, Dr Stone be appointed a member of the committee; and
- (11) Mr Andrews be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and that, in his place, Mr Briggs be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

5 PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Raguse (Chair) presented the following document:

Privileges and Members' Interests Committee—Review of procedures of the committee—Report, October 2008.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Raguse, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

6 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (EDUCATION REFUND) 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 Dreyfus addressing the House—

Closure of Member moved

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mrs Moylan addressing the House—

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

7 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR CECIL ALLEN BLANCHARD)

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 25 October 2008, of Mr Cecil Allen Blanchard, a Member of this House for the Division of Moore from 1983 to 1990.

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

8 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.

Mr Rudd also informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Griffin (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), Mr Fitzgibbon (Minister for Defence) would answer questions on his behalf.

9 SHADOW MINISTRY—DOCUMENT

Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following document:
Coalition Shadow Ministry, 10 November 2008.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2007-08.

Airservices Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Albury–Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Australia Business Arts Foundation Limited—Financial statements for 2007-08.

Australia Council—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Hearing—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Learning and Teaching Council—Report for 2007-08.

Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Reward Investment Alliance—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2007-08.

Bundanon Trust—Report for 2007-08.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2007-08.

Cancer Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Centrelink—Report for 2007-08.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Comcare—Report for 2007-08.

Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 2007-08.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2007-08.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2007-08.

- Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2007-08.
- Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2007-08.
- Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for 2007-08.
- Data-matching program—Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report on progress for 2007-08.
- Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
- Defence Housing Australia—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of Climate Change—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of Defence—Report for 2007-08—
Volume 1—Department of Defence.
Volume 2—Defence Materiel Organisation.
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2007-08—
Volume 1.
Volume 2.
- Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report for 2007-08—
Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).
- Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of Human Services—Reports, incorporating reports of the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia for 2007-08.
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for 2007-08.
- Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Report for 2007-08—
Volume 1—Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.
Volume 2—Legislation.
- Department of the Treasury—Report for 2007-08.
- Director of National Parks—Report for 2007-08.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978*—Report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.
- Family Law Council—Report for 2007-08.
- Financial Reporting Council—Reports on auditor independence for 2007-08.
- Financial Reporting Council, Australian Accounting Standards Board and Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Report for 2007-08.
- Financial Reporting Panel—Report for 2007-08.
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2007-08.
- Gene Technology Regulator—
Quarterly Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2008.
Report for 2007-08.
- Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
- Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
- Land and Water Australia—Report for 2007-08.
- Medicare Australia—Report for 2007-08.
- Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
- National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Report for 2007-08.
- National Australia Day Council—Report for 2007-08.
- National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2007-08.

National Library of Australia—Report for 2007-08.
 National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority—Report for 2007-08.
 National Residue Survey—Report for 2007-08.
 National Transport Commission—Report for 2007-08.
 Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2007-08.
 Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2007-08.
 Productivity Commission—Report for 2007-08.
 Professional Services Review—Report for 2007-08.
 Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2007-08.
 Repatriation Commission, Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, the National Treatment Monitoring Committee and the Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 2007-08.
 Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2007-08.
 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
 Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2007-08.
 Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2007-08.
 Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
 Superannuation Complaints Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
 Takeovers Panel—Report for 2007-08.
 Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2007-08.
 Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report and State of the Wet Tropics Report for 2007-08.

12 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2007-08.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Department of Climate Change—Report for 2007-08.

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2007-08—

Volume 1.

Volume 2.

Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for 2007-08.

Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2007-08.

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Report for 2007-08—

Volume 1.

Volume 2.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2007-08.

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

13 ELECTION PETITION

The Clerk presented a copy of an election petition, dated 3 November 2008, which he had received from the Registrar of the High Court, sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns, under section 369 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, viz.—Petition of Stewart Gordon Scott-Irving v Rob Oakeshott and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in the matter of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and in the matter of the election of a member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Lyne (No. S481 of 2008).

14 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (EDUCATION REFUND) 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.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, again addressed the House.

Debate continued.

Ms Neal addressing the House—

It being 8.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 34, Ms Neal was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF PETITION AND MINISTERS' RESPONSES—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

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

Mrs Irwin made a statement in connection with petitions.

16 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Danby presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the 54th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Malaysia, and to Thailand, 4 to 15 August 2008—Report, October 2008.

Mr Danby made a statement in connection with the report.

17 CLIMATE PROTECTION BILL 2008

Mr Windsor, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provisions for dealing with the threat posed by climate change.

Mr Windsor made a statement in relation to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 41.

18 HOUSING

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

- (1) recognises the serious state of housing availability and affordability in the public, not for profit and private sector in many cities and towns in Australia and the hardship it causes those on low and fixed incomes;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) it is having a serious impact on many in the community including those on low and fixed incomes, pensioners, disability pensioners, veterans, young families and students;
 - (b) the situation has been exacerbated by the dereliction of duty of State governments in failing to maintain adequate stocks of public rental properties, with unacceptably long waiting-lists for public housing;
 - (c) in Western Australia (WA), for example, it has been reported that there are 16,000 families on the Homeswest waiting list in May 2008 with similar trends in other states;
 - (d) there has been a contraction of approximately 30,000 public dwellings, which, factoring in population growth over the last decade, amounts to a loss of 100,000 dwellings in the public sector;
 - (e) this dereliction of duty is increasing the reliance on the private rental market where housing is in short supply, new building approvals are plummeting and rental vacancy rates are at the lowest levels in 20 years;
 - (f) Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) is not adequately addressing the gap between the high level of rent being paid and what is affordable and that in many areas there are few, if any, housing choices available;
 - (g) despite the twice yearly adjustment of CRA to the Consumer Price Index of 4.3 per cent, the average rental increase has been 7.1 per cent;

- (h) the median weekly rent of three bedroom houses has increased on a nationally weighted average by 46.75 per cent, and in fact, from June 1998 to June 2007 rents have increased by 93.55 per cent in WA and by 105.88 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT);
 - (i) rent assistance as a percentage of median weekly rent in WA has dropped from 31.8 per cent in June 2001 to 20.4 per cent in June 2007 and in the ACT from 25.6 per cent in June 1998 to 17.4 per cent in June 2007;
 - (j) overall, renting has become less affordable nationally even for those in receipt of CRA;
 - (k) according to national figures from the Australian Government Housing data set in June 2006, over one-third of CRA recipients pay more than 30 per cent of their income on rent, after CRA is factored in; and
 - (l) public housing approvals have plummeted to 131 new council approvals in March 2008, well short of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' decade average of 350 new public housing approvals monthly; and
- (3) calls on the Federal Government to:
- (a) work with State governments through COAG to urgently address the national shortage of public, not for profit and private housing including delays in local government development approvals;
 - (b) urgently review the adequacy of CRA paid to those on low and fixed incomes;
 - (c) investigate making CRA or similar payment available to eligible recipients who are purchasing their own homes and who are experiencing severe mortgage stress, with the aim of keeping people in their own homes and taking some of the pressures off the public and private sector rental market;
 - (d) consider changing the CRA formula to reflect the lack of choice and the increasing cost of rent beyond inflation, by linking CRA to actual rent using the highest median rent in each area;
 - (e) target a proportion of assistance for development of housing in high employment growth areas, in recognition that for those looking for work in areas of high labour demand, high rents are acting as a disincentive for some people to escape the poverty cycle; and
 - (f) pay particular attention to development options for multi-dwelling supported accommodation models to provide for those with disabilities who may formally have been housed in institutions.

Debate ensued.

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

19 ZIMBABWE

Mr Danby, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) congratulates Mr Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), on his appointment as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, which is a just recognition of his long struggle for democracy and reform in Zimbabwe;
- (2) acknowledges the courage of the people of Zimbabwe in defying the thuggery and intimidation of the Mugabe regime in voting for a change of regime at the Zimbabwe elections of March 2008;
- (3) condemns the Mugabe regime for instituting a reign of violence and intimidation which forced Mr Tsvangirai to withdraw from the second round of the presidential election, despite his clear lead in the first round;
- (4) calls on the international community, and particularly Zimbabwe's African neighbours and its fellow members of the Commonwealth, to maintain pressure on the Mugabe regime to ensure that it carries out the terms of the power-sharing agreement between the regime and the MDC; and
- (5) calls on the Australian Government to render every assistance to Mr Tsvangirai in carrying out the reforms urgently needed to restore democratic elections, good government and economic prosperity to the long-suffering people of Zimbabwe.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Moylan addressing the House—

20 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 9.59 p.m., adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 10 November 2008:

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2008-2009—Advance to the Finance Minister—Determination—2008-09 No. 1 [F2008L04299].

Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2008-2009—Determination to reduce appropriation upon request—2008-09 No. 5 [F2008L04292].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2008 Confidentiality No. 12 [F2008L04058].

Australian Research Council Act—Funding rules for funding commencing in 2009—

Australian Laureate Fellowships [F2008L04272].

Future Fellowships [F2008L04274].

Banking Act—

Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations—Direction relating to foreign currency transactions and to Burma—2008 Variations of exemptions, 18 October 2007 [F2008L03865].

Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 222 [F2008L04286].

Broadcasting Services Act—Determinations—2008 Amalgamated remote television licence areas—

Geraldton and remote and regional Western Australia [F2008L04260].

Kalgoorlie and remote and regional Western Australia [F2008L04255].

South south west and remote and regional Western Australia [F2008L04259].

Western zone and remote and regional Western Australia [F2008L04258].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Direction—2008 No. CASA 528 [F2008L03784].

Exemptions—2008 Nos CASA EX66, CASA EX70, CASA EX73 [F2008L03467], [F2008L03710], [F2008L03907].

Instrument—2008 No. CASA 527 [F2008L03776].

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

AD/A320—No. 11—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L04175].

AD/A330—No. 76—Amendment (No. 4) [F2008L03969].

AD/BEECH 90—No. 62—Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03976].

AD/BEECH 200—No. 38—Amendment (No. 5) [F2008L03978].

AD/CASA—No. 26—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L04009].

AD/DAUPHIN—No. 98 [F2008L04174].

AD/DH 104—No. 20—Cancellation [F2008L04013].

AD/DHA-3—

No. 3—Cancellation [F2008L04014].

No. 4—Cancellation [F2008L04015].

No. 5—Cancellation [F2008L04016].

No. 6—Cancellation [F2008L04017].

No. 7—Cancellation [F2008L04018].

No. 8—Cancellation [F2008L04019].

No. 9—Cancellation [F2008L04020].

