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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 124

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2000



1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade), Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) would be Acting Minister for Trade.

**3 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper: Petrol pricing—Petrol price increases may be okay: Hockey—Copy of Australian Associated Press news item, 27 June 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

**4 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Australian National Maritime Museum—Strategic plan 2000-2003.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer, for period 1 January to 31 March 2000.

National Health and Medical Research Council—  
Grants 2000.

Report for 1999.

**5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOODS AND SERVICES TAX—TAXATION OF PETROL**

The House was informed that Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s responsibility for the increased taxation of petrol arising from the GST”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### **6 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING**

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 28 June 2000, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee, unless an alternative day or hour is fixed.

#### **7 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Defence Legislation Amendment (Flexible Career Practices) 2000; and

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (No. 3) 2000.

Question—put and passed.

#### **8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 26 June 2000, were reported:

(a) returning the Corporations Law Amendment (Employee Entitlements) Bill 2000 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist on its amendment disagreed to by the House—Message No. 406; and

(b) returning the New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill 1999 and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House—Message No. 407.

#### **9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDIRECT TAX LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with requests for amendments and informing the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed had been made by the Senate:

26 June 2000—Message No. 405—Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment 2000.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered at a later hour this day.

#### **10 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 14 August 2000.

#### **11 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to Navy Ammunitioning Facility, Twofold Bay, NSW (6th report of 2000).

Ordered to be printed.

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

**12 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) 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* so far as that Act relates to termination of employment, 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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**13 COMPENSATION MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RENT ASSISTANCE INCREASE) BILL 2000**

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *A New Tax System (Compensation Measures Legislation Amendment) Act 1999*, 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 M. J. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**14 PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP (OIL) 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. 209, 27 June 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

**15 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FOR WASTE OIL) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

**16 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FOR WASTE OIL) 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

**17 PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP (OIL) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 210, 27 June 2000, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

**18 COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) 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.

*Paper*

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) presented a correction to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Mr Williams addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived*

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

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

Question—put and negatived.

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Mr Williams continued his speech.

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

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

#### 19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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#### PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 June 2000:

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under sub-section 40(3)—2000 26 June.

Statement under section 125—2000 26 June.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument—2000 No. 10.

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#### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Ms O'Byrne, Mr Schultz, Mr Scott, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Mr Wilkie.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives