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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 176

WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 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 **AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXPORT CONTROL) BILL 2004**

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997* and the *Export Control Act 1982*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper*

Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

3 **AGED CARE AMENDMENT BILL 2004**

Ms J. I. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aged Care Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms J. I. Bishop moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper*

Ms J. I. Bishop presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr McMullan, 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:

- (1) notes the failure of the Government’s ‘practical reconciliation’ agenda;
- (2) condemns the Government for:
  - (a) failing to consult or negotiate with indigenous Australians on the provisions of the Bill;
  - (b) failing to explain how the proposed abolition of indigenous representative organisations and mainstreaming of indigenous programs from 1 July 2004 will address endemic Indigenous disadvantage;
  - (c) failing to develop a new legislative and administrative model that restores the right of indigenous Australians to be responsible for their own future; and

- (3) notes Labor's support for the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and creation of new legislative and administrative arrangements that restore responsibility and opportunity for indigenous Australians"—

Debate resumed.

*Paper*

Mr Hardgrave (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs) presented corrections to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 58

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

**5 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY AND MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE) 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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

**6 SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 1) 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 by Mr Cox who moved, as an amendment—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:

- (1) its failure to adopt the alternative approach of offering a superannuation tax cut to all contributors, as proposed by Labor; and
- (2) operating a system that fails to recognise the inability of low-income Australians to take advantage of measures to expand their superannuation while permitting spouses with wealthy partners to exploit the benefit”.

Debate continued.

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.

**7 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Mr Anderson (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Howard (Prime Minister), he would answer questions on his behalf.

**8 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers*

Mr Latham (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following papers:

Reading Magic by Mem Fox—

Copy of cover of book.

Extract from Dymocks Booksellers website, 2 June 2004.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr M. J. Ferguson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Regional funding—Letter from Mrs D. M. Kelly, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, to Mr C. P. Thompson, forwarding information pack entitled Programme funding for the electorate of: Blair, Department of Transport and Regional Services, from 1996-1997 to 2003-2004, as of April 2004.

Questions without notice continued.

**9 PAPERS**

Mr Griffin, by leave, presented the following papers:

ATM fees—

ATM changes could lead to higher charges in bush—Copy of article by Don Woolford, *AAP*, 15 January 2004.

ATM changes likely to hurt bush customers—Copy of article, *Canberra Times*, 16 January 2004.

Banks have green light to raise ATM fees in the bush—Copy of article by Cosima Marriner, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 16 January 2004.

Corporations and Financial Services—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report on the ATM Fee Structure, January 2004.

Direct charging for ‘foreign’ automatic teller machine (ATM) transactions in Australia—Discussion Paper—ATM Industry Steering Group, 4 March 2003.

Fee rise tipped for rural ATMs—Copy of article, *Advocate*, 16 January 2004.

#### 10 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Federal Police and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF BioVentures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited, IIF Newport Pty Limited—Reports for 2002-03.

Landcare Australia Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Tourism Australia Bill 2004—Replacement explanatory memorandum.

#### 11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRISONER ABUSE IN IRAQ

The House was informed that Mr Rudd had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s misleading of the Australian Parliament and people on the question of prisoner abuse in Iraq”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### 12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Ms Roxon moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would require:

- (1) the Member for Berowra to present forthwith a Bill to remove discrimination under Commonwealth law in respect of the superannuation entitlements of same sex couples; and
- (2) debate continuing immediately on the Bill and taking priority over all other business until the consideration by the House of all stages of the Bill has been concluded.

*Closure of Member*

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 75

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

## NOES, 63

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	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
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
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	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Albanese (seconder) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member*

Mr Slipper moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Schultz
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Bartlett	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Billson	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Brough	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Cadman	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr Cameron	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Causley	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Wakelin
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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
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
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Mr Danby*	Ms Jackson	Mr Organ	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Emerson	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	Mr Zahra
Mr Evans	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Closure*

Mr Slipper moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## AYES, 63

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

## NOES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr Scott
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Brough	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
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Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Schultz	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

### 13 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Health and Ageing at Scarborough House, Woden Town Centre, ACT (Second report of 2004).

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

### 14 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Ciobo presented the following papers:

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Parliamentary Committee—Corporations Amendment Regulations 7.1.29A, 7.1.35A and 7.1.40(h)—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, May 2004.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

**15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos 4 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**16 SITE REMEDIATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE DEFENCE SITE AT RANDWICK BARRACKS, SYDNEY, NSW—INTERIM WORKS—APPROVAL OF WORK**

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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Site remediation and construction of infrastructure for the Defence site at Randwick Barracks, Sydney, NSW—Interim works.

Question—put and passed.

**17 SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 1) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Cox (see item No. 6, page 1661)*—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 266, 25 May 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 Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

**18 SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (2004 MEASURES NO. 2) 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—

Mr Cox moved an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) expresses its support for the introduction of a simplified superannuation guarantee base definition from 1 July 2005, instead of 1 July 2010, with employers being given the right to argue before a Federal or State industrial commission for the simplified superannuation guarantee base definition to be phased in because of their incapacity to pay; and
- (2) opposes any use of this legislation to remove any superannuation guarantee base that is more generous than the Ordinary Times Earnings Base”.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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



## AYES, 75

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

## NOES, 62

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	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	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Mr Price	
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Quick*	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

#### 19 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUELS) 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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

**20 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUELS) 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 third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

**21 FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT 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.

Mrs Hull 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 8 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 June 2004:

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act—Instruments fixing charges to be paid to APRA, 27 May 2004 (2).

Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act—Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Regulations—Certificates—25 May 2004 (2).

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Ellis\*, Mr Howard, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms J. S. McFarlane\* and Ms Vamvakinou.

\* On leave

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

2002-03-04

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

No. 176

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2004**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

*Papers*

Mr Melham, by leave, presented the following papers:

Death of Douglas Bruce Scott—

Copy of independent forensic opinion report by Guy Nathan Ruddy, MBBS, MD, FRCPath, DipRCPath (Forensic), Professor of Forensic Pathology at the University of Leicester and Consultant Pathologist to the Home Office.

Copy of letter from Cyril H Wecht, MD, JD, to Daniel Taylor, 20 April 2004.

**3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2004-2005—BUDGET DEBATE**

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 thereto by Mr Crean, 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:

- (1) condemns the Government for its cynical election driven spending spree which—while spending a record \$52 billion over the forward estimates—failed to deliver crucial services to Australians, including:
  - (a) funding the pneumococcal vaccine for children;
  - (b) funding VET in schools so young Australians can either Earn or Learn;
  - (c) ensuring access to Higher Education without excessive fees or increasing student debt levels;
  - (d) ensuring all Australians can access bulkbilling services; and
  - (e) ensuring adequate measures to respond to Australia's skill shortage; and
- (2) also condemns the Government for failing to present a strategy to adequately address the long term fiscal challenges facing the nation”—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 12.09 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 12.20 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 1.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 4.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Debate continued.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 4.33 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 4.59 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 5.47 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 5.59 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

Debate adjourned, by leave, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Neville, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.25 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