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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2009



1 The House met, at 10 a.m., 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 Parke—Tamil peoples of Sri Lanka (*see item No. 5, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*).

Mrs Moylan—Area Consultative Committees (*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.

3 ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THIS SITTING

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That government business have priority prior to 12 noon for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

4 NATION BUILDING PROGRAM (NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT) 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.

Documents

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government), by leave, presented the following documents:

Infrastructure funding—Land transport projects—

List of off-network Projects.

List of black spots on the National Network.

Building Australia's roads and railways for the future, Joint media release by Mr Mark Vaile and Mr Jim Lloyd, 8 May 2007.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals), by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (21) together.

Debate continued.

Mr Coulton addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Albanese moved—That the question be now put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 72

Mr Adams	Mr Danby	Ms Jackson	Ms Rea
Mr Albanese	Mrs D'Ath	Dr Kelly	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr Debus	Mr Kerr	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bidgood	Mr Dreyfus	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mrs Elliot	Ms Livermore	Ms Saffin
Mr Bowen	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Mr Shorten
Mr Bradbury	Dr Emerson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Ms Neal	Mr Swan
Ms Campbell	Mr Gray	Mr Neumann	Mr Symon
Mr Champion	Ms Grierson	Mr O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Clare	Mr Hale	Ms Parke	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Collins	Ms Hall*	Mr Perrett	Mr Trevor
Mr Combet	Mr Hayes*	Mr Price	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mrs Irwin	Mr Raguse	Mr Zappia

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

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

NOES, 79

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms King	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	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 Garrett	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Ms Neal	Mr Swan
Ms Campbell	Mr Gray	Mr Neumann	Mr Symon
Mr Champion	Ms Grierson	Mr O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr C. R. Thomson
Mr Clare	Mr Hale	Ms Parke	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Collins	Ms Hall*	Mr Perrett	Mr Trevor
Mr Combet	Mr Hayes*	Ms Plibersek	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	Mr Windsor
Mr Danby	Ms Jackson	Mr Raguse	Mr Zappia
Mrs D'Ath	Dr Kelly	Ms Rea	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

It being after 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Fitzgibbon (Minister for Defence), Mr S. F. Smith (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would answer questions on his behalf.

6 AUSTRALIA AND INDIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australia and India.

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

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr A. S. Burke (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented the following document:

Effects of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme on the economic value of farm production—*Issues insights*, June 2009—Paper from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Questions without notice continued.

8 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Quarterly report on movement cap for Sydney airport for the period 1 January to 31 March 2009.

9 NATION BUILDING PROGRAM (NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT) AMENDMENT BILL 2009

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the bill—

Bill, as a whole—

Debate resumed.

Mr Ruddock addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Albanese (Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government) moved—That the question be now put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 79

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms King	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	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 Garrett	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
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Fran Bailey	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Simpkins
Mr Baldwin	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mr Morrison	Mr Slipper
Mr Billson	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Somlyay
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mr Neville	Dr Southcott
Mr Briggs	Mr Hunt	Mr Oakeshott	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 Windsor
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Robert	Mr Wood
Mr Forrest	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Gash	Ms Marino	Mr Schultz	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the bill be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Mr Albanese, by leave, moved—That the bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Albanese moved—That the question be now put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 79

Mr Adams	Mr Debus	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Dreyfus	Ms King	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bevis	Mrs Elliot	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 Garrett	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Butler	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Ms Neal	Mr Swan
Ms Campbell	Mr Gray	Mr Neumann	Mr Symon
Mr Champion	Ms Grierson	Mr O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	Mr C. R. Thomson
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Mr Abbott	Mr Georgiou	Ms Marino	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Haase	Mrs Markus	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr Secker
Mr Baldwin	Mr A. G. Hawke	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Simpkins
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Mrs Gash	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the bill be now read a third time—was put accordingly, and passed—bill read a third time.

10 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2009 BUDGET MEASURES NO. 1) 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 Bowen (Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

11 FAIRER PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES 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 by Mr Dutton who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the bill a second reading, and calls on the Government to offset the revenue that would have resulted from the enactment of this bill and the associated bills, the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2009 and the Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Bill 2009, by increasing the excise on tobacco”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr A. D. H. Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 TIME FOR MEETING AND ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2009

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the time and order of business for the sitting tomorrow, 2 June 2009, be as follows:

- (1) the House, at its rising today, adjourn until tomorrow at 9 a.m.;
- (2) government business have priority from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.;
- (3) during the period from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. any division on a question called for in the House, other than a motion moved by a Minister, shall stand deferred until the conclusion of the discussion of matter of public importance; and

- (4) standing order 31 (Automatic adjournment of the House) and standing order 33 (Limit on business) be suspended.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13 ORDER OF THE COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS

The Clerk presented a letter from the Registrar and Chief Executive of the Federal Court of Australia, forwarding in accordance with section 369 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, a copy of the order made by the Federal Court of Australia sitting as the Court of Disputed Returns dismissing the petition relating to *Scott-Irving v. Oakeshott*—Order, dated 19 May 2009.

14 FAIRER PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Dutton (see item No. 11, page 1076)*—

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.

15 PETITIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND MINISTER'S RESPONSE—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Irwin (Chair) presented petitions and a Minister's response to a petition previously presented to the House.

Statements in connection with petitions were made.

Petition

Mr Chester, by leave, presented the following petition approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions:

Changes to Youth Allowance—206 petitioners.

16 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—Funding regional and local community infrastructure: Principles for the development of a regional and local community infrastructure funding program—

Final report, incorporating a dissenting report, June 2009.

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, by leave, moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

17 HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Georganas (Chair) presented the following documents:

Health and Ageing—Standing Committee—Weighing it up: Obesity in Australia—Report, May 2009.

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 Georganas 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 Georganas, by leave, moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

18 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Ms Bird (Chair) presented the following documents:

Education and Training—Standing Committee—Review of the Department of Education, Science and Training annual report 2006-07—

Report, May 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

19 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Secker (Deputy Chair) presented the following documents:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Inquiry into the Immigration Bridge proposal—

Report, May 2009.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

20 AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Ms Parke (Chair) presented the following documents:

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2007-08—

Report, June 2009.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Ms Parke making a statement in connection with the report—

21 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 10 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 9 a.m. tomorrow, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 1 June 2009:

Aged Care Act—Principles under section 96-1—2009 Extra service—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L02092].

Australian Citizenship Act 2007—Instrument of authorisation—2009 No. IMMI 09/026 [F2009L02055].

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Determination under section 57—2009 Confidentiality No. 6 [F2009L02030].

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Order—2009 Civil Aviation Order 100.23—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L02062].

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

AD/A330—No. 69—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L01982].

AD/AA-1—No. 5—Cancellation [F2009L01946].

AD/B-2—No. 7—Cancellation [F2009L01913].

AD/B717—No. 32 [F2009L01976].

AD/BEECH 400—No. 14—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L01840].

AD/DO 228—No. 10—Amendment (No. 1) [F2009L01839].

AD/GA-7—No. 5—Cancellation [F2009L01984].

AD/HS 125—No. 183 [F2009L01966].

AD/HU 369—

No. 25—Cancellation [F2009L01889].

No. 36—Cancellation [F2009L01886].

No. 45—Cancellation [F2009L01883].

No. 50—Cancellation [F2009L01882].

AD/PA-32—No. 42—Amendment (No. 2) [F2009L02088].

AD/SWSA226—

No. 10—Cancellation [F2009L01874].

No. 48—Cancellation [F2009L01873].

AD/TSA-600—No. 14—Cancellation [F2009L01867].

Part 39-106—

AD/AL 250—

No. 6—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L01926].

No. 14—Cancellation [F2009L01925].

No. 16—Cancellation [F2009L01924].

No. 62—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L01917].

No. 67—Amendment (No. 1)—Cancellation [F2009L01916].

No. 69—Cancellation [F2009L01915].

No. 70—Cancellation [F2009L01914].

AD/ALF No. 21 [F2009L01977].

AD/CF6 Nos 74, 75, 76 [F2009L01983], [F2009L01971], [F2009L01970].

AD/CF34 No. 17 [F2009L01972].

AD/CON—

No. 58—Cancellation [F2009L01912].

No. 73—Cancellation [F2009L01911].

AD/RB211 No. 39 [F2009L01964].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession—2009 Nos 0900116, 0901468, 0901776, 0902063, 0902064, 0902213, 0902340, 0902546, 0902572, 0902573, 0902636, 0902680, 0902829, 0902959, 0904162 [F2009L02038], [F2009L02020], [F2009L01986], [F2009L02036], [F2009L02037], [F2009L02025], [F2009L02033], [F2009L02035], [F2009L02040], [F2009L02045], [F2009L02039], [F2009L02044], [F2009L02041], [F2009L02042], [F2009L02032].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instruments under—
section 184—19 May 2009 [F2009L02096].

section 303DC—2009—

25 May [3] [F2009L02098], [F2009L02099], [F2009L02100].

26 May [2] [F2009L02101], [F2009L02102].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determinations—

Abolishing a special account—2009 No. 14 [F2009L02093].

Establishing a special account—2009 No. 15 [F2009L02094].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Variations to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code—2009 Amendment No. 108 [F2009L02066].

Higher Education Support Act—VET provider—Notice of approval—2009 No. 22 [F2009L02079].

National Health Act—Instrument under section 84AAA—2009 PB No. 45 [F2009L02084].

Social Security (International Agreements) Act—Social Security (International Agreements) Amendment Regulations—Instrument—2009 Commencement (Agreement between Australia and Finland on social security) [F2009L02118].

Taxation Administration Act—

Instrument under section 15-25 of schedule 1—21 May 2009 [F2009L02075].

Rulings—

2005—TR No. 1A (Erratum).

2008—PR No. 59 (Withdrawal).

2009—

CR No. 27.

PR No. 38.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determinations under—
paragraph 15(1)(d)—2009 No. 1 [F2009L02078].

subsection 14(1)—2009 Annual carrier licence charge [F2009L02068].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Broadbent, Ms A. L. Ellis and Mr Fitzgibbon.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2008-09

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2009

1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 4.22 p.m.

2 MIGRATION—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 Danby—
That the House take note of the document (*presented on 25 May 2009*), *viz.*—

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Immigration detention in Australia: Community-based alternatives to detention—Report, May 2009—

Debate resumed.

Mr Danby, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

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

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2009-2010—BUDGET DEBATE

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 approximately 6.40 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 192, Mr Symon 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 the next sitting.

4 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

5 TAMIL PEOPLES OF SRI LANKA

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

- (1) expresses its concern about the grave humanitarian situation of the Tamil peoples of Sri Lanka, many of whom are presently detained in camps following the recent conflict in Sri Lanka;
- (2) calls upon the Sri Lankan Government to:
 - (a) allow full access to United Nations and other humanitarian agencies to the camps to provide all necessary aid; and
 - (b) agree to an independent international investigation into war crimes alleged to have been committed by both parties during the recent conflict in Sri Lanka; and
- (3) expresses its hope that Sri Lanka can move forward from this difficult period in peace and with full respect for the human rights of all its peoples (*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.

6 AREA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

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

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that the Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) were first formed by the Hawke Labor Government as regional advisory bodies to Federal Parliament;
 - (b) the Howard Government gave them real purpose by restructuring their activities to act as a 'shop front' to assist regional communities through the process of applying for Commonwealth government grants;
 - (c) the ACCs had an advisory role in regards to community benefits and assessed the viability of proposed projects;
 - (d) there were 54 ACCs Australia wide and they were not for profit incorporated bodies under the relevant State associations incorporation Acts, operating with around \$300,000 per ACC of operational funding from the former Federal government;
 - (e) the Boards are voluntary with a ministerially appointed Chairman and Deputy Chairman; and
 - (f) that by contrast to Regional Australia's loss of national resources and control over development, the Government has established a Better Cities unit in Sydney;
- (2) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) its decision to eliminate ACCs;
 - (b) its lack of commitment to locally generated initiatives through the ACCs;
 - (c) the loss of about 150 jobs around the nation;
 - (d) its failure to facilitate a seamless transition of staff to the new State based bodies despite an assurance from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, earlier last year;
 - (e) its failure to value and recognise the volunteer effort, including the unpaid skills and abilities of community members;
 - (f) its lack of leadership and clarity of decision making in the handling of the transition process;
 - (g) the disingenuous way the Minister has treated the chairmen and executive officers of ACCs over the past 18 months; and
 - (h) being willing to pass to the Government of Western Australia the total operational funding for ACCs in that State without any process of transparent accountability;
- (3) recognises:
 - (a) the tremendous work carried out by the ACCs and the important role they played in business development and job creation in regional and rural Australia;
 - (b) the work carried out by the executive officers, staff and the Board chairmen and the voluntary contribution by members of the board;
 - (c) the value of the decentralised nature of the ACCs and the capacity, therefore, to consider the needs and interests of local communities and local areas in rural and regional Australia; and
 - (d) through community effort, the relatively small amount of funding of \$300,000 granted to each of the ACCs was multiplied many times due to the voluntary effort by the committees, local governments and members of the community; and
- (4) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) reconsider its decision to ignore staff of the ACCs and take steps to re locate them in the new arrangements; and
 - (b) recognise and acknowledge the detrimental effect the current Government policy is likely to have on the development and job creation capacity and the fair dispersal of funding for projects across the regions (*see item No. 2, Votes and Proceedings*)—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Cheeseman 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.

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.

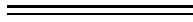
The time allotted for the debate having expired—

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

8 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr C. R. Thomson, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.29 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