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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 140

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 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 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION (PROVISION OF INFORMATION) BILL 2000**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the use of information provided under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, and for other 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL 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.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, Government amendment (1) was made, after debate.

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

Debate continued.

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

Mr Slipper moved Government amendment (2).

Mr Andren, by leave, moved amendments (1) and (2) to Government amendment (2) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments moved by Mr Andren to Government amendment (2) be agreed to—put.

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

Question—That government amendment (2) be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren, Mr Katter and Dr Theophanous voting “No”, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Nehl) declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

4 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS) 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:

“whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Treasurer for not fulfilling his duty to clamp down on tax avoidance through the abuse of employee benefit arrangements and other tax avoidance schemes”.

Debate continued.

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

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

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

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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	Mrs Irwin	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Jenkins	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 Ruddock	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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

5 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN WORKPLACE AGREEMENTS PROCEDURES) 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.

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.

6 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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) presented the following papers:

Media releases on Private Health Insurance—Issued by Jenny Macklin MP (Shadow Minister for Health).

Macklin releases critical of PHIR—List of media releases issued by Jenny Macklin MP 12 November 1998 to 7 April 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 13 of 2000-2001—Performance Audit—Certified Agreements in the Australian Public Service.

Ordered to be printed.

9 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Department of Veterans' Affairs—Data-matching program—Report for 1999-2000.

Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 1999-2000.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Statement of corporate intent—2000-01.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOODS AND SERVICES TAX AND EFFECT ON PRICE OF FUEL

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 failure of the Government to use its fuel tax windfall to give relief to Australian motorists and keep its promise that the GST will not increase the price of fuel”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 SELECTION COMMITTEE—FURTHER AMENDED REPORT

Mr Nehl (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Further amended report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members’ business on Monday, 9 October 2000—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 3 October 2000.

Question—put and passed.

12 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 377—Guidelines for Government advertising, September 2000.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, Mr Cox and Mr Georgiou, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Charles, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Charles was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

13 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN WORKPLACE AGREEMENTS PROCEDURES) 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 McClelland addressing the House—

14 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 October 2000:

Migration Act—

Certificate under section 502—26 September 2000.

Statement under section 91L(3)—26 September 2000.

Native Title Act—Recognition of Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body—2000 No. 12.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Hollis*, Mr Ruddock and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.16 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.26 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Mr Lawler was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Somlyay, the Main Committee adjourned at 1 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee