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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 147

MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2004



1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

Mr Hunt presented the following papers (sent to the Speaker on 15 January 2004, pursuant to standing order 360):

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Parliamentary Committee—Reports, incorporating dissenting reports—

ATM fee structure.

Money matters in the bush—Inquiry into the level of banking and financial services in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

Statements in connection with the reports were made.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hunt moved—That the House take note of each report.

Mr Hunt was granted leave to continue his speech when the debates are resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debates were adjourned, and the resumption of each debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**3 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (PREVENTING SMOKING RELATED DEATHS) BILL 2004**

Mr Kerr, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* to deny election funding to political candidates accepting gifts derived from tobacco smoking, and for related purposes.

Mr Kerr made a statement in relation to the Bill.

*Paper*

Mr Kerr presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

**4 EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS GUARANTEE) BILL 2004**

Mrs Crosio, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of a scheme to guarantee the payment of wages and other accrued liabilities owed to employees in the event of employer insolvency, and for related purposes.

Mrs Crosio made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting, in accordance with standing order 104A.

## 5 ANTI-SEMITISM

Mr P. E. King, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) takes note of the:
  - (a) long history of anti-Semitism and its lethal capacity to influence many people to express hatred and carry out violence against Jewish people;
  - (b) alarming rise in the incidence of violent anti-Semitic acts in many countries which have killed Jews and non-Jews alike, the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and memorials and targeted assaults on individual members of the Jewish community; and
  - (c) disturbing upsurge of anti-Semitic propaganda in print, on the Internet and circulated through emails, often in the form of false accusations that Jews are involved in conspiracies against other people; and
- (2) in recognition of these developments:
  - (a) expresses its unequivocal condemnation of anti-Semitism, of violence directed against Jews and Jewish religious and cultural institutions, and all forms of racial and ethnic hatred, persecution and discrimination on ethnic or religious grounds, whenever and wherever it occurs;
  - (b) resolves to condemn all manifestations of anti-Semitism in Australia as a threat to the freedoms that all citizens should enjoy equally in a democratic society and commits the Parliament to take all possible concrete actions at a national level to combat this threat to our peaceful and diverse nation; and
  - (c) further resolves to encourage Australian ambassadors and other officials engaged in bilateral contacts with other countries to use their influence to oppose and counter anti-Semitic expressions and to promote all possible efforts at fostering tolerance and community harmony.

Debate ensued.

At 1.45 p.m., the time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

## 6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

## 7 INCIDENT DURING QUESTION TIME ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement concerning an incident during question time on 12 February 2004 and presented the following papers:

Guidelines for still photography in the House of Representatives chamber by members of the Press Gallery—Filming Guidelines 2002.

Incident on 12 February 2004—Letters, 16 February 2004, from Mr J. N. Andrew, Speaker of the House of Representatives to—

Mr Peter Blunden, Editor, *Herald Sun*.

Mr David Fagan, Editor, *Courier Mail*.

Mr Michael Gawenda, Editor, *The Melbourne Age*.

Mr Mel Mansell, Editor, *The Advertiser*.

Mr Chris Mitchell, Editor, *The Australian*.

Mr Campbell Reid, Editor, *Daily Telegraph*.

Mr Robert Whitehead, Editor, *Sydney Morning Herald*.

## 8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Emerson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Economic impacts of an Australia-United States FTA—Extract from section 4.5 Australian sectoral changes, pp. 39-40.

Questions without notice continued.

#### 9 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

#### 10 FERAL PIGS

Mr Andren, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises that feral pigs pose a threat to the nation due to their impact on the welfare of livestock, damage to the environment and natural biodiversity, and potential to harbour exotic animal diseases and zoonoses;
- (2) notes estimates that the population of feral pigs in Australia could be as high as 23 million; and
- (3) calls on the Government to develop a nationally coordinated approach to the feral pig issue.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting, and Mr Hatton was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

#### 11 YOUTH SUICIDE

Ms Livermore, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern that Australia has one of the highest rates of youth suicide and that the eighth biennial health report of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that amongst 12-24 year olds self-harm was the second leading cause of death representing 19.2% of all deaths in this age group;
- (2) notes that, according to Mission Australia, 55.8% of young people rate depression and suicide as the most important issue facing young people;
- (3) recognises the tragic impact on families, peers and communities when a young person takes his/her life; and
- (4) commends those organisations working to prevent the incidence of youth suicide.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 12 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

#### 13 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mr B. P. J. O'Connor to be a member of the Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations in place of Mr Bevis.

Jackie Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That Mr Bevis be discharged from the Standing Committee on Employment and Workplace Relations and that, in his place, Mr B. P. J. O'Connor be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

#### 14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (HIGH SEAS FISHING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2004

Message No. 408, 11 February 2004, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend legislation about fisheries, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**15 CORPORATE LAW ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM (AUDIT REFORM AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE) 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 Costello (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

**16 CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Costello (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

**17 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) 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.

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**18 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.29 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 February 2004:

Civil Aviation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 4.

Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 5.

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 1.

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 2.

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2004 Nos CR 15, PR 14.

Workplace Relations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 3.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Stone.

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