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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 41

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 1999

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 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Slipper 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 IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Import Processing Charges Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Slipper 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 SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999

Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the administration of the social security law, 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 following Bills:
Social Security (Administration) 1999;
Social Security (International Agreements) 1999; and
Social Security (Administration and International Agreements) (Consequential Amendments) 1999.

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

5 SOCIAL SECURITY (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1999

Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to give effect to international social security agreements, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

6 SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999

Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make amendments consequent upon the enactment of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* and the *Social Security (International Agreements) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

7 PROTECTION OF MOVABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran 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 CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM 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 Tanner who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “without declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for ignoring the rights of small investors, including so called mum and dad investors, by (a) creating a takeover process and compulsory acquisition rules which breach the Eggleston principles; and (b) unnecessarily watering down directors’ duties and responsibilities”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 68

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

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Nehl	Mr Martin
Mr A. P. Thomson	Ms Gillard
Dr Washer	Ms Hoare
Dr Southcott	Mr Rudd
Mrs Moylan	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Bailey	Mr G. J. Evans

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Tanner, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (38) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
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Mr Brough	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr Wakelin
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Ms Bailey	Mr Crean

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9 FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 1999—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 Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

10 FINANCIAL SECTOR (TRANSFERS OF BUSINESS) BILL 1999—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 Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

11 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (CLOSELY HELD TRUSTS) BILL 1999

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 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.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented the following paper:

National Road Transport Commission—Approval—New petrol and diesel emission standards—Copy of letter from Jim Stevenson, Chief Executive, National Road Transport Commission to members of IAG/BIAG, 25 May 1999.

Questions without notice continued.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Employment, Education and Training—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Youth employment: A working solution—Government response.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 7—Superannuation Entitlements of Same-Sex Couples.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 2—International Air Services: Inquiry Report, 11 September 1998.

14 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Productivity Commission—Report No. 2—International Air Services: Inquiry Report, 11 September 1998.

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

15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOODS AND SERVICES TAX—EFFECT ON EDUCATION

The House was informed that Mr Lee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The detrimental effect on education of the revised Howard/Lees GST package”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

16 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR RECONCILIATION

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), for Mr Ruddock (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Reconciliation), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

(1) The House of Representatives:

(a) welcomes the public launch today of a draft document for reconciliation by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and congratulates the Council on its efforts;

(b) indicates support for the Australia-wide consultations on the draft document for reconciliation;

(c) notes that this consultation process will culminate in an event in May 2000 being organised by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation to

launch the Council's final proposals for a national document for reconciliation;

- (d) commends the consultation process and calls on its Members to take active steps to encourage all Australians to participate in the consultations, including local governments, State and Territory governments, schools, businesses, and community organisations and groups; and
- (e) agrees that a successful May 2000 reconciliation event, which attracts broad community participation and support, will make a significant contribution to advancing national reconciliation; and

(2) A message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (BRIBERY OF FOREIGN PUBLIC OFFICIALS) BILL 1999—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The 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 Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

3 June 1999—Message No. 67—Wool International Privatisation 1999.

20 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1999-2000—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 Mossfield addressing the House—

21 ADJOURNMENT

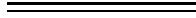
It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 6 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Bailey, Ms Gillard, Ms Hoare, Mr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nehl, Mr Rudd, Mr Secker, Dr Southcott, Mr A P Thomson, Mr K J Thomson and Dr Washer.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

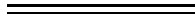
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 41

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 1999



1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (BRIBERY OF FOREIGN PUBLIC OFFICIALS) BILL 1999

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Williams (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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 DAMAGE BY AIRCRAFT BILL 1999

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 Swan addressing the Main Committee—

**5 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.



Suspension of sitting

At 12.51 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 1.03 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

At 1.13 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee