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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 163

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 1998

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- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Right Honourable Ian Sinclair) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (LANDCARE AND WATER FACILITY TAX OFFSET) BILL 1998**

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a landcare and water facility tax offset for some primary producers and some land-holders, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Scott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Scott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 3 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FARM MANAGEMENT DEPOSITS) BILL 1998**

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to farm management deposits, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Scott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Scott presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Melham), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
  - 4 **HEALTH CARE (APPROPRIATION) BILL 1998**

Mr W. L. Smith (Acting Minister for Health and Family Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide financial assistance for the period of 5 years starting on 1 July 1998 in respect of health care services.

Bill read a first time.

Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr W. L. Smith presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**5 PASSENGER MOVEMENT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Passenger Movement Charge Act 1978*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Truss moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**6 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 1998**

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Miles moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Miles presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**7 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) BILL 1998**

Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Miles moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr Miles presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**8 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1998-99—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—*And on the amendment*

*moved thereto by Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.—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 notes that the Budget:*

- (1) does nothing to redress the pain caused to ordinary Australian families, and those doing it hardest in our community, by the impact of successive Budget cuts on health, education, job programs, aged care, child care and many other government programs and services;
- (2) by seeking to achieve surplus on the basis of savage Budget cuts, rather than on growth and job creation, does nothing to give hope to the unemployed and underemployed;
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- (4) lacks credibility in its growth, employment and current account deficit forecasts;
- (5) confirms that Australia has a private rather than public saving problem—and the stupidity of the Coalition’s promise-breaking decision in 1997 to abandon Labor’s superannuation co-contribution; and
- (6) is incomplete and misleading in its projections of future revenue and outlays, in that it makes no provision for election-driven new expenditures and the Government’s GST and other tax proposals”—

Debate resumed.

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

#### **9 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr J. N. Andrew (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Appropriation (No. 1) 1998-99;

Appropriation (No. 2) 1998-99; and

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1998-99.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

#### **10 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION (ANTI-DUMPING AMENDMENTS) BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

**11 CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

**12 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REPRESENTATIONS) BILL 1998**

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.

*Consideration in detail*

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Schedule 2—

Items 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Item 3 debated.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**13 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 2.50 p.m. the Member for Denison (Mr Kerr) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) presented the following paper:

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Economic impact of changes in the migration program between 1995-96 and 1997-98—Report, 21 March 1998.

Questions without notice continued.

**14 PAPERS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association travel by Members and Senators—  
1 July 1997 to 31 December 1997.

Travelling allowance payments to Members of the House of Representatives—  
Expenditure paid by the Department of the House of Representatives from 1  
July 1997 to 31 December 1997.

**15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1997-98—

No. 45—Performance audit—Planning for rural health: Department of Health  
and Family Services.

No. 46—Financial control and administration audit—Internal audit.

Severally ordered to be printed.

**16 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Department of Finance and Administration—Parliamentarians' travel paid by  
the department for the period July to December 1997, May 1998.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Papua New  
Guinea update—Report of proceedings of a seminar 11 and 12 November 1996,  
Canberra, February 1997—Government response.

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—

Support for the Government's objective of meaningful waterfront reform (Mr  
Cadman, 912 petitioners).

Opposition to the closure of the defence force training facility at Fort  
Queenscliff (Mr McLachlan, 2132 petitioners).

Opposition to the relocation of the Caboolture Town Centre Medicare office  
and request for its reinstatement (Mr Brough, 3459 petitioners).

University of Canberra Act—Council of the University of Canberra—Report  
for period 1 January to 30 November 1997.

**17 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOODS AND SERVICES  
TAX**

The House was informed that Mr Crean, for and on behalf of Mr Beazley  
(Leader of the Opposition), had proposed that a definite matter of public  
importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The inability of  
any proposed goods and services tax to enhance security and opportunity for  
ordinary Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**18 PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND NETTING BILL 1998—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 Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**19 CHEQUES AND PAYMENT ORDERS AMENDMENT (TURNBACK OF CHEQUES) BILL 1998—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 Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**20 CHEQUES AND PAYMENT ORDERS AMENDMENT BILL 1998—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 Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**21 DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM (ASSISTANCE AND TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1998—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 Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**22 FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY BILL 1998—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 Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY) BILL 1998—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 Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REPRESENTATIONS) BILL 1998**

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

Schedule 2—

Item 3 further debated.

Question—That the item be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Andren	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp
Mr Anthony	Mr Fahey	Mr Lieberman	Mr Slipper*
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fischer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mrs Stone
Mr Billson	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Taylor
Mrs Bishop	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Broadbent	Mr Georgiou	Mr Marek	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pyne	Mrs West
Mr Cobb	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Dondas	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	Ms Worth

## NOES, 43

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr O'Keefe
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Quick
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin*	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jenkins	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Mossfield	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item 4 agreed to.

Item 5—

Mr Rocher moved an amendment as circulated.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 47

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick
Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Rocher
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin*	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr A. C. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
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## NOES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper*
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Mrs Bishop	Mrs Gash	Mr McLachlan	Mr Truss
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Mr Cobb	Mr Hockey	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Ms Jeanes	Mr Reid	
Mr Downer	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reith	

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And so it was negatived.

Question—That the item be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Sharp
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Mr P. J. Baldwin	Mr Filing	Mr McClelland	Mr Rocher
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin*	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Brown	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Tanner
Mr Campbell	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Crosio	Mr Jenkins	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilton
Mr Dargavel	Mr Jones	Mr Mossfield	
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as whole, and agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**25 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

26 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED**

Mr Truss (Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 43

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Mr Cobb	Ms Jeanes	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Dondas	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	
Mrs Draper	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

27 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 1998**

Message No. 276, 11 May 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of requests by

the Senate for amendments of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

**28 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 1998—SENATE'S REQUESTS**

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments requested by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

**29 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 May 1998:

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations 1998 Nos. 15, 16, 17.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 1 June 1998 as the date on which Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 2 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 1 to, the *Wheat Marketing Amendment Act 1997*, shall come into operation.

Taxation Administration Act—

Determination No. TD 98/11.

Rulings Nos. TR 97/25, TR 98/6.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bevis, Mr Costello, Mr Katter, Mr Moore, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Willis and Dr Wooldridge.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1996-97-98

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 163

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 28 MAY 1998**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND NETTING BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

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

**4 CHEQUES AND PAYMENT ORDERS AMENDMENT (TURNBACK OF CHEQUES) BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

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

**5 CHEQUES AND PAYMENT ORDERS AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

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

**6 DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM (ASSISTANCE AND TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

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

**7 FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY BILL 1998**

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 McMullan who 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 deplores the actions of the Government in reducing support for the Australian film industry”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

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

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

**8 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FILM LICENSED INVESTMENT COMPANY) BILL 1998**

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 forthwith.

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

**9 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1998-99—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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr G. J. Evans (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—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 notes that the Budget:

- (1) does nothing to redress the pain caused to ordinary Australian families, and those doing it hardest in our community, by the impact of successive

Budget cuts on health, education, job programs, aged care, child care and many other government programs and services;

- (2) by seeking to achieve surplus on the basis of savage Budget cuts, rather than on growth and job creation, does nothing to give hope to the unemployed and underemployed;
- (3) confirms that the Opposition's alternative Budget strategy, as originally announced in 1996, would have returned the Budget to surplus in 1998-99—on the basis of putting growth and jobs first, with much more moderate outlays reductions;
- (4) lacks credibility in its growth, employment and current account deficit forecasts;
- (5) confirms that Australia has a private rather than public saving problem—and the stupidity of the Coalition's promise-breaking decision in 1997 to abandon Labor's superannuation co-contribution; and
- (6) is incomplete and misleading in its projections of future revenue and outlays, in that it makes no provision for election-driven new expenditures and the Government's GST and other tax proposals"—

Debate resumed.

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*Adjournment negatived*

It being 12.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Mrs Bailey requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

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

#### 10 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

At 1.30 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee