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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 79

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2003

1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2002-2003**

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, 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 its failures in economic management, and in particular its failings in relation to both income and expenditure policies because:

- (1) it is the highest taxing Government in Australian history, and:
  - (a) has imposed the highest level ever of income tax;
  - (b) is responsible for introducing the biggest new tax in our history; and
  - (c) is addicted to imposing ever more taxes and special levies;
- (2) it has failed to deliver on its basic responsibilities to the Australian people, for example:
  - (a) bulk billing has collapsed;
  - (b) there is chronic under-investment in our public schools, TAFE colleges and universities;
  - (c) the struggle to balance work and family life continues to get harder; and
  - (d) entry level housing is becoming even less affordable for struggling Australian families; and
- (3) despite the record tax take, and in spite of declining Government services, the Government has failed to keep the Budget in surplus after nearly a decade of strong economic growth, in that:
  - (a) it broke its unequivocal promise to keep the Budget in surplus in 2001-02;
  - (b) future surpluses are dependent on the additional revenue provided by bracket creep;
  - (c) it has presided over enormous waste and mismanagement including billions of dollars of foreign exchange losses and defence procurement losses; and
  - (d) it has lost control over expenditure necessitating wholesale changes to the budgetary management system”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Mossfield 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 a later hour this day.

**3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]**

Message No. 213, 3 March 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2] with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) moved—That the amendments be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

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

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Abbott presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

*Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate*

The House of Representatives does not accept these amendments because they remove the small business exclusion and make procedural changes that are not appropriate for inclusion in this Bill.

On the motion of Mr Abbott, the reasons were adopted.

#### 4 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**5 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROTECTING THE LOW PAID) BILL 2003**

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: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading and condemns the Government for:

- (1) introducing legislation that impedes the ability of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission to independently determine fair minimum wages for Australian workers and their families;
- (2) attempting to limit wage increases for low paid workers in circumstances where it has placed increasing financial pressure on Australian families by:
  - (a) being the highest taxing Government in Australia’s history;
  - (b) failing to stem rising household debt that has now doubled under the Howard Government;
  - (c) failing to address record bank fees that have doubled since 1997;
  - (d) forcing thousands of Australian families to pay high medical bills as a result of a dramatic decline in bulk billing;
  - (e) forcing Australian families to pay an additional 30% for the cost of essential medicines;
- (3) attempting to suppress the wages of working Australians in circumstances where it will not take action to limit extraordinary executive salaries and executive severance packages; and
- (4) calls on the Government to abandon its policies that favour the big end of town and do something to ease the pressure on Australia’s millions of working families”.

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.

**6 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.17 p.m. the Member for Batman (Mr M. J. Ferguson) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continually interjecting, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

**7 AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2002-2003—

No. 31—Performance audit—Retention of military personnel—Follow-up audit: Department of Defence.

No. 32—Business support process audit—The Senate order for departmental and agency contracts (Spring 2002 compliance).

Reports ordered to be printed.

**8 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Airservices Australia—Corporate plan—July 2002-June 2007.

Finance—Advance to the Finance Minister—  
Statements for—

October to December 2002.

January 2003.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance during—  
October to December 2002.

January 2003.

National Biotechnology Centre of Excellence—Review of selection process—Report to the Prime Minister, December 2002.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Review of the implementation of the strategic plan 2000-03, December 2002.

Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for 2001-02.

#### 9 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

National Health and Medical Research Council—Review of the implementation of the strategic plan 2000-03, December 2002.

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

#### 10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN DEBT

The House was informed that Mr Emerson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s economic mismanagement in addicting Australia to record levels of debt”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Emerson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.56 p.m. the Member for Rankin (Mr Emerson) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

#### 11 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Windsor moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for New England from moving that the House:

- (1) deplores the Government’s denial of a vote on the commitment of Australian Defence Forces to war in Iraq in the absence of UN endorsement;
- (2) acknowledges that the US congress and UK House of Commons have debated and voted on the question of their country’s involvement in military action against Iraq;
- (3) acknowledges the urgency of clarifying Australia’s role with a vote of Parliament in light of suggestions today that the US and Britain will attack Iraq within the next two weeks with or without the support of the permanent members of the UN Security Council;
- (4) supports the statement of UN General Assembly President Jan Kavan that all political and diplomatic means be exhausted to avoid a military conflict in Iraq; and
- (5) immediately considers government business order of the day No. 46 and that the question be put forthwith.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	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 McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	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
Mrs 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 Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
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## NOES, 62

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Andren (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

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

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 76

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 McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
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Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

**12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

4 March 2003—Message No. 214—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) 2002.

**13 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER**

Mr Charles (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 394—Review of Australia's quarantine function, February 2003.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Charles, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

**15 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Haase (Chair) presented the following report:

Committee of Members' Interests—Report on the operations of the committee, including the minutes of proceedings, for 2002.

Ordered to be printed.

**16 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

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

Appropriation (No. 3) 2002-2003; and

Appropriation (No. 4) 2002-2003.

Question—put and passed.

**17 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**

Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**18 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (PROTECTING THE LOW PAID) BILL 2003**

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. 5, page 763)*—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

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

## AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
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Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
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Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Schultz	
Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Scott	

## NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll
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Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Organ	Mr Zahra

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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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

#### 19 PETROLEUM (TIMOR SEA TREATY) BILL 2003

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to give effect to the Timor Sea Treaty, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr I. E. Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.



Debate adjourned (Mr Fitzgibbon), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**20 PETROLEUM (TIMOR SEA TREATY) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003**

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) presented a Bill for an Act to make amendments consequential on the enactment of the *Petroleum (Timor Sea Treaty) Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr I. E. Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fitzgibbon), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**21 PASSENGER MOVEMENT CHARGE (TIMOR SEA TREATY) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Passenger Movement Charge Act 1978*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr I. E. Macfarlane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Mr I. E. Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fitzgibbon), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**22 PETROLEUM (TIMOR SEA TREATY) BILL 2003**

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 Wilkie addressing the House—

*Adjournment negatived*

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

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

**23 PETROLEUM (TIMOR SEA TREATY) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003**

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 I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

**24 PASSENGER MOVEMENT CHARGE (TIMOR SEA TREATY) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

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 I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), the Bill was read a third time.

**25 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 March 2003:

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 43—Campbell Park offices.

National Health Act—

Determinations under paragraph (bj) of Schedule 1—2003 No. PHS 2.

Determinations under Section 5D(1)—2003 No. PHS 1.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Crosio\*, Jackie Kelly, Ms Livermore\* and Mr Lloyd\*.

\* On leave

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

2002-03

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

No. 79

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2003

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 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—

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 10.55 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 11.08 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 105, 3 December 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Paper*

Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Anthony, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (4) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

**4 BUSHFIRES—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 4 February 2003*), viz.:

Bushfires—Copy of Prime Minister's motion—

Debate resumed.

Mr Neville, by leave, again addressed the Main Committee.

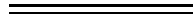
Debate continued.

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

**5 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mrs May, the Main Committee adjourned at 1 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