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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 167

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 1998

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 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION 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.

Mr Bradford addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Cadman (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Workplace Relations and Small Business) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper*
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Marek	Mr Taylor
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Miles	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Mutch	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Halverson	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mrs D. S. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Dr Nelson	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Nugent	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Zammit
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

NOES, 44

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Dr Wooldridge (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), by leave, moved Government amendments (1) and (2) as circulated, together.

Paper

Dr Wooldridge presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Dr Wooldridge, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper*
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Stone
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr Marek	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Halverson	Mr Mutch	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Ms Jeanes	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	

NOES, 42

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

3 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

4 FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1998—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

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

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), Senate amendments Nos. 1 to 4 and 6 to 30 were agreed to.

Mr Miles moved—That Senate amendment No. 5 be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 81

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Slipper*
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr McDougall	Mrs Stone
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest	Mr Marek	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Bradford	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Halverson	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nugent	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Ms Jeanes	Mr Randall	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mrs Johnston	Mr Reid	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	
Mr Dondas	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 45

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Miles moved—That Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Hicks and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to amendment No. 5 of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Miles, on behalf of the committee, brought up reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to amendment No. 5 of the Senate

The amendment proposes:

- (a) the insertion of a new Division 6A into Part 3 of the Corporations Law to extend the liability of bodies corporate to cover the debts of related insolvent companies if the Court thinks “just”; and
- (b) repealing section 1317HD of the Corporations Law which provides that corporations may recover compensation from persons contravening the civil penalty provisions of the Corporations Law for loss or damage suffered as a result of the breach, and reintroducing the section to include corporations, creditors and the Australian Securities Commission as allowable applicants for such action.

The House of Representatives does not accept the Senate amendments, which present very serious practical difficulties and far-reaching unintended consequences.

- The provisions give little guidance to parties and their advisers as to permitted and non-permitted conduct. The “just” test is applied by the Court in hindsight which dramatically increases uncertainty in business decision-making.
- The erosion of “firewalls” around entities may have very severe confidence effects on conglomerates, due to over reactions to news of potential claims.
 - In the case of financial institutions, depositors may over react to news of claims on a deposit-taking institution by creditors of a related member of the conglomerate. A run on the deposits of institutions could then spread to others.
 - The undermining of confidence in conglomerates is likely to unnecessarily adversely affect share prices.
- The likely increase in litigation arising from claims by a range of different creditors could frustrate the timely and cost-effective administration of an insolvent company, thereby prejudicing the claims of the main body of creditors.
- Allowing creditors to sue directors of financially healthy companies effectively gives them a statutory derivative action, something which even shareholders do not currently have. Further, the derivative right has no safeguards against abuse, in contrast to the Government’s proposed statutory derivative action for shareholders under the Corporate Law Economic Reform Program.

The House of Representatives believes that the issues should be considered in a comprehensive fashion and in a wider policy context than simply by amendments to the Corporations Law.

In addition, amendments to the Corporations Law generally require the approval of the Ministerial Council for Corporations ('MINCO') under the Corporations Agreement that underpins the national regulation scheme for companies and securities. The issue of protection of employee entitlements and asset-stripping has already been placed on the agenda of the next meeting of MINCO by the New South Wales Attorney-General, the Hon. JW Shaw QC, MLC. The House of Representatives will not support any amendments prior to MINCO considering their full impact on the Corporations Law and policy.

On the motion of Mr Miles, the committee's reasons were adopted.

5 AUTHORISED DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION BILL 1998—SENATE'S REQUEST

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

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the requested amendment was made.

6 PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, referred to an answer given during the questions without notice period on 3 June 1998 and presented the following paper:

Waterfront consultancy—Tabling of terms of reference for ACIL 2 in Senate—Minute from Dr Peter Shergold, Secretary, Department of Workplace Relations and Small Business to the Minister, 3 June 1998.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Crean, by leave, presented the following paper:

Waterfront strategy—Supplementary paper for Cabinet consideration, 7 July 1997.

