

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 8

MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2002

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2002**

Mrs Crosio, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and other accrued liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes.

Mrs Crosio made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

**3 CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BILL 2002**

Mr McClelland, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Mr McClelland made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

**4 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (A SIMPLER BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT) BILL 2002**

Mr McMullan, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide small businesses with a simpler method of calculating Goods and Services Tax payments.

Mr McMullan made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

**5 SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Latham, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

Mr Latham made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

**6 WATER**

Mr Forrest, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the seriously depleted nature of rainfall patterns across south east Australia in the last decade;

- (2) recognises that adequate water availability is a limiting criterion for Australia's economic and population growth; and
- (3) encourages the implementation of water conservation projects, including capital upgrades for inefficient and wasteful water supply projects, increased public education on measures to conserve water and increased meteorological research into changing rainfall patterns and possible intervention measures.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### **7 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

#### **8 DEATH OF SIR RODEN CUTLER**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) referred to the death of Sir Roden Cutler, and moved—That the House records its deep regret at the death on 21 February 2002 of an outstanding Australian, Sir Roden Cutler, VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, who died in hospital after a long illness. The House extends its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion and having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

#### **9 MINISTRY—PAPER**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Howard Ministry, 11 March 2002.

#### **10 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

#### **11 PAPER**

Mr Costello (Treasurer), by leave, presented the following paper:

Loan Securities Amendment Bill 1988—Explanatory Memorandum—Circulated by authority of the Treasurer, the Hon. P.J. Keating, MP, 1988.

#### **12 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

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

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2002;

Student Assistance Amendment 2002;

Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment 2002; and

Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) 2002.

Question—put and passed.

#### **13 PETITIONS**

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

#### **14 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

Ms Grierson, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House calls on the Government to support improved quality of life for people with Alzheimer's disease and their carers by:

- (1) amending the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee's eligibility requirements and conditions to include greater recognition of qualitative measures rather than quantitative measures; and

- (2) allowing greater consideration of the advice of medical practitioners and carers involved in the daily management of patients to determine the continued eligibility for the use of the drug Aricept on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme list.

Debate ensued.

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

**15 TAX CONCESSIONS**

Mr Kerr, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House expresses its concern at the growth of untargeted financial subsidies paid to the well off in the community and calls on the Treasurer to provide transparent information regarding the cost of tax concessions and direct payments to those who have high incomes in multiples of average weekly earnings.

Debate ensued.

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

**16 GRIEVANCE DEBATE**

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

**17 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

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 McLeay 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.

**18 USE OF HANSARD IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Petro Timor Companhia de Petroleos Sarl and Anor -v- Commonwealth (NO. N1224 of 2001)—Letter from I.C. Harris, Clerk of the House, to Ms Judy Pownall, Senior Executive Lawyer, Australian Government Solicitor, 11 March 2002—

and made a statement in connection with the paper.

**19 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Family and Community Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 March 2002:

Aged Care Act—Determination under section 52—2002 No. ACA 1.

Air Navigation Act, Airports Act, Interstate Road Transport Act, Navigation Act and the Stevedoring Levy (Collection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 13.

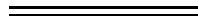
Antarctic Marine Living Resources Conservation Act, Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Act, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act, Historic Shipwrecks Act and the Ozone Protection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 8.

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 38.

Australian Antarctic Territory Act—Ordinance 2002 No. 1.

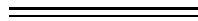
Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—  
 Proposal—2002 No. 6.  
 Statement—2002 No. 1.  
 Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 4.  
 Australian Research Council Act—  
 Determination—2001 No. 5.  
 Direction pursuant to subsection 7(1), 25 January 2002.  
 Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 39.  
 Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 40.  
 Broadcasting Services Act—Broadcasting Services (Events) Notice No. 1 of 1994—Amendments—  
 2001 No. 3.  
 2002 No. 1.  
 Charter of the United Nations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 35.  
 Charter of the United Nations Act and Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Regulations—  
 Statutory Rules 2002 No. 37.  
 Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—  
 Exemptions—2002—No. CASA EX 03.  
 Airworthiness Directives—  
 Part 39-105—2002 4(3), 5(7), 7(6), 8(13), 11(3), 20(2) February.  
 Part 39-106—2002 4, 8 February.  
 Part 39-107—2002 4, 5, 6, 7 February.  
 Commonwealth Places (Mirror Taxes) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 14.  
 Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 15, 16, 41.  
 Corporations (Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 42.  
 Crimes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 5.  
 Currency Act—Determination—2002—Currency (Royal Australian Mint) No. 1.  
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 6, 28, 29, 30.  
 Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2002 No. 1.  
 Defence Force Discipline Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 7, 24.  
 Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 43.  
 Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 36.  
 Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 23.  
 Fisheries Management Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 25, 27.  
 Fisheries Management Act and Fishing Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 26.  
 Heard Island and McDonald Islands Act—Ordinance 2002 No. 1.  
 Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—  
 2001 No. T32.  
 2002 Nos T11, T12.  
 Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 44, 45, 46.  
 Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act, National Health Act and the Therapeutic  
 Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 9.  
 Industry Research and Development Act—Guidelines 2001 Research and Development Plans.  
 Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 17.  
 Insurance Contracts Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 18.  
 Life Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 19.  
 Migration Act—  
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 10, 11.  
 Statement under section 417—6 December 2001.  
 National Health Act—  
 Declaration—2002 No. PB 4.

Determination under Schedule 1, paragraph (bj)—2002 No. HSR 5.  
Navigation Act—Marine Order 2002 No. 1.  
Olympic Insignia Protection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 12.  
Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—  
Proposal, together with supporting documentation for the refurbishment of the Communications Centre, John Gorton Building.  
Treasury building—childcare centre playgrounds—Approval of works.  
Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 3.  
Privacy Act—Determinations under Section 11B(1)(b)—2002 Nos 1, 2.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 2.  
Retirement Savings Accounts Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 20, 47.  
Social Security (International Agreements) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 Nos 31, 32, 33, 34.  
Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 21.  
Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2002—  
Nos CR 4, CR 5, CR 6, CR 7, CR 8, CR 9, CR 10, CR 11, PR 22, PR 23, PR 24, PR 25, TR 4.  
Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Determination 2002 Levy Debit Formula Modification (No. 1).  
Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 22.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Rudd, Mr Sciacca and Dr Southcott.



**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

No. 8

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2002

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1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

**2 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to (*see item number 7, page 18*)—

Debate resumed.

*Paper*

Mr Sawford, by leave, presented the following paper:

Federal election predictions.

Debate continued.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 6.28 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 8 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Debate continued.

Ms Livermore 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.

**3 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002**

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. 7, 20 February 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

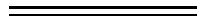
Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), the Main Committee adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 4.30 p.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee