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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2009

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- 1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE**
 The Speaker presented the following document:
 Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Singapore and Indonesia, 28 October to 8 November 2008—Report, March 2009—
 and made a statement in connection with the report.
 Dr Stone, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.
 Dr Stone 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.
 Dr Stone, by leave, moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.
 Question—put and passed.
- 3 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT (INTEGRATED PUBLIC NUMBER DATABASE) BILL 2009**
 Message No. 223, 10 March 2009, from the Senate was reported returning the Telecommunications Amendment (Integrated Public Number Database) Bill 2009 with amendments.
 Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.
 On the motion of Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.
- 4 **WHIPS REPORT**
 Mr Price (Chief Government Whip) presented the following document:
 Whips report—Report relating to committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 16 March 2009—
 and moved—That the report be adopted.
 Question—put and passed.
- 5 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**
 Mr Price presented the following document:
 Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Republic of Serbia and to the 119th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva, Switzerland, 4 to 18 October 2008—Report.
 Mr Price and Mrs Vale, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

6 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Butler (Chair) presented the following documents:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

72nd annual report, February 2009.

Enhanced Land Force Stage 1 Facilities Project (1st report of 2009).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

Mr Butler and Mr Lindsay, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 224, 10 March 2009, from the Senate was reported informing the House that Senator Williams had been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services for the committee's inquiry into financial products and services in Australia.

8 CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 2009

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

Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), the bill was read a third time.

9 TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION AMENDMENT BILL 2009

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), the bill was read a third time.

10 FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS BILL 2009

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

Debate resumed.

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.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Hockey, by leave, presented the following document:

Workplace relations legislation—Extract of transcript of interview with Mr Albanese.

Document

Mr A. D. H. Smith, in accordance with standing order 201, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government)—

Mr Albanese presented the following document:

Workplace relations legislation—Extract of transcript of interview with Mr Albanese and Mr Hockey.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.07 p.m. the Member for North Sydney (Mr Hockey) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.27 p.m. the Member for Moncrieff (Mr Ciobo) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for raising a frivolous point of order, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 25 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—Green office procurement and sustainable office management.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

13 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2008.

Department of Finance and Deregulation—Office of Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs)—Performance audit of Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd, November 2008.

Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2006-07.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—2009 Personal identifiers 492/08 to 508/09—Commonwealth Ombudsman's report—Corrigenda.

War Crimes Act 1945—Report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

The House was informed that Mr Robb had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The adverse effect of the Government's emissions trading scheme on employment and the economy”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Robb addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

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

15 AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET AMENDMENT (AEMO AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2009—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

16 FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS BILL 2009

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

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 159, 11 February 2009, 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 Dr Emerson (Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy), the bill was read a third time.

17 FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2009

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

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 160, 11 February 2009, 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 Dr Emerson (Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy), the bill was read a third time.

18 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS AMENDMENT (COMMONWEALTH SENIORS HEALTH CARD) BILL 2009

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

Debate resumed.

Mr C. R. Thomson addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensuing—

Petition

Mrs Hull presented the following petition approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions:

Excise regulation and microbreweries—5,773 petitioners.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 11 March 2009:

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—

Declaration—Special circumstances which justify an increase in the amount of Commonwealth Government securities on issue—10 March 2009.

Directions—Commonwealth borrowing—
15 December 2008.

11 March 2009.

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act, Loans Securities Act and Financial Management and Accountability Act—Direction—Commonwealth borrowing, securities lending and the investment of public money—3 February 2009.

Currency Act—Determination—2009 Royal Australian Mint (No. 1) [F2009L00842].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—

2008—Nos 0812759, 0823069, 0823747, 0823798, 0824440, 0825007, 0825247, 0825280, 0825353, 0825386, 0825423, 0826064, 0826091, 0826127, 0826221, 0826244, 0826255, 0827147, 0827738, 0827796, 0827797, 0827990, 0828028, 0828206, 0828209, 0828807, 0829202, 0829837, 0829886,

0829952, 0830152, 0830749, 0830751, 0831070, 0831072, 0831074, 0831076, 0831266, 0831307, 0831406, 0831475, 0831550, 0831592, 0831633, 0831636, 0831678, 0831911, 0831994, 0831995, 0832371, 0832611, 0832745, 0832746, 0832747, 0832865, 0833171, 0833357, 0833361, 0833362, 0833535, 0834035 [F2009L00599], [F2009L00669], [F2009L00667], [F2009L00670], [F2009L00598], [F2009L00602], [F2009L00414], [F2009L00597], [F2009L00600], [F2009L00412], [F2009L00668], [F2009L00665], [F2009L00399], [F2009L00664], [F2009L00601], [F2009L00663], [F2009L00405], [F2009L00817], [F2009L00338], [F2009L00342], [F2009L00341], [F2009L00340], [F2009L00339], [F2009L00334], [F2009L00335], [F2009L00336], [F2009L00333], [F2009L00750], [F2009L00748], [F2009L00328], [F2009L00794], [F2009L00615], [F2009L00610], [F2009L00749], [F2009L00624], [F2009L00617], [F2009L00618], [F2009L00745], [F2009L00744], [F2009L00787], [F2009L00613], [F2009L00621], [F2009L00620], [F2009L00790], [F2009L00623], [F2009L00792], [F2009L00619], [F2009L00549], [F2009L00550], [F2009L00789], [F2009L00793], [F2009L00777], [F2009L00747], [F2009L00782], [F2009L00579], [F2009L00783], [F2009L00577], [F2009L00558], [F2009L00559], [F2009L00741], [F2009L00578].

2009—Nos 0823068, 0828344, 0833236, 0834254, 0834339, 0834440, 0834441, 0834652, 0834686, 0834894, 0835251, 0835295, 0835300, 0835301, 0835365, 0835438, 0835610, 0835794, 0835842, 0835869, 0835934, 0835935, 0835989, 0836342, 0836343, 0836431, 0836432, 0836599, 0836656, 0836683, 0836840, 0836867, 0837057, 0837558, 0837559, 0837700, 0838638, 0838715, 0838999, 0839208, 0839279, 0839280, 0840065, 0840179, 0840264, 0840331, 0840467, 0840620 [F2009L00603], [F2009L00560], [F2009L00796], [F2009L00557], [F2009L00548], [F2009L00547], [F2009L00546], [F2009L00822], [F2009L00746], [F2009L00816], [F2009L00818], [F2009L00801], [F2009L00798], [F2009L00799], [F2009L00800], [F2009L00819], [F2009L00820], [F2009L00811], [F2009L00810], [F2009L00809], [F2009L00808], [F2009L00520], [F2009L00813], [F2009L00611], [F2009L00751], [F2009L00607], [F2009L00608], [F2009L00609], [F2009L00604], [F2009L00612], [F2009L00605], [F2009L00406], [F2009L00752], [F2009L00521], [F2009L00574], [F2009L00606], [F2009L00542], [F2009L00530], [F2009L00531], [F2009L00532], [F2009L00533], [F2009L00536], [F2009L00534], [F2009L00645], [F2009L00647], [F2009L00646], [F2009L00535], [F2009L00814].

Higher Education Support Act—VET provider—Notices of approval—2009 Nos 10, 11, 12, 13 [F2009L00978], [F2009L00979], [F2009L00980], [F2009L00981].

National Health Act—Determination under section 9B—2009 Immunisation program—Designated vaccines [F2009L00831].

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Determination of warlike service—Operation KRUGER—11 February 2009 [F2009L00722].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Garrett, Mr McMullan, Dr Nelson and Ms Saffin.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2009

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 **AUSTRALIAN ENERGY MARKET AMENDMENT (AEMO AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2009**

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

Debate resumed.

Document

Mr M. J. Ferguson (Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a correction to the explanatory memorandum.

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 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2008-2009**

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

Debate resumed.

Suspension of meeting

At 12.58 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of meeting

At 4.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

5 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Dreyfus, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.21 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