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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

TUESDAY, 23 MARCH 2004

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

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Mr S. F. Smith, by leave, presented the following papers:

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd—Decision to Accredite—

Ripplebrook Village, 22 February 2003 to 22 February 2004.

Sandhurst Aged Care (formerly Ripplebrook Village), for 2 years, until 22 February 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr S. F. Smith, by leave, presented the following paper:

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd—Decision to Revoke Accreditation—Vincenpaul Hostel, from 1 March 2004.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr Abbott (Minister representing the Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:

Australian Government leases in Barton, ACT, commencing between 1989-1994—Table.

Questions without notice concluded.

3 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) presented the following paper:

Telecommunications carrier industry development plans—Progress report for 2002-03.

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

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

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the current period of sittings be given to Mrs Hull on the ground of ill health.

Question—put and passed.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

The House was informed that Ms Roxon had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The urgent need for open and accountable Government in Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Roxon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Lloyd (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Electronic Delivery) 2004; and

Australian Crime Commission Amendment 2003.

Question—put and passed.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:

23 March 2004—Message No. 442—Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment 2003.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS INTEGRITY MEASURES) BILL 2003

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

23 March 2004—Message No. 443—Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

9 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, 29 March 2004.

10 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following papers:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 58: Optional protocol to the convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, March 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Dr Southcott and Mr Wilkie, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Dr Southcott, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

Dr Southcott 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.

11 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Jull (Chair) presented the following paper:

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003—Report, February 2004.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Jull and Mr McLeay, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

12 DAIRY PRODUCE 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the Bill was read a third time.

13 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004

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. 230, 19 February 2004, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (8) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

14 SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004

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 Baird addressing the House—

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

It being approximately 9.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Jackie Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) required the debate to be extended.

Paper

Jackie Kelly, by leave, presented the following paper:

Anti doping research funding—Extract from Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts website, 23 March 2004.

The debate continuing until 9.38 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 March 2004:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2004 9, 10, 12, 17, 23, 26(2) February, 4(20), 5(15) March.

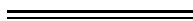
Part 39-106—2004 17 February, 4(2), 5 March.

Part 39-107—2004 26 February, 4, 5 March.

Corporations Act—Determination under subsection 1445(1)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission, 10 February 2004.

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Extension of approval for temporary vehicle barriers around Parliament House until 31 March 2005.

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Determination—2004 Telecommunications (Emergency call service)—Amendment No. 1.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley*, Mr Costello, Mrs Draper, Ms Ellis*, Mrs Gallus, Mrs Hull* and Ms J. S. McFarlane*.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives