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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 26

MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2002

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

**2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER**

The Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) was absent until later this day, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Causley) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

**3 ANZAC LEGEND**

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

- (1) notes the passing of Australia's last Anzac Gallipoli veteran, Mr Alec Campbell, and records its sympathy to his family;
- (2) acknowledges the service and sacrifice of all Gallipoli veterans;
- (3) notes the increasing number of young Australians who attend Anzac Day dawn services both in Australia and overseas; and
- (4) encourages all Australians to ensure that the Anzac legend continues to be recognised and honoured.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 AUSTRALIAN-CHILEAN COMMUNITY**

Ms Roxon, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes that members of the Australian-Chilean community who were victims of suffering, torture, expulsion and exile at the hands of the Pinochet regime in Chile now receive a "pension of mercy" from the Chilean Government as a reparation for their suffering;
- (2) expresses concern that these members of the Australian-Chilean community have their entitlement to an Australian pension affected by the Chilean payments while other people receiving similar payments, such as victims of the Holocaust who receive compensation from Germany or Austria "as victims of National Socialist Persecution", have these payments exempt for the purposes of income testing;
- (3) recognises that these Australian-Chileans make a significant social and economic contribution to the Australian community and should be eligible for equal treatment and access to social security payments as other Australians; and
- (4) calls on the Government to give those members of the Australian-Chilean community fair treatment by introducing legislation to exempt the Chilean "pensions of mercy" from the income test for Australian pensions similar to the exemption for other compensation payments in paragraphs (n) and (p) of subsection 8(8) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

Debate ensued.

Ms Roxon, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate.

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

**5 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

**6 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED**

Mr Rudd moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Griffith moving a motion relating to the ratification of the statute of the International Criminal Court.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
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Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
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## NOES, 63

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr McClelland (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 63

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And so it was negatived.

**8 PETITIONS**

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

**9 WESTERN SYDNEY**

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

(1) notes that:

- (a) Western Sydney is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia with a high proportion of young people;
- (b) currently there is a negative perception of young people in Western Sydney, which is a mistaken view since Western Sydney is no different to any other region with regard to youth problems and youth achievements;

- (c) there needs to be public recognition of the achievements of young people which is linked to high self esteem and minimises anti-social behaviour;
  - (d) lack of access to educational facilities, especially information technology, has resulted in an imbalance of academic achievements; and
  - (e) there is insufficient provision of community and recreational facilities for young people in Western Sydney;
- (2) urges the Government to:
- (a) research methods of providing adequate access to computer facilities for the disadvantaged in Western Sydney in order to close the digital divide; and
  - (b) provide urgently needed youth community facilities in the Western Sydney area to address the social needs of young people; and
- (3) acknowledges the work of the Blacktown Youth Orientation in drafting this motion and bringing these issues to light.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 10 SHIPPING INDUSTRY

Ms O'Byrne, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) condemns the Howard Government for its policies that have, and continue to, undermine the Australian shipping industry;
- (2) recognises that this neglect puts at great risk our environment, our security and our ability to compete in the shipping industry and is therefore against Australia's national interest; and
- (3) calls upon the Minister to support the Australian shipping industry before our coastline is ravaged and our industry and merchant employment opportunities destroyed.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Mr Wakelin was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

#### 11 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.

#### 12 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SECRET BALLOTS FOR PROTECTED ACTION) 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 Emerson addressing the House—

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#### 13 ADJOURNMENT

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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 17 June 2002:

Australian National University Act—Statutes—2002—

Board of the Faculties.

Board of the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Deputy Vice-Chancellorship.

Faculties.

Institute of the Arts.

Interpretation.

Programs and Awards.

University Seal.

Vice-Chancellorship.

Broadcasting Services Act—Notice of reservation of capacity for national radio broadcasting services—2002 No. 1.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Instruments—2002 Nos CASA 253, CASA 312, CASA 320, CASA 323.

Dairy Produce Act—Schemes—

2000 Dairy Structural Adjustment Program Amendment (No. 9).

2001 Supplementary Dairy Assistance Variation (No. 3).

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—2002 Nos 13, 14.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 113.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 112.

Higher Education Funding Act—

Determinations—2001 Nos T36, T37.

Guidelines—2002—

Bridging for overseas-trained professionals loan scheme.

Higher education institutions—Research and research training management reports.

Radiocommunications Act—Plan—2002 Mobile-satellite service (2GHz) frequency band plan.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—

2000 No. TR 17 (Addendum).

2001 No. PR 89 (Addendum).

2002 Nos CR 30, CR 31, PR 33 (Addendum), PR 78, PR 79, PR 80, PR 81, PR 82, PR 83.

*Telecommunications Act 1997—*

Declarations—2002—

Carrier Licence Conditions (Telstra Corporation Limited) 1997—Amendment No. 1.

Telecommunications (Types of cabling work) Amendment (No. 1).

Notice—2002 Telecommunications Labelling (Customer equipment and customer cabling)—

Amendment (No. 2).

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determinations—2002—

Telecommunications (Annual carrier licence charge).

Telecommunications (Costs attributable to telecommunications functions and powers).

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Determination—2002

Telecommunications (Emergency call service).

Therapeutic Goods Act—

Regulations—Statutory Rules 2002 No. 114.

Therapeutic Goods (Manufacturing Principles) Determination—2002 No. 1.

Therapeutic Goods Order No. 70.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Burke\*, Mr Cameron, Jackie Kelly\* and Mr Sawford.

\* On leave

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2002

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1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

**2 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2002-2003—BUDGET DEBATE**

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 Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—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) its failure to deliver a budget surplus in 2001-02 after a decade of growth;
- (2) its failure to deliver a budget surplus in 2002-03 without breaking previous commitments on defence, roads and working credits;
- (3) imposing the cost of a pre-election spending spree on families via higher interest rates and cuts in health and welfare spending;
- (4) falsely claiming that cuts to health and welfare payments are needed to fund the war against terrorism and border protection;
- (5) wasting \$5 billion of taxpayers money by gambling in foreign currency markets through cross currency derivatives;
- (6) wasting almost \$3.5 billion by failing to manage currency risk on defence spending despite warnings from the Auditor-General;
- (7) wasting \$31 million on maintenance services for 40 year old helicopters that are years overdue despite a \$800 million downpayment;
- (8) its failure to recognise the GST as a Commonwealth tax and this Government as the highest taxing of all time;
- (9) its failure to consider the fairer options put forward by the Opposition to offset the harsh measures it intends to impose on families, the sick and disabled; and
- (10) the failure of its Intergenerational Report to recognise that investment in education, research and development is critical to our future prosperity and our capacity to generate the revenue and wealth required to support an ageing population”—

Debate resumed.

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



**3 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 4 p.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



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