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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 73

MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2003

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 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Jull presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan—Report, October–November 2002.

Mr Jull and Mr Evans made statements in connection with the report.

3 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK (PROTECTING THE GREAT BARRIER REEF FROM OIL DRILLING AND EXPLORATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr K. J. Thomson, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to provide for an extension of the boundaries of the Great Barrier Reef Region.

Mr K. J. Thomson 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 PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Ms Gambaro, pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) this House calls on the Government to fund a national co-ordinated study into Parkinson's disease due to the increase in the number of sufferers estimated to be 80,000 at present and the lack of comprehensive data on Parkinson's disease for more than 40 years;
- (2) the study determine:
 - (a) the number of sufferers;
 - (b) how the disease affects sufferers and their carers; and
 - (c) how much the disease costs the Australian community; and
- (3) the Government continues to place healthy ageing as a priority and that a national prevalence study of Parkinson's disease will aid in better treatment of the disease and assist in understanding the impact on future health budgets.

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.

5 LEARNING MUSIC

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

- (1) recognises the importance and value of all children learning music as part of their school education;
- (2) appreciates how the learning of music can provide additional benefits to a child's overall academic and educational development;

- (3) acknowledges the significant contribution and effort that people from all walks of life make to their local communities through music and arts initiatives, particularly those that support our youth;
- (4) recognises the positive link between the wellbeing of our youth and their appreciation and active participation in music activities; and
- (5) calls on the Government through the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) to actively support and encourage:
 - (a) an increased presence and heightened importance of learning music within the various education curricula throughout Australia; and
 - (b) an increase in funding for school music education programs from respective State and Territory governments.

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.

6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

7 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Anderson (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Howard (Prime Minister), he would answer questions on his behalf.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Overseas visit to United States, United Kingdom and Indonesia; Iraq; North Korea—Transcript of doorstep interview, the Hon. John Howard MP, Prime Minister, Sydney, 8 February 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Ms Gillard, by leave, presented the following paper:

Negotiations on involuntary returns to Afghanistan—Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Minute, 16 December 2002.

Questions without notice continued.

9 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

10 AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

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

- (1) notes the plans of Airservices Australia to remove air traffic controllers from Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport and consolidate terminal control units at Sydney, Perth and Adelaide into Airservices Australia's centre in Melbourne;
- (2) is concerned that no proper safety case has yet been prepared; and
- (3) is concerned about the loss of local knowledge caused by the transfer of air traffic controllers to an interstate location.

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.

11 WOMEN

Mrs Crosio, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House calls on the Government to:

- (1) sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), considering 75 states have signed the Optional Protocol, and of those 75 states, 47 have ratified the Optional Protocol;
- (2) actively seek membership of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), of which Australia was a member from 1983 until 1990, and again from 1993 until 1996;
- (3) ratify the revision of the Maternity Protection Convention (ILO No. 183), dated June 2000, which called for a minimum of 14 weeks paid maternity leave; and
- (4) as a priority, establish a system of paid maternity leave for all Australian working women.

Debate ensued.

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

12 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.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 6 February 2003, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 208—Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Advice Industry) 2002.

No. 211—Commonwealth Volunteers Protection 2002.

No. 212—Australian Capital Territory Legislation Amendment 2002.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002

Message No. 209, 6 February 2003, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to broadcasting, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL GALLERY AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Message No. 210, 6 February 2003, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Gallery Act 1975*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY VEHICLE BARRIERS AND PERMANENT CCTV CAMERAS—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone, namely: Installation of temporary vehicle barriers and permanent CCTV cameras.

Question—put and passed.

17 CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (REPAYMENT OF DIRECTORS' BONUSES) 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 Latham addressing the House—

18 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 February 2003:

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2003 No. 2.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, for the temporary installation of vehicle barriers for a period of 12 months; and permanent installation of eight security cameras.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2003 No. 2.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Howard, Mr Katter and Ms Livermore.

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 4.30 p.m.

2 IRAQ—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 Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 4 February 2003*) viz.:

Iraq—Ministerial Statement, 4 February 2003—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Andren, viz.*—That the following words be added to the motion: “and insists that in the absence of specific, unambiguous and unanimous support of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, Australian defence forces not be involved in any military action in Iraq”—

Debate resumed.

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

3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Somlyay, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.01 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