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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 138

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH**

Mr Wakelin (Chair, Standing Committee on Family and Community Services) raised a matter of privilege concerning the alleged deliberate misleading of the Committee, and the alleged intimidation of a prospective witness before the Committee.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House at a later time.

3 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mrs B. K. Bishop (Minister for Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Care Act 1997*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs B. K. Bishop moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mrs B. K. Bishop presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 **FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*, 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 Sciacca), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 WOOL SERVICES PRIVATISATION BILL 2000

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to privatise the Australian Wool Research and Promotion Organisation, 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 Sciacca), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 2000

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Research Council and to provide for the funding of research programs, 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 Sciacca), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000

Dr Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal or amend certain Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the *Australian Research Council Act 2000*, and for other 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 McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 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 McLeay), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**9 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBT RECOVERY) 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 Swan, 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) condemns the Government for the way it has misused compliance and debt processes to brand average families and other decent Australians as welfare cheats;
- (2) condemns the Government in particular for the application of a cold-hearted, zero tolerance policy against families that sees substantial debts raised against people whose only error is their inability to predict future income to the exact dollar;
- (3) calls on the Government, in the spirit of the McClure Report, to make sanctions and penalties a last rather than a first resort, and to turn its attention to the restoration of essential capacity building programs that help people move from welfare to work; and
- (4) calls, above all else, for a change of heart from the Government and a positive approach that provides real opportunities for those with a capacity to work to do so, while affording dignity to those whose circumstances prevent it”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 64

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Costello	Mr Hollis

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), the Bill was read a third time.

10 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) 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 Bevis who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“the House rejects the Bill and:

- (1) notes that the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business described the current Termination Provisions as contained in the Workplace Relations Act 1996 as having “delivered a workable system for dealing with unfair dismissal on the basis of a fair go all round”; and
- (2) condemns the Government for introducing a bill which:
 - (a) further entrenches unfairness and bias in the industrial relations system; and
 - (b) limits employees access to fair protection against unfair and unlawful termination”.

Debate continued.

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.

11 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR R. W. L. LINDSAY)

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 6 September 2000, of Robert William Ludovic Lindsay, OBE, a Member of this House for the Division of Flinders from 1954 to 1966.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

12 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Anderson (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Costello (Treasurer), Mr Fahey (Minister for Finance and Administration) would answer questions on his behalf.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr M. J. Ferguson, by leave, presented the following paper:

BASI—Safety Deficiency and Interim Recommendation Index—Department of Transport and Regional Services, 5 September 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

14 PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning requests for information from the Parliamentary Library.

15 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 8 of 2000-2001—Amphibious Transport Ship Project: Department of Defence.

Ordered to be printed.

16 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—World debt: Proceedings of a seminar, Canberra, 27 August 1999—Report—Government Response, September 2000.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000—Report (Advisory), June 2000—Government Response, September 2000.

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—

Calls on the Federal Government to demand the upholding of Fiji's 1997 Constitution and the re-instatement of Mr Chaudhary's government in Fiji (Mr Danby, 743 petitioners).

17 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 3 October 2000, at 2 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.

18 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.

19 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PERFORMANCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement on employment service performance and presented the following papers:

Employment service performance—Ministerial statement, 7 September 2000.

Job Matching—Job Network out-performs the CES.

Job Network—

Evaluation strategy—State of play, September 2000.

Getting the facts—Media release by the Minister for Employment Services, 7 September 2000.

Labour Market Assistance Outcomes—Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, June 2000.

OECD Labour Market Review of Australia—Terms of Reference, 7 September 2000.

Ms Kernot, by leave, also made a statement on the matter.

20 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—19TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 19TH 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 17 August 2000, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 1999–2000.

Export Markets Development Grant Act—Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Review of the Export Market Development Grants Scheme—30 June 2000.

Housing Assistance Act—Report on the operation of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1997–98.

Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1999–2000.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1999–2000.

Torres Strait Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1998–99.

Lou Lieberman

Chair

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

21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS OF OLDER AUSTRALIANS

The House was informed that Mr Swan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the government to adequately protect the living standards of older Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Swan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

22 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Albanese moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Grayndler moving—That the Minister for Community Services be required to inform Parliament before it rises tonight how his decision to impose a requirement on the Parliamentary Library that requests for information regarding Centrelink be directed through

his ministerial office does anything other than cause delay and filter the information provided to the Library.

Closure of Member

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs D. M. Kelly, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	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 Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Breerton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Dr Theophanous
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 Zahra
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Costello	Mr Hollis

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McLeay (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

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

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs D. M. Kelly, in the Chair)—

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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 Zahra
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Costello	Mr Hollis

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Adjournment negatived

It being 5.30 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.

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

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs D. M. Kelly, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Dr Theophanous
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 Zahra
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	

NOES, 75

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Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	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 Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Costello	Mr Hollis

And so it was negatived.

23 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE TRUSTS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES—INTEGRITY OF MEANS TESTING) 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 Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 7 September 2000, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

No. 453—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2000.

No. 454—Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Amendment 2000.

No. 455—Trade Practices Amendment (International Liner Cargo Shipping) 2000.

25 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief National Party Whip had nominated Mr Lawler to be a member of the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs in place of Mrs D. M. Kelly.

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, moved—That Mrs D. M. Kelly be discharged from the Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs and that, in her place, Mr Lawler be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

26 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) 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 Bevis (see item No. 10, page 1735)*—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll
Mr Breton	Ms Gerick	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Ms Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford*
Ms Corcoran	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Dr Martin	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby	Mr Horne	Mr Mossfield	Dr Theophanous
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Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Costello	Mr Hollis

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

27 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

Ms Roxon was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AID TO CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES) BILL 2000

Message No. 457, 7 September 2000, was reported returning the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Mr Moore (Minister for Defence) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr Andren, by leave, moved amendments (1) to (4) to the Senate amendments together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments moved by Mr Andren be agreed to—put and negatived.

Dr Theophanous, by leave, moved amendments (1) and (2) to the Senate amendments together.

Debate continued.

Paper

Mr Moore presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Question—That the amendments moved by Dr Theophanous be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren and Dr Theophanous voting “Aye”, the Speaker (Mr J. N. Andrew) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Amendments made by the Senate agreed to.

29 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 456, 7 September 2000, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Boswell had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, and Senator Ferris had been appointed a member of the committee.

30 SYDNEY 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES AND THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

Mr Anderson (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That the House:

- (1) congratulates each of the athletes chosen to represent Australia at both the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games;
- (2) expresses, on behalf of the Australian community, our admiration for their dedication and exceptional effort in attaining the status as Olympians and Paralympians; and
- (3) wishes all athletes every success in their endeavours at the Games.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

31 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.04 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 3 October 2000, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 September 2000:

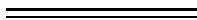
Aged Care Act—Principles under section 96-1—2000—

Community Care Grant Amendment (No. 1).

Extra Service Amendment (No. 1).

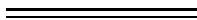
Residential Care Subsidy Amendment (No. 2).

User Rights Amendment (Nos 3, 4, 5).

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Mr Hollis*, Mr Howard and Mr Nairn.

* On leave

**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

**3 SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT (PRIVATE TRUSTS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES—INTEGRITY
OF MEANS TESTING) 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.28 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.43 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 237, 16 August 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.

4 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (RURAL AND REMOTE AREA MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS) 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 and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

At 12.45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until a date and time to be announced by the Deputy Speaker.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main
Committee