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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 121

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr Rudd moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Foreign Affairs from making a full and comprehensive statement to the House to:

- (1) assure the Parliament that the Minister himself has not authorised the leaking of top secret, national security documents or information contained in them to unauthorised individuals;
- (2) assure the Parliament that the Minister has asked each of his ministerial staff whether they were responsible for the leaking of top secret national security documents or information contained in them;
- (3) assure the Parliament that the Minister has therefore assured himself and the Prime Minister that none of his ministerial staff have been responsible for the leaking of top secret national security documents or information contained in them;
- (4) provide these assurances to the Parliament prior to his departure later this morning from Parliament for Papua New Guinea;
- (5) advise the Parliament whether he or any member of his staff requested an additional copy of a classified national security document entitled *Iraq: Humanitarian Consequences* from the Office of National Assessments in the period immediately prior to 23 June 2003;
- (6) confirm to the Parliament the Minister's understanding that under the Ministerial Code of Conduct (section 5, page 10) that Ministers are required to be "honest in their public dealings and should not intentionally mislead the parliament and the public";
- (7) confirm that he has not intentionally misled the Parliament by not telling the complete truth in response to direct questions in the Parliament on this most serious matter of national security over the last week;
- (8) confirm the Minister's understanding that the leaking of top secret national security documents is a criminal offence under sections 70 and 77 of the *Crimes Act 1914* that carries the most serious penalties;
- (9) confirm the Minister's view on the acceptability or otherwise of the leaking of classified national security information for the purposes of undermining and destroying the professional credibility of private citizens who have publicly disagreed with government policy;
- (10) confirm that it is the Minister's understanding that under section 9 of the Ministerial Code of Conduct that Ministers are responsible for the conduct of their staff; and
- (11) confirm to the Parliament that given the gravity of the various breaches and offences involved in the leaking of top secret national security information that any involvement in such leaking by the Minister or his ministerial staff by definition requires resignation.

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, 75

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Latham (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Dr Kemp	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr P. E. King	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Barresi	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gash*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville*	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
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Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford
Ms Burke	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Grierson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr Tanner
Mr Danby*	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin*	Ms O'Byrne	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms Ellis	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

AYES, 59

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

3 ABORIGINAL LAND GRANT (JERVIS BAY TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*, and for other 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 (Mrs Crosio), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (SAFETY LEVIES) BILL 2003

Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) presented a Bill for an Act to impose safety investigation levy, safety case levy, and pipeline safety management plan levy, in relation to offshore petroleum facilities.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Entsch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Entsch presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Truss moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT BILL 2003

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the funding of higher education, 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 Griffin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to deal with transitional and consequential matters arising from the enactment of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, 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 Griffin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) BILL 2003

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, and for related 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 Griffin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

10 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS INTEGRITY MEASURES) BILL 2003

Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), for Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Dr Stone presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

11 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hardgrave moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Hardgrave presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

12 TARIFF PROPOSALS

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2003); and

Customs Tariff Proposals No. 5 (2003).

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

13 FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) 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 Swan, 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’s failure to comprehensively reform its flawed system of family assistance, which has so far resulted in one in three families receiving FTB and CCB accumulating debts in excess of \$1.2 billion;
- (2) urges the Government to immediately close loopholes such as share market margin lending losses and foreign income reporting which have allowed wealthy families to pocket benefits;

- (3) recognises the importance of annual tax returns for family budgeting and opposes the automatic stripping of family tax returns without warning to recoup family assistance debts;
- (4) notes the proposed two year time limit for past period claims of family assistance is still at odds with tax law which allows adjustments and subsequent claims to be made for up to four years; and
- (5) calls on the Government to reform family assistance to improve incentives to work and ensure benefits may properly account for changes in family income without the risk of families accruing an unavoidable debt”—

Debate resumed.

