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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 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 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND REPEAL (INTERNATIONAL TRADE MODERNISATION) BILL 2000

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), for Mr Williams (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend and repeal certain legislation relating to Customs, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES BILL 2000

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented a Bill for an Act to impose import processing charges in respect of certain goods imported into Australia, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 CUSTOMS DEPOT LICENSING CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented a Bill for an Act relating to customs depot licensing charges, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 2000

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, 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 Horne), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch 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.

7 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (REGISTRATION FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Entsch 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.

8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Downer 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.

9 SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST 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 (Ms Worth—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 DEFENCE 2000—OUR FUTURE DEFENCE FORCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement on defence policy and presented the following papers:

Defence 2000—Our future defence force—

White Paper.

Statement, 6 December 2000.

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech

Ms Worth, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 28 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

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

11 SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST 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.

Paper

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment Services) presented a revised explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Abbott presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (17) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

12 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL 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.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), in accordance with standing order 321, having called for the document quoted from by Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs)—

Mr Ruddock presented the following paper:

Removal of 85 persons from the Port Hedland IRPC to the People's Republic of China on 1–2 September 1999—Copy of Statement by Peter Vardos, Assistant Secretary, Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, 6 December 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

14 PAPERS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, added to an answer given during question time and presented the following papers:

Australian Labor Party—Copy of How to Vote card—Authorised by John Della Bosca, ALP.

Inquiry into the 1998 Federal Election—Copy of advertisement by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

Paper

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:
Caucus notes—Australian Labor Party, 5 December 2000.

15 MEMBER ORDERED TO WITHDRAW

At 3.47 p.m. the Member for Rankin (Mr Emerson) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given by the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

16 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Administrative Review Council—Report for 1999-2000.

Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand—Record and resolutions—18th meeting.

Air Services Australia—Report on Movement Cap for Sydney Airport—September 2000.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 1999-2000.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for period 1 July to 30 September 2000.

Bundanon Trust—Report for 1999-2000.

Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—Report—ATO's interaction with the program 1999-2000.

Committee reports—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response, 6 December 2000, to the schedule tabled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on 29 June 2000.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period January to June 2000 and errata.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 1999-2000—Erratum.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Access and equity report 2000.

Environment—Ministerial statement and National Greenhouse Strategy 2000—Progress Report.

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration—Statement for October 2000.

Supporting applications of issues from the Advance during October 2000.

National Competition Council—Report for 1999-2000.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations—1999-2000.

Procedure—House of Representatives Standing Committee—e-motions: the electronic transaction of questions, answers and notices of motion and related matters—Report, 5 April 2000—Government response, December 2000.

Sydney Airports Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent—2000-2005.

17 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

National Competition Council—Report for 1999-2000.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations—1999-2000.

Sydney Airports Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent—2000-2005.

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

18 AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 1999-2000.

Question—put and passed.

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

The House was informed that Mr Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The adverse consequences for the Australian community of the government’s sustained financial and political attacks on the ABC”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Andren rising to address the House—

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr M. A. J. Vaile	Ms O'Byrne

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Ronaldson (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2000 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

21 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

5 December 2000—Message No. 513—Wool Services Privatisation 2000.

22 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

23 STANDING ORDERS—AMENDMENTS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following changes to the standing orders be made with effect from the first sitting in 2001:

(1) Omit standing orders 112 to 132 and substitute the following:

CHAPTER IX**PETITIONS****Preparing a petition****What must be in a petition**

112 A petition for presentation to the House must:

- (a) be addressed to the House of Representatives.
- (b) refer to a matter which is within the power of the House of Representatives to address, that is, a Commonwealth legislative or administrative matter.
- (c) state the facts which the petitioners wish to bring to the notice of the House.
- (d) contain a request for the House or the Parliament to take one or more specified actions.

How a petition should be prepared

113 A petition must conform to the following requirements:

- (a) It must be on paper.
- (b) It must be legible.
- (c) It must be in the English language or be accompanied by a translation certified to be correct. The person certifying the translation must place his or her name and address on the translation.
- (d) The text of the petition must not contain any alterations.
- (e) It must not have any letters, affidavits or other documents attached to it.

- (f) The language used must be respectful, courteous and moderate. The petition should not contain irrelevant statements.
- (g) It must not contain any indication that it has been sponsored or distributed by a Member of the House of Representatives; except that, for the purpose of facilitating the lodgement of the petition, the name and address of a Member may be shown as an address to which the petition may be sent for presentation to the House.
- (h) A petition from a corporation should be made under its common seal. Otherwise it will be received as the petition of the individuals who signed it.

Rules about signatures

114 Every petition must contain the signature and address of at least one person on the page on which the terms of the petition are written.

All the signatures on a petition must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Every signature must be written on a page bearing the terms of the petition, or the action requested by the petition. Signatures must not be copied, pasted or transferred on to the petition nor should they be placed on a blank page on the reverse of a sheet containing the terms of the petition.
- (b) Each signature must be made by the person signing in his or her own handwriting. A petitioner who is not able to sign must make a mark in the presence of a witness. The witness must sign the petition as witness and write his or her address, and the name and address of the petitioner.

Presentation to the House

Only a Member may lodge a petition for presentation

115 A petition for presentation to the House may only be lodged by a Member. A Member cannot lodge a petition from herself or himself.

Responsibilities of Members

116 Before lodging a petition with the Clerk or presenting a petition to the House a Member must:

- (a) write his or her name and electoral division at the beginning of the petition; and
- (b) count the signatories and write the number of signatories at the beginning of the petition.

Presenting a petition

117 Petitions may be presented to the House in one of the following ways:

- (a) In accordance with standing order 101, the Clerk must announce each sitting Monday petitions lodged for presentation. Members must lodge petitions with the Clerk by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the Monday on which it is proposed that they be presented.

- (b) A Member may present a petition during the period of Members' statements under standing order 106A or 275A.
- (c) A petition which refers to a motion or order of the day may be presented by a Member when that motion or order of the day is moved or called on for the first time.

Before presenting a petition under paragraph (b) or (c) the Member presenting it must insert the information required by standing order 116 and obtain a certification by the Clerk that it complies with the standing orders.

Responsibilities of Clerk

- 118** (a) The Clerk or the Deputy Clerk must check that each petition lodged for presentation complies with the standing orders. If it does he or she shall certify the fact on the petition.
- (b) The Clerk must make an announcement to the House of the petitions lodged for presentation. The announcement must indicate, for each petition, the Member who lodged it, the identity and number of petitioners and the subject matter of the petition.

Action on petitions

Action by the House

- 119** (a) No discussion on the subject matter of a petition is allowed at the time of presentation.
- (b) Every petition presented is deemed to have been received by the House unless a motion that it not be received is moved immediately and agreed to.
- (c) No other motion may be moved in connection with a petition except a motion that a particular petition be:
- (i) referred to a particular committee; or
 - (ii) printed. This motion may only be moved by a Member who intends to take action on the petition and informs the House of the action he or she intends to take.

Other action

- 120** The following action shall be taken in respect of every petition received by the House:
- (a) Its terms must be printed in Hansard.
 - (b) The Clerk must refer a copy of the petition to the Minister responsible for the administration of the matter which is the subject of the petition. A Minister may respond to a petition by lodging a written response with the Clerk. At the end of the petitions announcement the Clerk must report any response received and the response must be printed in Hansard.
- (2) That standing order 346 be amended to read as follows:

Publication of evidence and proceedings

- 346** (a) A committee or subcommittee has power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it or any document presented to it.
- (b) The evidence taken by a committee or subcommittee and documents presented to it, and proceedings and reports of it, which have not been reported to the House, must not, unless authorised by the House or the committee or subcommittee, be disclosed or published to any person other than a member or officer of the committee.

Provided that a committee may resolve to:

- (i) publish press releases, discussion or other papers or preliminary findings for the purpose of seeking further input to an inquiry;
 - (ii) divulge any evidence, documents, proceedings or report on a confidential basis to any person or persons for comment for the purpose of assisting the committee in its inquiry or for any administrative purpose associated with the inquiry; or
 - (iii) authorise any member or members of the committee to provide such public briefings on matters related to an inquiry as the committee sees fit. The committee may impose restrictions on such authorisation and in any case a member so authorised must not disclose evidence or documents which have not been specifically authorised for publication.
- (3) That standing order 339 be amended by inserting new paragraph (ab) as follows:
- (ab) A committee may resolve to conduct proceedings using audio visual or audio links with members of the committee or witnesses not present in one place. If an audio visual or audio link is used committee members and witnesses must be able to speak to and hear each other at the same time regardless of location.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

24 PAPER

Mr Nairn (Chair), by leave, presented the following paper:

Procedure—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Conduct of the proceedings of committees of the House of Representatives—Guidelines for use of audio visual or audio links, 6 December 2000.

25 CONSTRUCTION OF MIXED RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS, ACT—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: Construction of mixed residential dwellings at Block 87, Section 24, Stirling, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

26 PROPOSED RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA HEAD OFFICE BUILDING WORKS, SYDNEY—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: Proposed Reserve Bank of Australia head office building works, Sydney.

Question—put and passed.

27 PROPOSED ABC PERTH ACCOMMODATION PROJECT, EAST PERTH—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: Proposed ABC Perth accommodation project, East Perth.

Question—put and passed.

28 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notices Nos 12 and 13, private Members' business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

29 MIGRATION AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NO. 5)—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE

Dr Theophanous, pursuant to notice, moved—That items [4201] [4204] [4206] [4306] and [4307] of Schedule 4 of the *Migration Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 5)*, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 259 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Reform Act 1992* be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

30 MIGRATION AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NO. 5)—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE

Dr Theophanous, pursuant to notice, moved—That items [4116] [4117] [4118] [4119] [4304] and [4305] of Schedule 4 of the *Migration Amendment*

Regulations 2000 (No. 5), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 259 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Migration Reform Act 1992* be disallowed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

**31 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following papers:

Privileges Committee—Inquiry into the status of the records and correspondence of Members—

Report, December 2000.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Somlyay, Mr Sawford and Mr Price, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

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

Mr Somlyay 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.

32 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

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

Defence 2000—Paper and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers:
Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

33 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL 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.

34 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 6 December 2000:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Instruments 2000 Nos CASA 515, CASA 520.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Prescribed Goods (General) Amendment Order 2000 (No. 2).

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—
1999 Nos T24, T25.

2000 Nos T14.

Trade Practices Act—Designated secondary shipper bodies—Guidelines, 15 November 2000.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Mr Hollis* and Ms O'Byrne*.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2000

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Elson, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.59 a.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