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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 110

THURSDAY, 11 MAY 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 Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That the House calls on the Minister for Health and Aged Care to attend the House immediately and explain:

- (1) his culpability for radiologists becoming aware on 6 May 1998 of confidential official information regarding a Budget measure on MRI machines, which was subsequently announced on 12 May 1998;
- (2) his culpability for the surge in MRI orders between 6 and 12 May 1998, triggered by a disclosure of confidential official information;
- (3) his misleading denials in the House since February 1999 of any confidential official information having been disclosed prior to the 1998 Budget, in the face of the finding by the Auditor-General that, on the balance of probabilities, such a disclosure had, in fact, taken place; and
- (4) why, given his culpability for the disclosure and his misleading denials regarding disclosure in the House, he should not resign immediately on the basis of the Auditor-General's damning findings of (a) inappropriate disclosure of confidential official information prior to the 1998 Budget and (b) grossly inadequate decision-making process and negotiating practice employed by the Minister and his Department in the development of the 1998 MRI Budget measure.

*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, 75

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

## NOES, 60

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Fahey	Mr Sciacca
Mr Schultz	Mrs Crosio

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms Macklin (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)—

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
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Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
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Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

NOES, 62

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Quick
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
Mr Breton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
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Mr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Zahra
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Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	

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*Pairs*

Mr Fahey	Mr Sciacca
Mr Schultz	Mrs Crosio

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 62

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Quick
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
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	
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Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
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Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
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Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr St Clair	

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Fahey                      Mr Sciacca

Mr Schultz                  Mrs Crosio

And so it was negatived.

**3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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 the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, 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.

**4 SALES TAX (CUSTOMS) (INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT) BILL 2000**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act relating to sales tax.

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 following Bills:

Sales Tax (Customs) (Industrial Safety Equipment) 2000;

Sales Tax (Excise) (Industrial Safety Equipment) 2000;

Sales Tax (General) (Industrial Safety Equipment) 2000; and

Sales Tax (Industrial Safety Equipment) (Transitional Provisions) 2000.

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

**5 SALES TAX (EXCISE) (INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT) BILL 2000**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act relating to sales tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Slipper 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 SALES TAX (GENERAL) (INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT) BILL 2000**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act relating to sales tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Slipper 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 SALES TAX (INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT) (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act relating to sales tax.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Slipper 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.

**8 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (FRINGE BENEFITS) BILL 2000—SENATE'S REQUESTS**

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

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

**9 HMAS ALBATROSS STAGE 2 REDEVELOPMENT, NOWRA, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, 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: HMAS *Albatross* Stage 2 Redevelopment, Nowra, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

**10 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade), the Bill was read a third time.

**11 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) 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.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Mr McClelland, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (2) and (3) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

**12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CORPORATIONS LAW AMENDMENT (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS) BILL 2000**

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

10 May 2000—Message No. 374—Corporations Law Amendment (Employee Entitlements) 2000.

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

**13 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Dr Stone presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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.

**14 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Goods and services tax—Accounting for the GST transitional “loan”—Copy of letter from the Secretary of the New South Wales Treasury to the Audit Office of New South Wales, 17 January 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

**15 MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AGED CARE—MOTION OF CENSURE**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Minister for Health and Aged Care for:

- (1) the clear evidence (both direct and corroborative) provided in the Auditor-General's report that he disclosed a Budget proposal at a meeting on 6 May 1998, when he had a duty as a Commonwealth office holder not to do so;
- (2) the misleading and false statements he has made to the House on this matter; and
- (3) the negligent and incompetent handling of the entire MRI negotiation process in 1998 for which he, as Minister, was ultimately responsible.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 63

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



## NOES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Andren	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
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Mr Billson	Mr Hawker	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Howard	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
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Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Pyne	Dr Wooldridge
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Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	

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*Pairs*

Mr Fahey	Mr Sciacca
Mr Schultz	Mrs Crosio

And so it was negatived.

**16 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 43 of 1999-2000—Performance audit—Planning and monitoring for cost effective service delivery—Staffing and funding arrangements: Centrelink.

Ordered to be printed.

**17 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Centrelink—Report—Compliance activity for Family and Community Services—Half Yearly, July to December 1999.

Finance—Budget 2000-2001—Science and Technology Budget Statement 2000-01.

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Going for gold: Immigration entry arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games—Government response.

**18 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET STATEMENT 2000-2001—REPORT—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

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

Finance—Budget 2000-2001—Science and Technology Budget Statement 2000-01.

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

**19 PAPER**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) presented the following paper:

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—Mandatory sentencing laws (Mr Reith, 54 petitioners).

**20 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 29 May 2000, 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.

**21 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—15TH REPORT**

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 15TH 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 12 April 2000, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Reports—

Telecommunications charges in Australia—1995-99.

Telecommunications competitive safeguards—1998-99.

Finance—Budget 2000-2001—

Agriculture—Advancing Australia.

Australia's Overseas Aid Program.

Investing in our natural and cultural heritage: The Commonwealth's environmental expenditure.

Regional Australia: Making a difference.

Strengthening our commitment to women.

The future together: Indigenous-specific measures in the 2000-01 Budget.

Productivity Commission—Report—No. 6: Progress in Rail Reform—5 August 1999.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

11 May 2000

On the motion of Mr Lieberman, by leave, the report was agreed to.

**22 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICARE REBATES FOR MRI MACHINES**

The House was informed that Ms Macklin had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to adequately safeguard the interests of Australian taxpayers in negotiating the introduction of Medicare rebates for MRI machines as part of the 1998 Budget”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin rising to address the House—

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

**23 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 11 May 2000, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 375—Therapeutic Goods Amendment (No. 2) 2000;

No. 376—Medicare Levy Amendment (CPI Indexation) 1999;

No. 377—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1999;

(b) returning the A New Tax System (Fringe Benefits) Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 378; and

(c) acquainting the House that Senator Boswell has been discharged from attendance on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and that Senator Sandy Macdonald has been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 379.

**24 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Reith presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**25 INDIRECT TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to implement A New Tax System by amending legislation relating to indirect tax, and by amending other legislation consequential on indirect tax reform, 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 Bill.

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

**26 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL (NO. 2) 2000**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law about taxation to implement A New Tax System, 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 Griffin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**27 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 2000**

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

**28 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE 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—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Entsch—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**29 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS**

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**30 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2000-2001—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.

Debate adjourned (Mr McGauran—Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**31 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until Monday, 29 May 2000, at 12.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 May 2000:

A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act—Determinations—2000 Family Assistance (Higher Amounts).

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 39-105—Amendments—2000—27 April.

Migration Act—Statement under section 91D, 9 May 2000.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensations 2000 No. 6.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Crosio, Mr Fahey, Mr Schultz, Mr Sciacca and Dr Theophanous.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

1998-1999-2000

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

No. 110

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

THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2000

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1 Due to divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9:52 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—  
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 Prosser—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 10 April 2000*), viz.:

Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Resources—Report—Adding value to Australian raw materials—First report, March 2000—

Debate resumed.

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

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

At 11.19 a.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

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