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

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

AYES, 72

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

NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick*
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon
Ms Burke	Ms Gillard	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd
Mr Byrne	Ms Grierson	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford
Ms Corcoran	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Cox	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mrs Crosio	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Danby*	Ms Hoare	Mr Mossfield	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin*	Mr Murphy	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Ms Jackson	Ms O'Byrne	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	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. 164, 10 September 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

14 ENERGY GRANTS (CLEANER FUELS) SCHEME 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.

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.

15 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), he would answer questions on his behalf.

16 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) presented the following paper:

Productivity Commission report verdict: Howard fails Australian manufacturing—Media release by Office of Senator George Campbell, Shadow Manufacturing Spokesperson, 28 August 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr B. P. J. O'Connor, by leave, presented the following paper:

Carer's allowance—Alan Jones Editorial, 8 August 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

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

Donation by Mr Dante Tan—Letter from Mr Brian W. Carney, Honorary Treasurer, Liberal Party of Australia (NSW Branch), Berowra F.E.C., to Mr Philip Ruddock, Member for Berowra, 29 August 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Electoral Commission—Donor to political parties annual return—Dante Tan, 18 December 2002.

Questions without notice continued.

17 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australia Post—Statement of corporate intent—2003/04-2005/06.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2002-03.

Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.

Therapeutic Goods Administration—Report—Information and advertising associated with products tested, created or manufactured using human embryos or human embryonic cells, 16 September 2003.

18 NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS FRAMEWORK—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the National Safe Schools Framework and presented the following paper:

National Safe Schools Framework—Statement by the Minister for Education, Science and Training, 17 September 2003.

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech

Mr Tuckey, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 8 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

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

19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FAMILIES AND PENSIONERS

The House was informed that Mr Swan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s heartless policies that are punishing Australia’s families and pensioners”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Swan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

20 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Construction of a new chancery, New Delhi, India (9th report of 2003).

Refurbishment of staff apartments, Australian Embassy Complex, Paris, France (10th report of 2003).

Reports ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

21 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Ms J. I. Bishop (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 54: Treaties tabled in June and August 2003—Social Security Agreement—Croatia; Pollution by hazardous and noxious substances; Employment of dependants of diplomatic and consular personnel—Belgium; Working holiday arrangements—Belgium, Bougainville Transition Team—

Report, September 2003.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Ms J. I. Bishop, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

22 CRIMES (OVERSEAS) AMENDMENT BILL 2003—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been considered by the Main Committee and was returned with an unresolved question (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of the unresolved question. The Deputy Speaker did not propose to put the unresolved question as it was now superseded.

Debate ensued.

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 Williams (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

23 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 2003—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 Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

24 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 3, 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

25 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2003—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

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

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

26 ENERGY GRANTS (CLEANER FUELS) SCHEME 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 165, 13 September 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

27 ENERGY GRANTS (CLEANER FUELS) SCHEME (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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 166, 13 September 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

28 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS SPLITTING) 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.

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.

29 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 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 September 2003:

Australian Crime Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—2003 No. 236.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 234, 235.

Corporations (Fees) Act and Corporations Act 2001—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 241.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 237.

Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 242.

Higher Education Funding Act—Determinations—2003 Nos T16, T17.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, for installation of a commemorative plaque to the victims of the Bali atrocity.

Public Service Act—Public Service Commissioner's Directions—2003 Amendment (No. 2).

Statutory Declarations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 238.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2003 No. 8.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Fran Bailey, Mr Brereton, Mr Costello, Mr Downer, Mr Sciacca, Mr Snowdon* and Mr Somlyay.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 121

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

3 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 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.

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 CRIMES (OVERSEAS) 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.

Mr Organ moved—That further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and not being resolved—Bill to be returned to the House for further consideration.

5 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Hull—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 8 September 2003*), viz.:

Family and Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Road to Recovery: Inquiry into substance abuse in Australian communities, August 2003—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 11.15 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 11.26 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Prosser, 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