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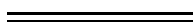
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 168

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2004



1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS (CLARKE REVIEW) 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. 256, 31 March 2004, 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 Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

**3 FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MORE HELP FOR FAMILIES—ONE-OFF PAYMENTS) 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 Adams addressing the House—

*Closure*

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 73

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

## NOES, 62

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Forrest*	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
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Mr Danby*	Ms Jackson	Mr Organ	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Administrator*

Message No. 257, 11 May 2004, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

*Declaration of Bill as urgent Bill:* Mr Abbott declared that the Bill was an urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—put.

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

## AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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## NOES, 65

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sercombe
Mr Brereton	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr Melham	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Danby*	Mr Jenkins	Mr Organ	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Katter	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Price	
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Quick*	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Ripoll	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Allotment of time:* Mr Abbott then moved—That the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill be until 1.28 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

*Limitation of debate:* It being 1.28 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

#### 4 FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MORE HELP FOR FAMILIES—INCREASED PAYMENTS) 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—

*Declaration of Bill as urgent Bill:* Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) declared that the Bill was an urgent Bill.

Question—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—put and passed.

*Allotment of time:* Mr Abbott then moved—That the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill be until 1.50 p.m. this day.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Administrator*

Message No. 258, 11 May 2004, 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 Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

## 5 PARLIAMENTARY SUPERANNUATION 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.

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.

## 6 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

A budget that leaves the battlers behind—Media release by Mr Crean, Shadow Treasurer, 11 May 2004.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Extract from summary of findings—Census of population and housing, selected social and housing characteristics 2001, p. 2.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Costello presented the following paper:

Federal budget review—Transcript of interview with Mr Latham, Leader of the Opposition, on radio station 6PR, Howard Sattler and Louise Rowe, 12 May 2004.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Costello presented the following paper:

Every State and Territory better off in 2004-05—Chart and table sourced from Final Budget Outcomes 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and Budget Paper No. 3 2004-05.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Costello presented the following paper:

Regional partnerships for growth and security 2004-05—Statement by Mr Anderson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Senator Campbell, Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, and Mrs D. M. Kelly, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services and the Minister for Trade, 11 May 2004.

Questions without notice continued.

## 7 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 390—Review of Auditor-General's reports 2001-02: First, second and third quarters—Government response.

Treaties—

*Bilateral—*

*Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—*

Exchange of Letters constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand to amend Article 3 of the Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERTA) of 28 March 1983.

Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic on cooperation in the maritime areas adjacent to the French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF), Heard Island and the McDonald Islands (Canberra, 24 November 2003).

*Text, together with national interest analysis, regulation impact statement and annexures—*

Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement, and associated exchanges of letters.

United Nations—International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights—

Communication—No. 1154/2003—Outline.

Optional Protocol—Communication—No. 1243/2004—Outline.

#### **8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A**

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 48A (adjournment and next meeting) be suspended for Thursday, 13 May 2004.

Question—put and passed.

#### **9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX RELIEF FOR AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES AND SINGLES**

The House was informed that Mr Crean had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Howard Government’s cynical pre-election budget including its failure to deliver tax relief to 80 percent of Australian families and singles—the forgotten people”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

*Paper*

Mr Crean, by leave, presented the following paper:

Tax cuts don’t match bracket creep—Attachment A, sourced from Access Economics Budget Monitor.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### **10 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—MID-LIFE UPGRADE OF EXISTING CHANCERY BUILDING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Mid-life upgrade of existing Chancery building for the Australian High Commission, Wellington, New Zealand.

Question—put and passed.

#### **11 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) informing the House that the Senate had adopted the recommendation of the third report of 2003 of the Senate Procedure Committee in relation to addresses by foreign heads of state, and

transmitting a resolution agreed by the Senate relating to the matter—Message No. 477—11 May 2004; and

- (b) returning the Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Electronic Delivery) Bill 2004 without amendment—Message No. 480—12 May 2004.

**12 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 May 2004.

**13 BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**14 BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2004—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 I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**15 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PODIATRIC SURGERY AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2004—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**16 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NAME CHANGE) BILL 2004—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 I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**17 PARLIAMENTARY SUPERANNUATION 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. 259, 4 April 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.

Mr Organ, by leave, moved amendments (1) and (2) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren and Mr Organ voting “Aye”, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Wilkie) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Mr Andren moved an amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren, Mr Organ and Mr Windsor voting “Aye”, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Wilkie) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

**18 PARLIAMENTARY SUPERANNUATION AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 260, 4 April 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.

Mr Cox, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) and (2) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 64

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



## NOES, 70

Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
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Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Dr Nelson	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Neville	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Williams
Mr Downer	Mr Jull	Mr Pearce	Mr Windsor
Mrs Draper	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Ms Worth
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Randall	
Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	

\* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Mr Andren moved an amendment.

Debate continued.

Amendment negated.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL (NO. 2) 2004**

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

11 May 2004—Message No. 478—Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) (No. 2) 2004.

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

**20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

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

12 May 2004—Message No. 479—Postal Services Legislation Amendment 2003.

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

**21 ANTI-TERRORISM 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 Dutton addressing the House—

**22 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 May 2004:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Order—2004 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (High quality beef export to the European Union) Amendment (No. 1).

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2004 No. 2.

Defence Act—Defence Force Regulations—Declaration of defence practice areas, 10 April 2004.

Health and Other Services (Compensation) Act—Determination under section 33AA, 27 April 2004.

National Health Act—Determination under paragraph (bj) of Schedule 1—2004 No. PHB 3.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Ellis, Mr Hockey, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Schultz, Mr M. A. J. Vaile and Mr Wakelin.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2002-03-04

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 168

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2004**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 BANKRUPTCY 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.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*Paper*

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Ms Worth, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (3) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments.

**4 BANKRUPTCY (ESTATE CHARGES) 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—

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.

**5 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PODIATRIC SURGERY AND OTHER MATTERS) 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. 255, 31 March 2004, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

**6 AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NAME CHANGE) 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.

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.

**7 EDUCATION AND TRAINING—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 Mr Bartlett—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 29 March 2004*), viz.:

Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report—Learning to work: Report on the inquiry into vocational education in schools, March 2004—

Debate resumed.

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

**8 MIGRATION—JOINT 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 Ms Gambaro—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 29 March 2004*), viz.:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—To make a contribution: Report on the review of skilled labour migration programs 2004, March 2004—

Debate resumed.

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

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mrs Gash, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.07 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee