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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 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—

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Turnbull (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition from moving the following motion immediately—That this House censures the Prime Minister for failing to deny allegations that he or his office leaked information about a high security telephone conversation between the Prime Minister and the President of the United States. In particular that:

- (1) this security breach compromises the credibility and integrity of Australia's diplomatic relationships with key international partners; and
- (2) the Prime Minister has failed, over numerous days, to fully explain to the Australian people the details in relation to the leak and his involvement in it; and

That the matter be referred to the Australian Federal Police for a full investigation as to whether there has been any breach of the Crimes Act or other relevant legislation.

Debate ensued.

Member directed to leave

At 3.26 p.m. the Member for Goldstein (Mr Robb) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Member directed to leave

At 3.27 p.m. the Member for North Sydney (Mr Hockey) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate continued.

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)—

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

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Swan	Mrs Gash
Mr Griffin	Mrs Markus
Mr Kerr	Mr Pyne
Ms Vamvakinou	Mr Schultz

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

3 MEMBER DIRECTED TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER

At 3.45 p.m. the Member for Warringah (Mr Abbott) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

4 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 8 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—National Marine Unit: Australian Customs Service.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

5 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Airservices Australia—Corporate plan for 2008 to 2013.

Finance—Advance to the Finance Minister—Issues from the Advance as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2008.

Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2007-08.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIANS

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

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Truss addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extension of time for discussion

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Members for Lyne, Kennedy and New England from speaking immediately to the Matter of Public Importance debate for a period for each speaker not exceeding five minutes and the time limit for the debate being extended accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 10 November 2008, were reported:

- (a) returning the Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 and informing the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments Nos 2 and 5 disagreed to by the House of Representatives and has agreed to the further amendments made by the House—Message No. 150; and
- (b) returning the following bills without amendment or requests:
 - No. 153—Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) 2008;
 - No. 154—Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) 2008 (*without requests*); and
 - No. 155—Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) 2008 (*without requests*).

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (DE FACTO FINANCIAL MATTERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008

Message No. 149, 10 November 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Murphy (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade), the amendments were agreed to.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—OFFSHORE PETROLEUM AMENDMENT (GREENHOUSE GAS STORAGE) BILL 2008

Message No. 152, 10 November 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr M. J. Ferguson (Minister for Resources and Energy), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA BILL 2008

Message No. 151, 10 November 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 and informing the House that the Senate insists upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives and desires the reconsideration of the bill by the House in respect of the amendments.

Ordered—That the message be considered immediately.

On the motion of Ms Gillard (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) the House insisted on disagreeing to the amendments insisted upon by the Senate, after debate.

11 SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY) BILL 2008

Ms Macklin (Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), for Ms Plibersek (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws in order to provide economic security strategy payments, and for related purposes.

Document

Ms Macklin presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Macklin moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

12 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2008-2009—APPROPRIATION (ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY) BILL (NO. 1) 2008-2009

Message No. 102, 3 November 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) Bill (No. 1) 2008-2009.

Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government in relation to the Economic Security Strategy, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Tanner presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

13 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2008-2009—APPROPRIATION (ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY) BILL (NO. 2) 2008-2009

Message No. 103, 3 November 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) Bill (No. 2) 2008-2009.

Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in relation to the Economic Security Strategy, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Tanner presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 96, 23 September 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr L. D. T. Ferguson (Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services), the bill was read a third time.

15 TRANSPORT SECURITY AMENDMENT (2008 MEASURES NO. 1) 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 Gray (Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Northern Australia), the bill was read a third time.

16 NATIONAL MEASUREMENT 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.

17 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE

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

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIA–CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 2008**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

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

4 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIA–CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION) 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—

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 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Butler, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.23 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