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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 162

THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2010

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 COMPETITION AND CONSUMER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2010**

Dr Emerson (Minister for Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to competition and consumers, and for related purposes.

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Dr Emerson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Emerson moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

**3 FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE AT 735 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at 735 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

**4 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AT LARGS NORTH (BAYRIVER), PORT ADELAIDE, SA**

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Proposed development and construction of housing for the Department of Defence at Largs North (Bayriver), Port Adelaide, South Australia.

Question—put and passed.

**5 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2010**

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—Mr Oakeshott dissenting—bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 339, 17 May 2010, 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 Combet (Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency), the bill was read a third time.

#### **6 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) (CHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL 2010**

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 Combet (Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency), the bill was read a third time.

#### **7 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) (SMALL-SCALE TECHNOLOGY SHORTFALL CHARGE) BILL 2010**

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 Combet (Minister representing the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency), the bill was read a third time.

#### **8 PAID PARENTAL LEAVE BILL 2010**

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 Abbott moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) affirms its commitment to supporting all Australian families and supports policies which give choice and flexibility to parents to enable them to choose what is right for their individual circumstances, whether they are at home or in the paid workforce;
- (2) recognises that parents have different patterns of family responsibilities and paid work over their life cycle;
- (3) recognises that due to rising costs of living and a housing affordability crisis, the majority of families require two incomes to make ends meet;
- (4) notes that Australia remains only one of two OECD countries that does not provide a paid parental leave scheme and that introducing a paid parental scheme is critical to the needs of working families and our national productivity more broadly;
- (5) rejects the Government’s representation of a paid parental leave scheme as a social security measure and instead affirms that it is a valid workplace entitlement that must come with a superannuation component to arrest the gross inadequacy of female retirement incomes;
- (6) notes the Government’s proposed paid parental leave scheme is inadequate in its current form and should be amended to better reflect the requirements of Australian working mothers, and families more generally;
- (7) supports the ability of casual, part time and fulltime women to access paid parental leave provided that they have met the qualifying criteria;
- (8) recognises that a paid parental leave scheme is only one part of government’s important role in supporting families as they raise the next generation of Australians;
- (9) acknowledges that the bill does not:
  - (a) provide paid parental leave for a period of 26 weeks to afford all mothers the opportunity to breastfeed their infant for the minimum six month period recommended by the World Health Organisation; or
  - (b) provide women with a replacement wage, to a cap or minimum wage (whichever is greater), and so does not adequately support working families when they are at their most financially vulnerable;

(10) acknowledges that the bill places a totally unnecessary impost on Australian businesses by requiring employers to act as paymasters for eligible employees; and

(11) calls on the Government to make such amendments to the bill as would rectify these flaws”.

Debate continued.

Mr Turnour addressing the House—

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

## 9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member directed to leave*

At 3.37 p.m. the Member for Curtin (Ms J. Bishop) 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 she accordingly left the Chamber.

*Member directed to leave*

At 3.37 p.m. the Member for Sturt (Mr Pyne) 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 3.59 p.m. the Member for Mackellar (Mrs B. K. Bishop) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for raising a frivolous point of order, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

## 10 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 42 of 2009–2010—Performance audit—Fraud control in Australian Government Agencies: Attorney-General's Department; Australian Institute of Criminology.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

## 11 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) presented the following documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Reforming our Constitution: A roundtable discussion—Government response.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 48—Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing system, 18 December 2009.

and moved—That the House take note of the documents.

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

## 12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RESOURCE SUPER PROFITS TAX

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 failure of the Government to consider the impact of its proposed Resource Super Profits Tax on regional Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Truss addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr A. S. Burke addressing the House—

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until 12 noon on Monday, 31 May 2010.

**DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 27 May 2010:

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 101 [F2010L01072].

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 102 [F2010L01073].

Electronic Transactions Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instruments—2010 Nos 96, 97 [F2010L01380], [F2010L01381].

Fair Work Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 99 [F2010L01362].

Family Law Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 98 [F2010L01320].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Determination—Establishing a special account—2010 No. 5 [F2010L01238].

Fisheries Management Act—Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003—Direction—2010 Closures (No. 1) [F2010L01471].

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 103 [F2010L00600].

Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 104 [F2010L01314].

Higher Education Support Act—

Higher education provider—Revocation of approval—19 May 2010 [F2010L01419].

VET provider—Revocation of approval—18 May 2010 [F2010L01368].

*Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*—Determination—Income tax (Effective life of depreciating assets) Amendment—2010 No. 1 [F2010L01407].

National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 106 [F2010L01370].

National Health Act—

Amendment determinations under—

sections 85, 85A and 88—2010 No. PB 45 [F2010L01374].

sections 85AB and 85AC—2010 No. PB 47 [F2010L01378].

Amendment special arrangements under section 100—2010 No. PB 51 [F2010L01429].

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Advice under paragraph 18(a)—17 May 2010.

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2010 No. 92 [F2010L01081].

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determination—2010 Amendment (No. 3) [F2010L01438].

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Investment and Innovation Programs Act—

Clothing and Household Textile (Building Innovative Capability) Scheme—2010 [F2010L01383].

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Strategic Investment Program Scheme—2010 Amendment (No. 1) [F2010L01382].

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bevis, Ms Campbell, Mr Clare, Mr Crean, Mrs Hull, Mr Irons, Mr Johnson, Mr Laming, \*Mrs Mirabella, Ms Rea, Mr Robb and Mr Turnbull.

\* On leave

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 162

**MAIN COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2010

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2010-2011—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.

Mr Secker was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Melham moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensuing—

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Ms Vamvakinou, by leave, presented the following document:

Union Aid Abroad—APHEDA—Labor 4A Just Palestine—Middle East study trip report, March 2010.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday, 31 May 2010.

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**DAVID ELDER**  
Clerk of the Main Committee