- No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L04021].
 No. 13—Cancellation [F2008L04022].
 No. 14—Cancellation [F2008L04023].
 No. 15—Cancellation [F2008L04024].
 No. 16—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L04025].
 No. 17—Cancellation [F2008L04026].
 No. 18—Cancellation [F2008L04027].
 No. 19—Cancellation [F2008L04028].
 No. 20—Cancellation [F2008L04029].
 No. 22—Cancellation [F2008L04030].
 No. 23—Cancellation [F2008L04031].
 No. 24—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2008L04032].
 No. 27—Cancellation [F2008L04033].
 AD/DHC-3—
 No. 17—Cancellation [F2008L04035].
 No. 19—Cancellation [F2008L04036].
 No. 20—Cancellation [F2008L04038].
 No. 21—Cancellation [F2008L04039].
 No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L04040].
 No. 28—Cancellation [F2008L04041].
 AD/DHC-6—
 No. 1—Cancellation [F2008L04043].
 No. 6—Cancellation [F2008L04051].
 No. 11—Cancellation [F2008L04052].
 No. 13—Cancellation [F2008L04053].
 No. 14—Cancellation [F2008L04055].
 No. 21—Cancellation [F2008L04065].
 No. 22—Cancellation [F2008L04066].
 No. 25—Cancellation [F2008L04067].
 No. 26—Cancellation [F2008L04068].
 AD/HU 369—No. 121—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L04173].
 AD/PA-24—No. 14—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L04113].
 AD/PA-25—No. 10—Cancellation [F2008L04084].
 AD/PREMIER—No. 6 [F2008L04265].
 Part 39-106—AD/RB211—No. 27—Amendment (No. 3) [F2008L04129].
 Part 39-107—AD/AIRCON—No. 14—Amendment (No. 2) [F2008L03972].
 Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act—Notices under section 45—
 Commonwealth ceasing to be a member of the Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited.
 Commonwealth participation in the deregistration of the Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited.
 Corporations Act—
 Accounting standard—2007—Amendment AASB 10 [F2008L04269].
 ASIC Class Orders—2008 Nos 781, 801 [F2008L04270], [F2008L04171].
 Criminal Code Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2008 Nos 218, 219, 220
 [F2008L03611], [F2008L03612], [F2008L03610].
 Currency Act—Determination—2008 Perth Mint (No. 2) [F2008L04178].
 Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—2008 Nos 0804838, 0808969, 0808970, 0808973,
 0808975, 0809062, 0809064, 0809390, 0810247, 0810893, 0811334, 0811915, 0811916, 0811920,
 0812065, 0812103, 0812248, 0812380, 0812464, 0812468, 0812758, 0814287, 0814408, 0814472,
 0814474, 0814476, 0814551, 0814987, 0815095, 0815096, 0815148, 0815149, 0815150, 0815153,
 0815259, 0815260, 0815349, 0815874, 0816126, 0816490, 0816570, 0816956, 0816957, 0817471,
 0818818, 0818889, 0819443, 0819444, 0819450, 0822939 [F2008L03844], [F2008L03816],
 [F2008L03817], [F2008L03815], [F2008L03814], [F2008L03813], [F2008L03845], [F2008L03828],
 [F2008L03827], [F2008L03821], [F2008L03804], [F2008L03818], [F2008L03819], [F2008L03843],
 [F2008L03810], [F2008L03825], [F2008L03823], [F2008L03822], [F2008L03826], [F2008L03820],
 [F2008L03807], [F2008L03979], [F2008L03996], [F2008L03982], [F2008L03995], [F2008L04006],
 [F2008L04005], [F2008L03992], [F2008L03993], [F2008L03999], [F2008L03991], [F2008L03990],

[F2008L03989], [F2008L03988], [F2008L03985], [F2008L04004], [F2008L04002], [F2008L04001], [F2008L04149], [F2008L03994], [F2008L04003], [F2008L03998], [F2008L03997], [F2008L04148], [F2008L04151], [F2008L04154], [F2008L04155], [F2008L04157], [F2008L04159], [F2008L04000].

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2008 Nos 53, 54, 55, 56, 57.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instruments under—
section 269A—1 October 2008 [F2008L04007].

section 303DC—2008—

20 October [F2008L04059].

22 October [2] [F2008L04166], [F2008L04167].

23 October [F2008L04176].

Federal Magistrates Act—Rules of Court—Select Legislative Instrument—2008 No. 215 [F2008L04169].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determinations—

Establishing a special account—2008 No. 24 [F2008L04285].

Transfer of functions from Environment to—

MDBA—2008 No. 66 [F2008L04279].

OPH—2008 No. 67 [F2008L04278].

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Determinations of reporting standards under section 13—
2008 Nos 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84,
85, 86, 87, 88 [F2008L03911], [F2008L03912], [F2008L03913], [F2008L03914], [F2008L03916],
[F2008L03920], [F2008L03924], [F2008L03927], [F2008L03929], [F2008L03933], [F2008L03935],
[F2008L03937], [F2008L03939], [F2008L03942], [F2008L03943], [F2008L03944], [F2008L03945],
[F2008L03946], [F2008L03947], [F2008L03948], [F2008L03949], [F2008L03951], [F2008L03954],
[F2008L03956], [F2008L03959], [F2008L03961], [F2008L03975], [F2008L03980], [F2008L03984].

Fisheries Management Act—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995—Determination—
2008-09 SBT Australian national catch allocation [F2008L04281].

Health Insurance Act—Determinations under—
section 3C—2008—

Allied health services [F2008L04254].

Bone densitometry [F2008L04161].

Follow up service—Indigenous persons [F2008L04256].

Radiation oncology (No. 2) [F2008L04284].

section 8A—2008 FTB(A) family Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L03906].

Higher Education Support Act—Guidelines—Commonwealth Grant Scheme (No. 1)—2008
Amendment (No. 4) [F2008L04267].

Judiciary Act—Direction—2008 Legal services Amendment (No. 3) [F2008L04253].

Liquid Fuel Emergency Act—

Determination under section 11—19 September 2008 [F2008L03797].

Liquid fuel emergency guidelines—19 September 2008 [F2008L03749].

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act—Notice—2008 How incident reports are to be
made—No. 3 Amendment (No. 1) [F2008L04122].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instruments—2008—

Addresses for superyacht crew visa applications, No. IMMI 08/091 [F2008L03908].

Classes of persons, No. IMMI 08/092 [F2008L03775].

Definition of “superyacht”, No. IMMI 08/090 [F2008L03773].

eVisitor-eligible passports, No. IMMI 08/100 [F2008L03771].

Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Determinations—2008—

Non-warlike service (No. 1) [F2008L04180].

Rate per kilometre [F2008L03795].

National Health Act—Amendment special arrangements under section 100—2008 No. PB 106
[F2008L04288].

Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act—Instrument—2008 Community stores (No. 1)
[F2008L04064].

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations—Statement under section 18—31 October 2008.

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2003—

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Therapeutic Goods Act—Order under section 10—2008 Standards for tablets and capsules (No. 78) [F2008L04287].

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Determination of non-warlike service—Operation Hedgerow, 13 October 2008 [F2008L04179].

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Instruments under section 196B—2008 Nos 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 [F2008L04133], [F2008L04134], [F2008L04137], [F2008L04140], [F2008L04143], [F2008L04145], [F2008L04150], [F2008L04152], [F2008L04153], [F2008L04156], [F2008L04158], [F2008L04160], [F2008L04162], [F2008L04163].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Garrett, Mrs Gash*, Mr Griffin, Ms Macklin, Mrs Markus, Mr Pyne and Mr Swan.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms King—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 20 October 2008*), *viz.*—

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—

Debate resumed.

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

3 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Marles—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 20 October 2008*), *viz.*—

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Open for business: Developing Indigenous enterprises in Australia—Report, incorporating additional comments, October 2008—

Debate resumed.

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

4 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Owens—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 23 October 2008*), *viz.*—

Procedure—Standing Committee—Re-opening the debate: Inquiry into the arrangements for the opening day of Parliament—Report, October 2008—

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

5 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Melham—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 23 October 2008*), *viz.*—

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, October 2008—

Debate resumed.

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

Suspension of meeting

At 5.16 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of meeting

At 6.38 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

7 ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY

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

- (1) commends the Australian Government for its Economic Security Strategy initiative in the face of a global financial crisis;
- (2) supports the extra assistance to sustain economic growth and the cost of living pressures for rural and regional Australia;
- (3) acknowledges the Government's efforts to ensure that pensioners, seniors and carers are included in this strategy while the Harmer Committee of Inquiry continues to ensure long term issues related to the most vulnerable in our community are properly assessed; and
- (4) acknowledges the Government's efforts to help families receiving 'key family payments' (*see item No. 3, 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.

8 MARKET CONCENTRATION IN THE GROCERY SECTOR

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

- (1) notes with concern the high level of market concentration in the retail grocery sector;
- (2) notes this is a situation that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission describes as 'workably competitive' and that this is not a term found in competition law; and
- (3) calls on the Government to address the issue of market concentration in the grocery sector and to implement policies to achieve improved outcomes for consumers, food manufacturers and producers (*see item No. 3, 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.

9 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.

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.

10 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Irwin, 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