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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2000



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 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 Minister for Aged Care coming into the House to explain the character of the letter from her Department to the Australian Federal Police, dated 29 February 2000 given that:

- (1) it does not constitute a direct referral requesting the Federal Police to investigate specified cases, including the reference in the Aged Care Standards Agency's second audit report to the fact that a dying patient had been bathed in kerosene; and
- (2) the Minister yesterday told the House that "matters to investigate" had been referred by her Department to the Federal Police.

Closure of Member

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.
Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. 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, 65

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Jackie Kelly Mr Hatton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Reith moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Cox	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
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Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

Pairs

Jackie Kelly Mr Hatton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms Macklin rising to address the House—

Closure

Mr Reith moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Byrne	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
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Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	

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Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
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Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	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	

* Tellers

Pairs

Jackie Kelly Mr Hatton

And so it was negatived.

3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Message No. 313, 6 March 2000, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the environment, 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.

4 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, 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 Martin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MEASURES) BILL 2000

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation providing for assistance to families, 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 Martin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to child support and family law, 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 Martin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 2000

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the taxation of fringe benefits, and for related 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 following Bills:

A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits) 2000; and

A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Amendment 2000.

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

8 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE—FRINGE BENEFITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *A New Tax System (Medicare Levy Surcharge—Fringe Benefits) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), for Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*, 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 Martin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000).

Debate ensued.

Mr Slipper, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

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

11 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

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 McClelland, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) recognises concerns that the bill has the potential to impact on civil liberties; and
- (2) is of the opinion that the bill should be referred to a relevant committee of Parliament for consideration and report, particularly with reference to:
 - (a) whether the new categories of warrants proposed in the bill are appropriate in the circumstances;

- (b) whether the processes which are required to be observed for the granting of warrants adequately protect both the interests of individuals named in warrants and any third parties; and
- (c) whether the processes of accountability for action taken pursuant to a warrant are appropriate”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

12 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

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 K. J. Thomson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for its inaction on the dangerous practice of fuel substitution and in particular, for allowing the Australian Taxation Office to cease random testing of fuel;
- (2) notes that fuel substitution is a dangerous practice that reduces engine performance, leads to total breakdown of engines, defrauds the Commonwealth of millions in revenue and harms the environment;
- (3) in line with the Government’s statements in 1997 and 1998, notes that the Commonwealth Parliament has a responsibility for ensuring that fuel substitution does not occur, including the testing of retail fuel; and
- (4) calls on the Government to take immediate action to ensure that the activity of fuel substitution is brought to an end”.

Debate continued.

Closure

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 64

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 Breerton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	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 Swan
Ms Ellis	Ms Kernot	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Jackie Kelly	Mr Hatton

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 Causley, in the Chair)—

AYES, 72

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Moore	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mrs Sullivan
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr Tuckey
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Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
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Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
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Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Jackie Kelly	Mr Hatton

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.

Question—That the Bill be agreed to—proposed.

Closure

Mr Slipper moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Dr Stone
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Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
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Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
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Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
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Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sciacca
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
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Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilton
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* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Jackie Kelly	Mr Hatton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

Debate ensued.

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

13 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

14 CRIMES AT SEA 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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to.

15 CORPORATIONS LAW AMENDMENT (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS) BILL 2000

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 K. J. Thomson who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House is of the opinion that the Bill is a most inadequate measure and condemns the Government for its failure to introduce measures to adequately protect employee entitlements”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Ms Worth—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

16 CENSUS INFORMATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been considered by the Main Committee and was returned with an unresolved question (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of the unresolved question.

Unresolved question—That further proceedings be conducted in the House—proposed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed 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 Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), the Bill was read a third time.

17 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

18 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1998-99.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 1998-99.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Visit to Sydney Harbour Foreshores Defence Properties, 14 November 1997—Government response.

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TELSTRA JOB LOSSES

The House was informed that Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House

for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to ensure that communication services to rural and regional Australia will not fall as a result of the 10,000 job losses announced by Telstra”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

20 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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 Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 9 March 2000, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 314—Therapeutic Goods Amendment 1999.

No. 315—Gladstone Power Station Agreement (Repeal) 1999.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 1998

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

9 March 2000—Message No. 316—Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment 1998.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

23 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1999-2000

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 Tanner, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying the Bill a second reading, the House condemns:

- (1) the Government for its abdication of Commonwealth responsibility for appropriate national funding of health, education and other essential community services;
- (2) the recent statements by the Prime Minister indicating that Specific Purpose Payments to the States will be reduced as part of the introduction of the new tax system, breaking both his promise to the Australian people and to State and Territory leaders; and
- (3) the Government's failure to abide by the independent arbitration process regarding the indexation of the Australian Health Care Agreement's payments to the States for public hospitals"—

Debate resumed.

Mr Murphy 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 next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 March 2000:
Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2000—Nos PR 8, PR 9, PR 10, PR 11, TR 5.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hatton, Jackie Kelly* and Dr Theophanous.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-1999-2000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 95

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2000



1 Due to divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.54 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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.

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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.

*Suspension of sitting*

At 11.33 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.01 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.



Debate continued.

Mr McLeay moved—That further proceedings on the Bill be conducted in the House.

Question—put and not being resolved—Bill to be returned to the House.

5 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

At 12.33 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until Wednesday, 15 March 2000, at 9.40 a.m., unless an alternative day or hour is fixed.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee