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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 52

WEDNESDAY, 30 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 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES**

Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**3 ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS BILL 1999**

Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to facilitate electronic transactions, and for other purposes.

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 Bill.

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

**4 WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MORE JOBS, BETTER PAY) BILL 1999**

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to workplace relations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Papers*

Mr Reith presented the following papers:

Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (More Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 1999—

Explanatory memorandum.

Regulation impact statement.

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

#### **5 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp 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 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Indigenous Education (Supplementary Assistance) Act 1989* and the *Student Assistance Act 1973*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp 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.

#### **7 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp 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.

#### **8 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Kemp moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Kemp 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.

#### **9 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Williams (Minister representing the Minister for Justice and Customs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to Customs, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### **10 CRIMES AMENDMENT (FINE ENFORCEMENT) BILL 1999**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914*, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### **11 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (DISPOSAL OF ASSETS) BILL 1999**

Mr Truss (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* in relation to the effect on social security benefits of the disposal of assets, 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**12 TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Television Licence Fees Act 1964*, 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 following Bills: Television Licence Fees Amendment 1999; and Broadcasting Services Amendment (No. 2) 1999.

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

**13 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**14 SUPERANNUATION (UNCLAIMED MONEY AND LOST MEMBERS) BILL 1999**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a register of unclaimed money and a register of lost members for superannuation funds, 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**15 SUPERANNUATION (UNCLAIMED MONEY AND LOST MEMBERS) CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL BILL 1999**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), for Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the *Superannuation (Unclaimed Money and Lost Members) Act 1999*, and for other 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**16 SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS AND TERMINATION PAYMENTS TAXES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts in relation to superannuation contributions taxes and termination payments taxes, 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**17 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES) BILL 1999**

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973* in relation to diagnostic imaging services, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Wooldridge presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**18 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS**

Ordered—That business intervening before notice No. 18, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—A NEW TAX SYSTEM BILLS**

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), for Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) consideration together forthwith of the Senate's amendments to A New Tax System bills conveyed to the House in Senate messages Nos. 154 to 157; and
- (2) a Minister then moving one motion—That the amendments of the Senate conveyed to the House in Senate messages Nos. 154 to 157 be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

## 20 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE—A NEW TAX SYSTEM BILLS

Messages from the Senate, 29 June 1999, were reported returning the following bills and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the bills as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedules—

Message—

No. 154—A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Transition) 1998.

No. 155—A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) 1998.

No. 156—A New Tax System (Bonuses for Older Australians) 1998.

No. 157—A New Tax System (Family Assistance) 1999.

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the amendments of the Senate conveyed to the House in Senate messages Nos. 154 to 157 be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

## 21 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 29 June 1999, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message No.—

No. 142—Taxation Laws Amendment (Demutualisation of Non-insurance Mutual Entities) 1999.

No. 143—Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review) 1999.

No. 146—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) 1999.

No. 147—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1999.

No. 148—Taxation Laws Amendment (CPI Indexation) 1999.

No. 149—Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1999.

No. 150—Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Amendment 1999.

No. 151—Aviation Fuel Revenues (Special Appropriation) Amendment 1999.

No. 152—Customs Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel Revenues) 1999 (*without requests*).

No. 153—Excise Tariff Amendment (Aviation Fuel Revenues) 1999 (*without requests*).

**22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (COMPUTER PROGRAMS) BILL 1999**

Message No. 145, 29 June 1999, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Copyright Act 1968*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

29 June 1999—Message No. 158—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1999.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (SLAVERY AND SEXUAL SERVITUDE) BILL 1999**

Message No. 144, 29 June 1999, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**25 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (ESTABLISHMENT OF REPUBLIC) 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.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Sullivan—Parliamentary Secretary (Foreign Affairs)), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**26 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ONLINE SERVICES) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Evans, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House:

(1) expresses its concern that:

(a) the legislation is being dealt with in indecent haste and with inadequate consideration;

- (b) the Government's claim that the legislation will 'solve the problem' of unacceptable content is not supported by the reality that the vast bulk of internet content is generated outside Australia;
  - (c) the proposals, including the idea of mandatory internet service provider filters, are unworkable and easily by-passed;
  - (d) the application of the narrowcasting classification regime to the regulation of internet content has not been thoroughly analysed and may well require revisiting in the future, in view of rapidly changing and converging technology; and
  - (e) the legislation does not include a sunset clause, or provision for review, given the speed of technological change in this area; and
- (2) recommends that:
- (a) efforts should be made by the Government to pursue international agreements on the regulation of internet content; and
  - (b) substantially more emphasis should be placed on end-user empowerment through information and education campaigns for parents, schools and guardians about the use of the internet and of end-user filter devices"—

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.

## 27 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

## 28 LEADER OF THE NATIONAL PARTY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE—PROPOSED RESIGNATION—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Fischer (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade), by leave, made a statement informing the House that he would be resigning as Leader of the National Party, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Anderson (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, and the Speaker also made statements on the matter.

## 29 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker referred to the complaint of breach of privilege raised yesterday by Dr Theophanous concerning actions of National Crime Authority officers in relation to inquiries involving him.

The Speaker stated that it did appear that information obtained from tapped telephone calls had been used in the questioning of people and that alleged actions of, or statements by, the honourable member had been referred to in interviews. The Speaker further stated that, as he comprehended it, the information provided to this point did not reveal evidence that the National



Crime Authority was acting other than in accordance with lawful authority, or evidence of an improper purpose on the part of those involved.

The Speaker concluded that, in the circumstances known to him, he did not believe he would be justified in allowing precedence to a motion.

### 30 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand—Record and resolutions—15th meeting, Adelaide, 5 March 1999.

Australasian Police Ministers' Council—National Common Police Services—Report for 1997-98.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period July to December 1998.

Employment, Education and Training—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Today's training. Tomorrow's skills, Government response, June 1999.

Finance—Budget 1999-2000—Budget papers—  
No. 1—Budget strategy and outlook 1999-2000—Corrigendum.  
No. 2—Budget measures 1999-2000—Corrigendum.

Second Sydney Airport proposal—Supplement to draft environmental impact statement—Auditor's report by SMEC Australia, June 1999.

Sydney Airports Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent.

### 31 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period July to December 1998.

Finance—Budget 1999-2000—Budget papers—  
No. 1—Budget strategy and outlook 1999-2000—Corrigendum.  
No. 2—Budget measures 1999-2000—Corrigendum.

Second Sydney Airport proposal—Supplement to draft environmental impact statement—Auditor's report by SMEC Australia, June 1999.

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

### 32 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 9 August 1999, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

**33 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

**34 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Dr Washer and Mr Griffin be appointed supplementary members of the Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services for the purpose of the committee's inquiry into primary producer access to gene technology.

Question—put and passed.

**35 PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of outstanding Government responses to reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period 10 February 1999 to 29 June 1999.

**36 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

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 Howard Government's lack of vision and commitment to Australia's future in research and development".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Lee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**37 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1999—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 McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**38 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 30 June 1999, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 159—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1999-2000.

No. 160—Appropriation (No. 1) 1999-2000 (*without requests*).

No. 161—Appropriation (No. 2) 1999-2000.

**39 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**40 EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

Mr Anthony (Parliamentary Secretary (Trade)), for Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Anthony presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**41 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with an amendment:

29 June 1999—Message No. 141—Export Market Development Grants Legislation Amendment 1999.

Ordered—That the amendment be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Fischer (Minister for Trade), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

**42 AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr M. A. J. Vaile moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr M. A. J. Vaile presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**43 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999**

Mr Scott (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* and other legislation, 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 Swan), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**44 FINANCIAL SECTOR REFORM (AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1999**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and deal with transitional matters, in connection with the reform of the financial sector, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**45 AUTHORISED NON-OPERATING HOLDING COMPANIES SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to validate a determination made under the *Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:  
Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999;

General Insurance Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999;

Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999;

Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999; and

Superannuation Supervisory Levy Determination Validation 1999.

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

**46 GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to validate a determination made under the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**47 LIFE INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to validate a determination made under the *Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**48 RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROVIDERS SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to validate a determination made under the *Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**49 SUPERANNUATION SUPERVISORY LEVY DETERMINATION VALIDATION BILL 1999**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to validate a determination made under the *Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**50 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 1999**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, 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, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**51 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ONLINE SERVICES) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Evans, (see item No. 26, page 701)—*

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Jackie Kelly—Minister for Sport and Tourism), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**52 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 1) 1999**

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to implement A New Tax System by amending the law about taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Papers*

Mr Costello presented the following papers:

A New Tax System (Taxation Laws Amendment) Bill (No. 1) 1999—

Explanatory memorandum.

Regulation impact statement.

Debate adjourned (Mr Crean—Deputy Leader of the Opposition)), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**53 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ONLINE SERVICES) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Evans (see item No. 26, page 701)—*

Debate resumed.

*Closure*

Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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

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

## AYES, 73

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

## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard                      Mr Beazley

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 Smith, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (12) together.

Debate continued.

*Closure*

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendments be agreed to—was put accordingly, and negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 73

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



## NOES, 61

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Howard                      Mr Beazley

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

**54 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to proposed Australian Embassy, Berlin—Refurbishment of heritage buildings as a chancery and apartments (4th report of 1999).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

**55 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999**

Message No. 162, 30 June 1999, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Adjournment negatived*

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

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

Question—put and negatived.

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Mr Slipper continued his speech.

*Paper*

Mr Slipper presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, the Bill was read a third time.

**56 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER**

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 39th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 1 April 1999 to 29 June 1999.

**57 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Privileges—Matter referred to the committee by the House on 25 March 1999—Report on unauthorised disclosure of the report by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration, including minutes of proceedings, 28 June 1999.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Somlyay, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

**58 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ADJOURNMENT DEBATE**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent debate on the question—That the House do now adjourn—continuing for a period not exceeding 30 minutes after the motion is moved.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

**59 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—6TH REPORT**

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 6TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 13 May 1999, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report and recommendation to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory—No. 55—Carpentaria Downs/Balbirini land claim no. 160.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report—No. 87—Confiscation that counts: A review of the Proceeds of Crime Act 1987.

Finance—Budget 1999-2000—

A better future for indigenous Australians.

Australia's overseas aid program 1999-2000.

Choice and equity: Funding arrangements for non-government schools 2001-2004.

Delivering on our commitments to women.

Investing in our natural and cultural heritage: The Commonwealth's environment expenditure 1999-2000.

Our commitment to Australia's seniors.

Promises kept for a stronger Australia.

Regional Australia: Meeting the challenges.

Science and Technology Budget Statement 1999-2000.

Strengthening and supporting Australian families.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report—

Superannuation Entitlements of Same-Sex Couples—HRC Report No. 7.

National Health and Medical Research Council—

Grants, 1999.

Report for 1998.

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

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

30 June 1999

Mr Lieberman, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

**60 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 369—Australian Government procurement, June 1999.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles and Ms Plibersek, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Charles, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr Charles 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.

**61 AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, BERLIN—REFURBISHMENT OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AS CHANCERY AND APARTMENTS—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, 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: Australian Embassy, Berlin—Refurbishment of heritage buildings as a chancery and apartments.

Question—put and passed.

**62 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CSIRO DIVISION OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT RIVERSIDE CORPORATE PARK, NORTH RYDE, NSW**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, 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: CSIRO Division of Building Construction and Engineering Development Works at Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

**63 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 30 June 1999, were reported acquainting the House that:

- (a) Senator McGauran has been discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories and that, from 1 July 1999, Senator Watson has been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 163;
- (b) from 1 July 1999, Senators Brownhill, Calvert and Payne have been appointed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Message No. 164;
- (c) Senator Lightfoot has been discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters and that, from 1 July 1999, Senators Boswell and Mason have been appointed members of the committee—Message No. 165;

- (d) from 1 July 1999, Senators Boswell and Calvert have been appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Message No. 166; and
- (e) Senator Brownhill has been discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and that, from 1 July 1999, Senators Mason and Tchen have been appointed members of the committee—Message No. 167.

**64 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed

And then the House, at 8.46 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 9 August 1999, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.



**PAPERS**

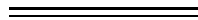
The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 June 1999:

Financial Sector (Transfer of Business) Act—Transfer Rule No. 1.

National Health and Medical Research Council Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Guidelines—National statement on ethical conduct in research involving humans, 1999.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1999—  
No. 4.

Nos. SESROB 32, SESROB 33, SESROB 34, SESROB 35, SESROB 36, SESROB 37, SESROB 38, SESROB 39, SESROB 40.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Entsch, Mr G. J. Evans, Dr Lawrence and Mr Ruddock.



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-99

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

No. 52

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

WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE 1999

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT 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.

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 ADJOURNMENT**

All matters referred to the Main Committee having been completed—The question was proposed—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 10.45 a.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

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