

2002

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 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 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* and the *Australian Research Council Act 2001*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Nelson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Nelson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

30 May 2002—Message No. 30—Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment 2002.

5 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS 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 by Dr Martin 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 is of the opinion that:

- (1) the \$150 million funding cap on the Export Market Development Grants scheme has led to a 37 percent decline in the level of real funding;
- (2) Australia’s prosperity and economic security depend on increasing the number of Australian companies engaged in exporting;

- (3) the Government's aim of doubling the number of Australian exporting companies by 2006 has not been accompanied by the necessary resources for implementation;
- (4) the Government's consistent failure to develop a coherent strategy for Australia's trade policy gives Australian business owners no cause to hope for adequate assistance in reaching their export goals; and
- (5) Australia's prosperity is under threat because of the Government's failure to deliver on its commitment to trade, as evidenced by:
 - (a) its capitulation to the United States Government over steel tariffs;
 - (b) its unwillingness to influence the United States Government to overturn the new provisions of the US Farm Bill;
 - (c) its inability to secure a Free Trade Agreement with any country; and
 - (d) its neglect of the Cairns Group at such a critical time in multilateral trade negotiations".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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 M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade), the Bill was read a third time.

6 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 2) 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 McMullan who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words:

"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to:

- (1) ensure that the proposed surcharge tax reduction to high-income earners, the splitting of superannuation contributions and the closure of the public sector funds do not proceed; and
- (2) provide for a fairer contributions tax cut that will boost retirement incomes for all superannuation fund members to assist in preparing the nation for the ageing population".

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.

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Interest relief "sensible"—Copy of article by Hugh Crawford, *The Herald*, 13 July 1989.

Questions without notice continued.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES

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 further increase in interest rates and the probability of further interest rate increases to come, and the impact of these changes on Australian families already under financial pressure".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr McMullan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

9 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Jull (Chair) presented the following paper:

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report 1—Advisory report on the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002, May 2002.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Jull, Mr McLeay and Mr Beazley, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

10 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr Hunt to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties in place of Mr Baldwin.

Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Ageing), by leave, moved—That Mr Baldwin be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and that, in his place, Mr Hunt be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

11 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) 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 Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE 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 Mr K. J. Andrews (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL (NO. 2) 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 McMullan (see item No. 6, page 232)*—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

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. 31, 23 May 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, considered in the following order:

- (1) item 126 of Schedule 1;
- (2) Schedule 2; and
- (3) remainder of the Bill.

Item 126, Schedule 1, debated.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	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	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Mr Wakelin
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Costello	Mr Katter	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 61

Mr Adams	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Mr Griffin	Dr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
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 Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick*	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule 2 debated.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash*	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Ms Panopoulos	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
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NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

14 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED

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

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

15 SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE CHARGE 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—

Question—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.

16 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) 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 5 June 2002:

Australian Research Council Act—Determination—2002 No. 10.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Albanese, Ms Burke*, Mrs Elson, Jackie Kelly*, Dr Kemp and Mr Kerr.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2002

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

3 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) 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.

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 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE 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.

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

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 15 May 2002*), viz.:

East Timor—Ministerial statement—

Debate resumed.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.39 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