Questions without notice continued.

8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House censures the Prime Minister:

- (1) for his involvement in, knowledge of, and ultimate responsibility for, the Government's belligerent waterfront strategy, which has been shown to have been based upon an aggressive approach involving stevedores dismissing their employees and rehiring new workers under different arrangements;

- (2) for his authorisation of secret planning by the Government and certain commercial parties to give effect to the belligerent waterfront strategy;
- (3) for his evasive denials of the existence of such planning; and
- (4) for his culpability for the consequences of the Government's aggressive strategy which has seen, *inter alia*, potentially illegal actions in contravention of the Workplace Relations Act, and the potential exposure of the Commonwealth, and all taxpayers, to substantial damages.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 45

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

NOES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper*
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mrs Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bartlett	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Prosser	Mrs West
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reid	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Committee to Examine the Use of the Term “Drug Free”—The use of the term “drug free” in relation to presentation and advertising of therapeutic goods—Government response.

Interim report, 8 May 1998.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Inquiry into complaints of discrimination in employment and occupation—Report No. 6—Discrimination on the ground of sexual preference.

10 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The House was informed that Mr McMullan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government’s industrial relations policies to provide employment security for Australian workers”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan rising to address the House—

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

11 SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Amended report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 22 June 1998—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 2 June 1998.

Question—put and passed.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1998-99—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 Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 8 to 10, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1998-99—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Main Committee relating to the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1998-99—

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1998-99—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Main Committee relating to the Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1998-99—

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FARM MANAGEMENT DEPOSITS) BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 NATIONAL FIREARMS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION BILL 1998—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROVIDERS SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION BILL 1998—SENATE'S REQUEST

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

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the requested amendment was made, after debate.

19 LIFE INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION BILL 1998—SENATE'S REQUEST

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

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the requested amendment was made.

20 GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION BILL 1998—SENATE'S REQUEST

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

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the requested amendment was made.

21 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (POLITICAL DONATIONS) 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.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr McArthur*	Mr W. L. Smith
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Entsch	Mr McDougall	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McLachlan	Dr Southcott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fahey	Mr Marek	Mrs Stone
Mr R. C. Baldwin	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr Taylor
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Mutch	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mrs E. J. Grace	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr E. H. Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr R. A. Cameron	Mrs Johnston	Mr Randall	Mrs West
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Miss J. M. Kelly	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Downer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper*	

NOES, 44

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.

22 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr Hardgrave to be a member of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology in place of Mr Zammit.

23 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1998—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

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

On the motion of Mr Miles (Parliamentary Secretary (Cabinet) to the Prime Minister), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

24 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (LANDCARE AND WATER FACILITY TAX OFFSET) 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.

Mrs Gash addressing the House—

25 ADJOURNMENT

It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 22 June 1998, at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 June 1998:

Airports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1998 No. 118.

Superannuation Contributions Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act—
Determination 1998 No. SCD 98/3.

Superannuation Contributions Tax Imposition Act—Determination 1998 No.
SCD 98/6.

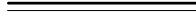
Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act—Determination 1998 No.
SGD 98/1.

Taxation Administration Act—
Determination 1998 No. TD 98/12.

Rulings 1998 Nos. TR 98/7, TR 98/8.

Termination Payments Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act—Determination
1998 No. SCD 98/5.

Termination Payments Tax Imposition Act—Determination 1998 No. SCD
98/4.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Mr
Bevis, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Gallus, Ms Hanson, Mr Hawker, Mr Katter, Mr Moore,
Mr Pyne and Mr A. C. Smith.

**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1996-97-98

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 167

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 1998

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FARM MANAGEMENT DEPOSITS) 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 618, 3 June 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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 **NATIONAL FIREARMS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 619, 22 May 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE SEMINAR INTO ASPECTS OF YOUTH SUICIDE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Slipper—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 2 June 1997*), viz.:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Aspects of youth suicide—Summary of a seminar, May 1997—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Anthony requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.55 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 1.07 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting

At 1.13 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 1.24 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee