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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 109

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 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 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION 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—*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:

- (1) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) the failure of its policies to tackle the real issues facing higher education in Australia, including in the following areas:
 - (i) the increasing financial burden its policies are placing on students and their families, and the related growth of student debt;
 - (ii) the continuing inability of universities to enrol qualified students who wish to take up a publicly-funded place;
 - (iii) the inadequate provision for growth in higher education, especially in the period 2004-2007;
 - (iv) the inadequate planning for meeting key areas of skill shortage through higher education, including teaching and nursing;
 - (v) inadequate indexation of university funding;
 - (vi) inattention to the links between higher education and TAFE;
 - (vii) a lack of focus on quality, innovation and global changes in higher education; and
 - (b) underfunding the rebuilding of the Mt Stromlo observatory; and
- (2) calls on the Government to amend the Bill so as to limit the degree of ministerial discretion over the division of funding between different categories of research programs”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Administrator

Message No. 156, 24 June 2003, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

3 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE WITH COURT AND TRIBUNAL ORDERS) 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 Emerson 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) systematically intervening in workplaces against the interests of working Australians who choose to be represented by trade unions; and
- (2) its double standards in attacking working Australians and their trade unions through selective changes to the legislative framework while refusing to take comparable action against corporate misbehaviour including:
 - (a) introducing new offences and penalties for trade union officials while failing to amend the Corporations Act to introduce comparable offences and penalties for highly paid executives and directors;
 - (b) failing to introduce legislative provisions to rein in obscene executive payouts; and
 - (c) failing to take action against the use of corporate insolvencies and ‘phoenix’ companies to avoid paying employee entitlements and debts owed to small businesses”.

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.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following paper:

Notice to all employees of the Manildra Group (Altona Site) from Roland Williams, Plant Manager, Manildra Group, 7 August 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Papers

Mr Hockey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism) presented the following papers:

Effect of State taxes on insurance for small business—Report by Trowbridge Deloitte, July 2003.

Small business and insurance—Media release by Jon Stanhope, MLA, Chief Minister of the ACT, 31 July 2003.

Warning ACT Chief Minister’s hoax—Media Release by Joe Hockey, Minister for Small Business and Tourism, 1 August 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Prime Minister—Motion of censure

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censure the Prime Minister for his ongoing pattern of deceit in:

- (1) falsely denying on 17, 18 and 19 September 2002, that he had met with Mr Dick Honan of the Manildra Group prior to the Government’s decisions on ethanol that overwhelmingly benefited the Manildra Group;
- (2) falsely claiming that his misleading statements to the Parliament about the meeting with Mr Honan were not relevant to the questions asked of him on 17, 18 and 19 September 2002;
- (3) not releasing full details of the record of meeting or other documents relevant to the origin of the Government’s ethanol policy;
- (4) failing to fully disclose the documents and circumstances surrounding the Honan meeting and the policy that flowed from it;
- (5) misusing the resources of the Australian Government to commercially damage the competitors of Manildra so as to protect the monopoly position of the Manildra Group;

- (6) applying a double standard in its treatment of two Australian businesses by protecting and subsidising the Manildra Group at the expense of the smaller wholly Australian-owned company, Neumann Petroleum which lost \$400,000; and
- (7) misleading the House again today with his assertion that his discussion with Mr Honan did not involve the discussion of the import of ethanol from Brazil.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 64

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

NOES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lloyd	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville*	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	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	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

5 STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION 40(3) ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION ACT 1989—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs) presented the following paper:

Statement to Parliament pursuant to subsection 40(3) *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989*—Regarding suspension of Mr Geoff Clark as a Commissioner of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—

and moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

6 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH

Mr Latham raised, as a matter of privilege, comments made by the Member for Hume to the media.

The Speaker stated that the matter should be raised by the Member for Hume and therefore he could not accord the matter precedence.

Paper

Mr Latham, by leave, presented the following paper:

Extract from transcript of doorstep interview with Mr Schultz, MP.

7 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 2 of 2003–2004—Audit activity report—Audit activity report: January to June 2003—Summary of outcomes.

Ordered to be printed.

8 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Finance—Advance to the Finance Minister—

Statements for—

March and April 2003.

May 2003.

Supporting applications for issues from the Advance during—

March and April 2003.

May 2003.

IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF Bioventures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited, IIF Newport Pty Limited—Reports for 2001-02.

Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations—Report for 2001-02.

9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY

The House was informed that Ms Gillard had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s attacks on access to affordable health care for all Australians, its plan to destroy Medicare and its ongoing war with the States on health funding”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Gillard rising to address the House—

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 66

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2003—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and 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 Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

11 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR TERMINATION) BILL 2002—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

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 Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 61

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

Senate Amendments 1 and 5

These amendments go together.

Amendment number 1 would give the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (the Commission) the power to vary an award to reduce the period of time which a casual must serve before being able to access termination of employment provisions.

In the Senate, the Opposition said that this amendment was contingent on the Senate accepting a second Opposition amendment—amendment 5—which would reduce the qualifying period which a casual must serve from a minimum of twelve months (as contained in the Bill) to a minimum of six months, unless a shorter period was specified in an award or certified agreement.

Business, particularly small business, deserves a clear, consistent framework of workplace relations laws. The qualifying period for casuals wanting to access unfair dismissal laws has been set at twelve months since 1996. Therefore the House of Representatives does not believe that it would be beneficial to business or to future job creation if that period were to be halved, or if the Commission were to be given the power to vary the period further.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives rejects these amendments.

Senate Amendments 2, 3 and 4

These amendments would give all employees, including short-term casuals, access to remedies for unlawful dismissal, (as opposed to unfair dismissal), from the start of their employment. Presently short-term casuals are prevented from accessing remedies for both unlawful and unfair dismissal until they served 12 months.

This prohibition has been in place since the ALP first introduced a casual exemption into the termination of employment laws. Whilst this amendment may have some merit, the House of Representatives believes that further consideration is necessary, and any change should be made through the appropriate legislative vehicle at the appropriate time.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives rejects these amendments.

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

**12 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (COMPLIANCE WITH COURT AND TRIBUNAL ORDERS)
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 Emerson (see item No. 3, page 1067)*—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lloyd	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	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 Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Mr Williams
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Mr Windsor
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Schultz	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	

NOES, 61

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—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.

13 SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Amended report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 18 August 2003—

and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 12 August 2003.

Question—put and passed.

14 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 August 2003:

Christmas Island Act—Utilities and Services Ordinance—Determination—2003 Fees for Water and Sewerage Services No. 1.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Utilities and Services Ordinance—Determination—2003 Fees for water and sewerage services No. 1.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Statement under section 125, August 2003.

Statement under sub-section 40(3), August 2003.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Forrest, Ms Grierson, Mr I. E. Macfarlane* and Mrs Moylan.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 109

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **FAMILY LAW 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Williams (Attorney-General) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Williams, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (6) 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 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Williams (Attorney-General), the Main Committee adjourned at 12.10 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