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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1998

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- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998**
Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Williams moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 1998;
and
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Charges 1998.
Debate adjourned (Mr Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) CHARGES BILL 1998**
Mr Williams (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose charges in respect of applications made under the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Williams moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1998

Mr Ruddock (Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 PETROLEUM RETAIL LEGISLATION REPEAL BILL 1998

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Petroleum Retail Marketing Franchise Act 1980* and the *Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Act 1980*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Macklin, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for:

- (1) increased funding for the public hospital system;
- (2) measures to promote efficiency in private hospitals and control costs; and
- (3) measures to make health insurance more attractive by providing private patients a single hospital bill and insurance to cover the cost of hospital and medical services so that patients don’t face large out-of-pocket costs”—

Debate resumed.

Dr Emerson addressing the House—

Closure

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Ms Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mrs Stone
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McLeay	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth

NOES, 59

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Wilkie
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Andren	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Mrs Stone
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Baird	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Cameron	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Dr Theophanous
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Wilkie
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 10, 13 November 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

7 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES 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.

Mr Griffin addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Crosio, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Crosio, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Crosio, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Griffin	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Mr Hatton	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 11, 13 November 1998, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ms Macklin rising to address the House—

Closure

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Ms Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Ms May	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth

NOES, 61

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Bevis	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McLeay	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowdon
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Dr Theophanous
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr G. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1997-98.

Australia Post—Statement of corporate intent—1998-99-2000-01.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1997-98—Erratum.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal Employment Opportunity Program—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1997-98.

National Rail Corporation Agreement Act—National Rail Corporation Limited—Report for 1997-98.

Productivity Commission Act—Productivity Commission—Report No. 3—Pig and pigmeat industries: Safeguard action against imports.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1997-98.

Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1997-98.

10 NATIONAL RAIL CORPORATION LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

National Rail Corporation Agreement Act—National Rail Corporation Limited—Report for 1997-98.

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

11 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 17 of 1998-99—Performance audit—Acquisition of aerospace simulators: Department of Defence.

Ordered to be printed.

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

The House was informed that both Mr Martin and Dr Southcott had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Dr Southcott, namely, “The Opposition’s failure to recognise the threat posed to Australia’s health system if private health insurance is put on the back burner”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Southcott addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 25 November 1998, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 5—Higher Education Funding Amendment 1998.

No. 6—States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment 1998.

14 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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 Scott (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

15 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Scott (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 1998 BUDGET MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS) 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 Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

17 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 Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES AMENDMENT BILL 1998

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

On the motion of Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE) 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 Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

20 ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES CONVENTION 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 Irwin was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

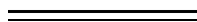
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 November 1998:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemption 1998 No. CASA 42.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Ruling No. SST 14.

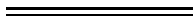
Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act—Determination 1998 No. SGD 98/2.

Taxation Administration Act—
Determinations—

No. TD 93/223 Addendum.

1998 No. TD 98/26.

Ruling—1998 No. TR 98/17.

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Fischer and Mr Sciacca.

**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998

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

No. 6

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1998

- 1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.
- 2 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 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.
- 3 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 **1998 BUDGET MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS) 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. 7, 11 November 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 DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM (ASSISTANCE AND TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1998

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Truss (Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.27 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.51 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.51 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair due to the lack of a quorum.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.53 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum being present—

Debate continued.

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 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services), the Main Committee adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee