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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2002

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 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Message No. 30, 21 March 2002, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Act 1993*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

3 **BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

4 **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY**

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day, government business, be discharged:

AIRPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (*Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 February 2002—Mr Griffin*).

Question—put and passed.

5 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), for Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Market Development Grants Act 1997*, 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 Zahra), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism 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 Zahra), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Emerson, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the bill should not be proceeded with, and:

- (1) calls on the Prime Minister to honour his promise to release the Tax Office audit report into the GST activities of the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party;
- (2) notes that the audit confirmed that the GST scam perpetrated in the Groom FEC was conducted more generally by the Liberal Party throughout other areas of Queensland;
- (3) notes that the Tax Office imposed a 50% penalty tax on the Queensland Division of the Liberal Party, indicating the falsehood of government claims that the GST scam was an ‘error’ or a ‘mistake’;
- (4) calls on the Treasurer to explain the details of the \$143,000 worth of sponsorships and internal Liberal Party transfers upon which GST was not paid when it should have been; and
- (5) calls on the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources to explain whether or not his FEC used the proceeds of the GST scam, which were in the FEC bank account as at August 2001, for his re-election campaign”—

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, 70

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Schultz	
Mr Cobb	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	

NOES, 59

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sawford
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Mr Griffin	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowden
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

Pairs

Jackie Kelly Ms Burke

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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 13, 14 March 2002, 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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

8 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTION) 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.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Andren	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Dr Washer
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mr Williams
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Ms Worth
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	

NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Ms Grierson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Dr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio*	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mr Danby*	Ms Hoare	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Jackson	Ms O'Byrne	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	

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Pairs

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Hockey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

9 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) REPEAL AND 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.

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

Messages from the Governor-General

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 24, 20 February 2002, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 25, 10 May 2002, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

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

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 5 and 6, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) 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 by Mr McClelland who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

“this House declines to give the Bill a second reading and:

- (1) condemns the government for:
 - (a) attempting to pre-empt a decision of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia concerning the issue of whether bargaining fees ‘pertain to the relationship of employer and employee’;
 - (b) introducing legislation which unreasonably restrains the ability of parties in the workplace to voluntarily enter into service agreements concerning industrial representation and advocacy; and
 - (c) introducing legislation which is primarily designed to discourage workplace organisation rather than to facilitate agreement-making; and
- (2) confirms that it is appropriate that the House await the decision of the Federal Court prior to legislating in this area”.

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.

12 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), Mr Williams (Attorney-General) would answer questions on his behalf.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Swan, by leave, presented the following paper:

Reconstructing the welfare system—Submission of the Australian Labor Party to the Welfare Reform Reference Group, Wayne Swan, Shadow Minister for Family and Community Services, 19 January 2000.

Questions without notice continued.

14 AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2001-2002—

No. 39—Performance audit—Management of the provision of information to job seekers: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

No. 40—Performance audit—Corporate governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

No. 41—Performance audit—Transactional banking practices in selected agencies.

No. 42—Performance audit—Integrity of the electoral roll: Australian Electoral Commission.

No. 43—Performance audit—Indigenous education strategies: Department of Education, Science and Training.

No. 44—Performance audit—Australian Defence Force fuel management: Department of Defence.

No. 45—Assurance and control assessment audit—Recordkeeping.

No. 46—Performance audit—Management of an IT outsourcing contract: Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

No. 47—Performance audit—Administration of the 30 per cent Private Health Insurance Rebate: Health Insurance Commission; Department of Health and Ageing; Australian Taxation Office; Department of Finance and Administration; Department of the Treasury.

No. 48—Performance audit—Regional assistance programme: Department of Transport and Regional Services.

No. 49—Performance audit—The management of Commonwealth national parks and reserves—*'Conserving our Country'*: Department of the Environment and Heritage.
Severally ordered to be printed.

15 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Technology Group Limited—Financial statements 2000-01 and Chairman's address to the 2001 AGM, 5 November 2001.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and Indigenous Affairs—Access and equity report for 2001.

IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF Bioventures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited, IIF Newport Pty Limited—Reports for 2000-01.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Reports on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund for 2000-01.

16 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Australian Technology Group Limited—Financial statements 2000-01 and Chairman's address to the 2001 AGM, 5 November 2001.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and Indigenous Affairs—Access and equity report for 2001.

IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF Bioventures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited, IIF Newport Pty Limited—Reports for 2000-01.

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

17 PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Speaker informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address in Reply at Government House at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow. The Speaker said he would be glad if the mover and seconder, together with other Members, would accompany him to present the Address.

18 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Correspondence between the Clerk of the House and the Chair and the Secretary of the Senate Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident, including relevant documents from the Committee Secretary and the Senate Clerk, March–April 2002.

19 RETIREMENT OF MR B. HARRIS

The Speaker informed the House of the retirement of Mr Bernie Harris, Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, paid tribute to Mr Harris' distinguished contribution to the Parliament and wished him well in his retirement.

20 EAST TIMOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on East Timor and presented the following paper:

East Timor: Birth of a Nation—Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Alexander Downer, MP, 15 May 2002.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech

Mr I. E. Macfarlane, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Rudd speaking for a period not exceeding 18 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

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

21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET DEFICIT

The House was informed that Mr McMullan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The decision of the highest taxing, highest spending Howard-Costello Government to put the Budget into deficit at the expense of Australian families”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

22 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

4 April 2002—Message—

No. 14—

Interstate Road Transport Charge Amendment 2002.

Road Transport Charges (Australian Capital Territory) Amendment 2002.

Coal Industry Repeal (Validation of Proclamation) 2002.

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment 2002.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Amendment 2002.

No. 15—

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (No. 1) 2002.

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment 2002.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) (No. 1) 2002.

Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) 2002.

Quarantine Amendment 2002.

No. 16—

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

Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) 2002.

Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) 2002.

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) 2002.

Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card Extension) 2002.

No. 17—

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

Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment 2002.

Ministers of State Amendment 2002.

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 2002.

No. 18—

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (No. 1) 2002.

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) 2002.

Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment 2002.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 1) 2002.

Taxation Laws Amendment (Film Incentives) 2002.

No. 19—

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 2001-2002.

Appropriation (No. 3) 2001-2002.
 Appropriation (No. 4) 2001-2002.
 5 April 2002—Message No. 20—
 Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) 2002.
 Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) 2002.
 Regional Forest Agreements 2002.

23 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) returning the following Bills without amendment, 21 March 2002—
 No. 37—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 2001-2002;
 No. 38—Appropriation (No. 3) 2001-2002 (*without requests*);
 No. 39—Appropriation (No. 4) 2001-2002;
- (b) transmitting a resolution agreed to by the Senate approving the proposal by the National Capital Authority and the Canberra Tourism and Events Corporation, for temporary works within the Parliamentary Zone, associated with the National Capital ‘Canberra 400’ V8 Supercar race carnival—21 March 2002—Message No. 40; and
- (c) returning the Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives—15 May 2002—Message No. 41.

24 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES

Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of the *Archives Act 1983*, this House appoints Mr Somlyay as a member of the Advisory Council on Australian Archives for a period of three years.

Question—put and passed.

25 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

26 FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans’ Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

27 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF COMPULSORY UNION FEES) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McClelland (see item No. 10, page 169)*—

Debate resumed.

Ms J. I. Bishop addressing the House—

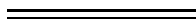
28 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.



PAPERS

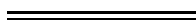
The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 May 2002:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Instrument—2002 No. CASA 242.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2002 No. 10.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 97.

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Act—Determination—2001—
Supplementation of Regional Assistance Program.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Ms Burke*, Mr Charles, Mrs Gallus, Mr Jull, Jackie Kelly*, Mr McLeay, Mr Ruddock and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 16

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION 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.

Suspension of sitting

At 10.25 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.42 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

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 FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Paper

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

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.

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Slipper, the Main Committee adjourned at 11.44 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