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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 134

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 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 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]**

Mr Williams (Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Williams presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 **RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Nairn (Chair) presented the following papers:

Recent Australian Bushfires—Select Committee—A nation charred: Inquiry into the recent Australian bushfires—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report and additional comments, October 2003.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Nairn, Mr Adams, Mr McArthur, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Ms Panopoulos, Ms Ellis, Mr Schultz and Mr Organ, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Nairn, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Nairn 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 the next sitting.

4 **MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Recent Australian Bushfires—Select Committee—Report—A nation charred: Inquiry into the recent Australian bushfires—Motion to take note of the paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

5 **CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (HAMAS AND LASHKAR-E-TAYYIBA) BILL 2003**

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995* in relation to Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades and the Lashkar-e-Tayyiba organisation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Papers

Mr Ruddock presented the following papers:

Explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Unclassified brief—Lashkar-e-Tayyiba and Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, the Bill was read a third time.

6 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.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Cameron, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (46) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Cameron, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7 NON-PROLIFERATION 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.

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.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper

Mr G. M. O'Connor, by leave, presented the following paper:

Do Australian households borrow too much?—Address by Mr I. J. Macfarlane, Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia, 3 April 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

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

Craig Emerson and Industry Assistance—ALP News Statements, 8 May 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

9 PAPERS

Mr G. M. O'Connor, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

Media releases by Gavan O'Connor, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government—

Regional radio must assist during emergencies, 22 August 2002.

Radio emergency broadcast problems John Howard's fault, 11 September 2003.

10 PAPERS

Ms Ellis, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

Canberra braces for more—Article by Jason Koutsoukis, *Financial Review*, 21 January 2003.

Howard quells Tuckey attack—Article by Emma Macdonald, *The Canberra Times*, 21 January 2003.

Not time for playing the blame game—Editorial in *The Canberra Times*, 21 January 2003.

Transcripts of interviews by Mr W. Tuckey MP—

Minister discusses the Canberra bushfires, 666 ABC, 20 January 2003.

Scientists comment on prevention strategy following bushfires in Canberra and New South Wales, AM, 21 January 2003.

11 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 12 of 2003–2004—Performance audit—The administration of telecommunications grants: Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Department of Transport and Regional Services.

Ordered to be printed.

12 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report, incorporating the annual report on the monitoring of the Equal Employment (EEO) Management plan for 2002-03.

Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2002-03.

Bankstown Airport Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Camden Airport Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2002-03.

Hoxton Park Airport Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Regional Forest Agreements between the Commonwealth and Victoria—Reports—
2001.

2002.

United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—Human Rights Committee—
Communications—

No. 776/1997—Decision.

No. 937/2000—Decision.

No. 978/2001—Decision.

No. 983/2001—Communication.

No. 1053/2002—Decision.

13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HOUSEHOLD DEBT

The House was informed that Mr Latham had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The impact on Australian families of record household debt and today's increase in interest rates".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Latham addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

14 COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002—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 Williams (Minister For Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), the amendments were agreed to.

15 NON-PROLIFERATION 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.

Paper

Ms J. S. McFarlane, by leave, presented the following paper:

Hiroshima, August 1945—Copy of photograph.

Debate continued.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Andren, by leave, moved amendments (1) to (6) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Ms Gallus (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 TRADE PRACTICES 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 having been resumed by Mr Griffin—

17 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

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ATTENDANCE

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

* On leave

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I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

3 **AGE DISCRIMINATION 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 by Mr McClelland, 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 failing to ensure that federal age discrimination legislation contains the best standards of protection of older Australians, a failure which is consistent with its neglect of the human rights of all Australians, as evidenced by its introduction of legislation to weaken the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and other actions to wind back protections for Australian citizens”—

Debate resumed.

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

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Georgiou, 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