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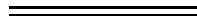
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 192

WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2001



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:

- (1) the Leader of the Opposition from presenting forthwith a Bill to require government advertising to meet minimum standards with respect to objectivity, fairness and accountability, and to prohibit the expenditure of taxpayers' money on advertising which promotes party political interests, the Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2001; and
- (2) the Bill being debated and passed through all stages without delay.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 71

Mr Abbott	Mr Fischer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nehl	Mr A. P. Thomson
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Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Reith	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock	Mr Williams
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr St Clair	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Schultz	Ms Worth
Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 64

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

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Fahey                      Ms Gerick

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McMullan (seconder) addressing the House—

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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)—

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And so it was negated.

### 3 ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT BILL 2001

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services), for Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Account, 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 O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

### 4 DAIRY PRODUCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) BILL 2001

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 O'Connor who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst supportive of Australia’s dairy industry and whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the government for:

- (1) failing to deliver a long term plan to secure the future of the dairy industry;
- (2) failing to prepare the industry to meet the substantial environmental challenges it faces in many communities in moving to a more sustainable production base;
- (3) failing to adequately plan to provide for rationalisation within the dairy processing sector;
- (4) failing to address the long term skilling needs of the industry;
- (5) failing to stimulate further research and development in the dairy industry;
- (6) failing to plan and promote further market access for dairy products;
- (7) using Dairy Regional Assistance Program funds to pork-barrel for its own political survival; and
- (8) failing to ensure that its latest assistance package is fair and equitable”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negated.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 317, 24 May 2001, 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 Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

## **5 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2001**

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 Lee 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:

- (1) notes with concern that the Government has failed to provide appropriate support for vocational education and training by cutting \$240 million from TAFE, and contributing no growth funding for five years, thereby restricting training opportunities and damaging the quality of training; and
- (2) condemns the Government for allowing the Australian National Training Authority Agreement to lapse by:
  - (a) failing to make a realistic offer of funding; and
  - (b) finally offering an amount of funding which is even lower than the amount of previous funding cuts and which fails to adequately address the needs of Australian vocational education and training”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

### *Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 318, 5 June 2001, 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 Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

## **6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

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

19 June 2001—Message No. 625—Export Market Development Grants Amendment 2001.

## **7 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2001**

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 Lee 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 Government for:

- (1) reducing government expenditure on universities by \$3 billion and shifting the burden onto students and graduates;
- (2) cutting 3,500 research training places, including 800 at regional universities; and
- (3) continuing to work towards total university fee deregulation”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 319, 12 June 2001, 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 Kemp (Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

## 8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:  
Aged care and reforms—Letter from Mr Stan Piperoglou, Chief of Staff, Minister for Aged Care, 20 June 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

## 9 PAPER

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Scoresby Freeway—Road of national importance—Letter from Mr Howard to Mr Bracks, Premier of Victoria, 15 June 2001.

## 10 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australia-India Council—Report for 1999-2000.

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance and Administration—  
Statements for January, March, April 2001.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance during January, March, April 2001.

Departmental items—Adjustments and borrowings for March 2001.

Supporting applications for issues from departmental items—Adjustments and borrowings during March 2001.

**11 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.

*Paper*

Mr Smith, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Transcript of interview with Senator Alston by Mr Oakes, *Sunday* program.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**12 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2001**

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. 320, 16 June 2001, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Paper*

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Small Business) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane, by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (9) together.

Debate continued.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived*

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

Mr I. E. Macfarlane requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Mr I. E. Macfarlane continued his speech.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

### 13 ADJOURNMENT

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Small Business) moved—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.



### PAPER

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 20 June 2001:

Christmas Island Act—Travel Agents Act 1985 (WA) (CI)—Exemption amendment order under section 6, 16 May 2001.



### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fahey and Ms Gerick\*.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

No. 192

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 20 JUNE 2001

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1 Due to divisions having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 9.50 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002—BUDGET DEBATE**

The order of the day having been read for consideration in detail of the Bill—

*Consideration in detail*

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditure for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Attorney-General's Department

Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business

Department of the Environment and Heritage

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Department of Family and Community Services

Department of Health and Aged Care

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Department of Defence

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

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Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs

Department of Finance and Administration

Department of the Treasury

Prime Minister and Cabinet



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Proposed expenditures—

Attorney-General's Department, \$1 558 652 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, \$1 638 730 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of the Environment and Heritage, \$743 095 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Transport and Regional Services, \$503 678 000—debated and agreed to.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 1.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 4.06 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, \$2 101 107 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Family and Community Services, \$2 833 202 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Health and Aged Care, \$2 796 146 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, \$478 850 000—agreed to.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, \$865 685 000—debated and agreed to.

Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, \$1 164 143 000—

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

#### 4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs), the Main Committee adjourned at 7.37 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