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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 103

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 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 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 1999-2000— APPROPRIATION (DR CARMEN LAWRENCE'S LEGAL COSTS) BILL 1999-2000

Message No. 180, 3 April 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending that an appropriation be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet the Commonwealth's liability relating to legal costs of Dr Carmen Lawrence in connection with the Marks Royal Commission, and for related purposes.

Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet the Commonwealth's liability relating to legal costs of Dr Carmen Lawrence in connection with the Marks Royal Commission, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Fahey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *International Tax Agreements Act 1953*.

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 L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 PETROLEUM EXCISE AMENDMENT (MEASURES TO ADDRESS EVASION) BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to petroleum excise to institute measures to address evasion of excise duty, and for other 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 L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 EXCISE AMENDMENT (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Act 1901*, 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 L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, 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 L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to postal services, 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 Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Primary Industries and Regional Services—Standing Committee—Report on shaping regional Australia’s future—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

9 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Ronaldson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Social Security and Veterans’ Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2000 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

11 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TRADE PRACTICES 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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, this House condemns the Howard Government for:

- (1) introducing the GST, an unfair, job destroying tax that is bad for families and bad for the economy;
- (2) botching the implementation of the GST;
- (3) failing to adequately resource the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission;

- (4) acting hypocritically in imposing huge penalties for GST-related misleading and deceptive conduct while refusing to allow consumers to detect that conduct by putting the GST on receipts;
- (5) imposing an onerous compliance regime on small business; and
- (6) misleading the Australian people over the inflationary impact of the GST”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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 Crean, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (3) and (6) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 61

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Dr Kemp	Dr Theophanous
Mr Hawker	Mr O'Connor

And so it was negatived.

Mr Crean, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1), (2), (4) and (5) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	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 Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	
Mr Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Dr Kemp	Dr Theophanous
Mr Hawker	Mr O'Connor

And so it was negatived.

Mr Fitzgibbon moved an amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 76

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair
Mr Anderson	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 Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
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Pairs

Dr Kemp	Dr Theophanous
Mr Hawker	Mr O'Connor

And so it was negatived.

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 were asked.

13 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 38 of 1999-2000—Performance audit—Coastwatch: Australian Customs Service.

Ordered to be printed.

14 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—

Native title report 1998-99.

Social justice report 1998-99.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report for 1998-99.

15 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING—2001—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the 2001 Census of Population and Housing and presented the following papers:

Census of Population and Housing—2001: Nature and content—Information Paper, 3 April 2000.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Saving our census and preserving our history: Inquiry into the treatment of name-identified census forms, May 1998—Government response.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

The House was informed that Mr Melham had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for a sincere approach by the Prime Minister to the issue of reconciliation with indigenous Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Melham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.

18 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) BILL 2000—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 Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 6 April 2000, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 345—Fisheries Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1999.

No. 346—Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment 1999.

No. 347—Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Amendment 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 348—Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment 2000 (*without requests*).

No. 349—Interstate Road Transport Amendment 2000.

No. 350—Albury-Wodonga Development Amendment 1999.

20 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT) BILL 2000

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

Bill, as a whole—

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

Mrs Moylan (Chair), by leave, made a statement in connection with the 63rd general report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

22 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to the proposed ABC Sydney Accommodation Project, Ultimo, NSW (2nd report of 2000).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, Mr Forrest and Mr Lindsay, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

23 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 12, committee and delegation reports, be postponed until a later hour this day.

24 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORTS 1998-99, SECOND HALF—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 16 March 2000*), viz.:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 373—Migrant settlement services, fringe benefits tax and Green Corps—Review of Auditor-General's reports 1998-99, second half—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Jackie Kelly—Minister for Sport and Tourism), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

25 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 1997 AND COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES AND COMPANIES ACT 1997—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 16 March 2000*), viz.:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 374—Review of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*—

Debate resumed.

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

26 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999

Message No. 182, 6 April 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of an amendment of a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts in relation to youth allowance and austudy payment, and for related purposes.

27 YOUTH ALLOWANCE CONSOLIDATION BILL 1999—SENATE'S REQUESTS

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

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services) moved—That requested amendment No. 1 be not made, but in place thereof, the Government amendment be made.

Mr Anthony presented a further supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Anthony moved—That requested amendment No. 2 be not made.

Debate ensued.

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

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999

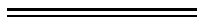
Message No. 344, 6 April 2000, from the Senate was reported requesting the House to consider immediately the Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders) Bill 1999.

29 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

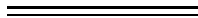
The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 April 2000:

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2000 Nos GSTR 5, PR 29, PR 30, PR 31, PR 32, PR 33, PR 34, PR 35, PR 36, PR 37, PR 38, PR 39.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brereton, Mr Hawker, Dr Kemp, Ms Kernot, Mr O'Connor and Dr Theophanous.

**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-1999-2000

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 103

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.

4 STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 March 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services—Report—Shaping Regional Australia's Future—Final report, February 2000—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Ms Gerick), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 181, 21 March 2000, 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.

6 STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 March 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services—Report—Shaping Regional Australia's Future—Final report, February 2000—

Debate resumed.

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

7 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

At 12.44 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee