

2002-03

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 133

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2003

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (JOHN DAVID JESS CBE)

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 18 October 2003, of John David Jess CBE, a Member of this House for the Division of La Trobe from 1960 to 1972.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

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

Hey, knucklehead, what's with GERD and BERD?—Copy of article by Alan Ramsey, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 4 November 2000.

Labor vows tax-break review—Copy of article by Annabel Crabb, *The Age*, 15 July 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

4 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

At 3 p.m. the Speaker left the Chair.

5 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair at 3.30 p.m.

6 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 2002-03.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act—Report to the Commonwealth made under section 24 for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003.

Airservices Australia—

Equity and Diversity Program 2001-04—Progress Report for 2002-03.

Report for 2002-03.

Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation Ltd—Report for 2002-03.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2002-03.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2002-03.

Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2002-03.

Australia Post—Equal employment opportunity program—Report 2002-03.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

- Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Customs Service—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Federal Police—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 97—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—
Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for period 1 April to 30 June 2003.
Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Research Council—Report for 2002-03—Corrigendum.
- Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Submarine Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau—Supplementary aviation safety investigation report 200002157-A—
Piper PA31-350 Chieftain VH-MZK, Spencer Gulf, SA, 31 May 2000, October 2003.
- Australian War Memorial—Report for 2002-03.
- Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
- Bankruptcy Act—Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2002-03.
- Bundanon Trust—Report for 2002-03.
- Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 2002-03.
- ComLand Limited—Report for 2002-03.
- Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating reports on the administration and operation
of the *Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act 1973* and the *Superannuation Act 1922*, for
2002-03.
- Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2002-03.
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2002-03.
- Commonwealth Ombudsman and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report for 2002-03.
- Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
- CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2002-03.
- Dairy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2002-03.
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2002-03.
- Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 2002-03.
- Department of Defence—Report for 2002-03.
- Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2002-03.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2002-03—
Volumes 1 and 2.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2002-03.

Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2002-03.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2002-03.

Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report, including report on the operation of the
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, for 2002-03.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2002-03.

Director of National Parks—Report for 2002-03.

Employment Advocate—Report for 2002-03.

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2002-03.

Family Court of Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Family Law Council—Report for 2002-03.

Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Federal Magistrates Service—Report for 2002-03.

Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.

Film Australia Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2002-03.

Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2002-03.

Health Insurance Commission—
Equity and diversity program—Report for 2002-03.
Report for 2002-03.

Health Services Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2002-03.

Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2002-03.

Land and Water Australia—Report for 2002-03.

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4 for 2002-03.

Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees—Report for 2002-03.

National Australia Day Council—Report for 2002-03.

National Capital Authority—Report for 2002-03.

National Competition Council—Report for 2002-03.

National Library of Australia—Report for 2002-03.

National Museum of Australia—Report for 2002-03.

National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.

National Oceans Office—Report for 2002-03.

National Standards Commission—Report for 2002-03.

NetAlert Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Northern Land Council—Report for 2002-03.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2002-03.

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2002-03.
 Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2002-03.
 Private Health Insurance Ombudsman—Report for 2002-03.
 Professional Services Review—Report for 2002-03.
 Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2002-03.
 Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2002-03.
 Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2002-03.
 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
 Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2002-03.
 Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
 Supervising Scientist—Report for 2002-03.
 Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2002-03.
 Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 2002-03.
 Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2002-03.
 Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.
 Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2002-03.
 Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2002-03.

7 THE KNESSET—REPLY TO RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE

The Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Speaker had received a letter from the Speaker of the Knesset in reply to the resolution of the House of 20 August 2003 relating to terrorism.

8 PAPERS

Pursuant to the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, the Deputy Speaker presented the following papers:
 Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for 2002-03.
 Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for 2002-03.
 Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Report for 2002-03.

9 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Deputy Speaker presented the following papers:
 Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2003–2004—Performance audits—
 No. 8—Commonwealth management of the Great Barrier Reef follow-up audit: The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.
 No. 9—Business continuity management and emergency management in Centrelink: Centrelink.
 No. 10—Australian Defence Force recruiting contract: Department of Defence.
 No. 11—Annual performance reporting.
 Reports ordered to be printed.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY NET

The House was informed that Mr McClelland had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to accept responsibility for and address failings in Australia's security net".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr McClelland addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.

11 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 24 November 2003.

12 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mr Baird (Chair) presented the following paper:

Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Examination of the annual report for 2001-2002 of the National Crime Authority—

Report, October 2003.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

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

13 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

(1) the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Age Discrimination 2003; and

Age Discrimination (Consequential Provisions) 2003; and

(2) the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Section 57 of the Australian Constitution—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

14 MAIN COMMITTEE—DAY OF NEXT MEETING

The Deputy Speaker reported that Wednesday, 5 November 2003, at 9.40 a.m., had been fixed for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

15 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), by leave, moved—That:

(1) Ms J. I. Bishop be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and that, in her place, Dr Southcott be appointed a member of the committee;

(2) Mr Pyne be discharged from the Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and that, in his place, Mr Farmer be appointed a member of the committee;

(3) Dr Southcott be discharged from the Standing Committee on Ageing and that, in his place, Mr Cobb be appointed a member of the committee; and

(4) Mrs D. M. Kelly be discharged from the Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations and that, in her place, Mr Barresi be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002

Message No. 356, 30 October 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Message No. 355, 30 October 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2003 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

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

18 OZONE PROTECTION AND SYNTHETIC GREENHOUSE GAS 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—

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Administrator

Message No. 185, 29 May 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 Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

19 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—IMPORTS) 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 Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

20 OZONE PROTECTION (LICENCE FEES—MANUFACTURE) 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 Dr Stone (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), the Bill was read a third time.

21 FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM 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.

22 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 November 2003:

National Health Act—

Declarations—2003 Nos PB 13, PB 14, PB 16.

Determination under paragraph 98C(1)(b)—2003 No. PB 15.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Jackie Kelly, Dr Lawrence, Mr McGauran and Mr Snowden*.

* On leave

=====

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives