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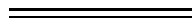
THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2004



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

2 JAMES HARDIE (INVESTIGATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004

Mr Costello (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to facilitate James Hardie investigations and James Hardie proceedings, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

3 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (FAIR DISMISSAL REFORM) BILL 2004

Mr Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Andrews moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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Mr Andrews presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

4 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (RIGHT OF ENTRY) BILL 2004

Mr Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Andrews moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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Mr Andrews presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

5 AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Australian Communications and Media Authority, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

6 AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws, and to deal with transitional matters, in connection with the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2004*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) 2004.

Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Amendment 2004.

Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment 2004.

Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) Amendment 2004.

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 2004.

Radio Licence Fees Amendment 2004.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment 2004.

Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment 2004.

Television Licence Fees Amendment 2004.

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

7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CARRIER LICENCE CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

8 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

9 TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an act to amend the *Television Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

10 DATACASTING CHARGE (IMPOSITION) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

11 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act 1983*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

12 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (SPECTRUM LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

13 RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSMITTER LICENCE TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act 1983*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

14 RADIO LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radio Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

15 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ANTI-SIPHONING) BILL 2004

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the 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 related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

16 AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS BILL 2004

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for Australian passports, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Downer moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Downer presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Australian Passports 2004.

Australian Passports (Application Fees) 2004.

Australian Passports (Transitionals and Consequentials) 2004.

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

17 AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS (APPLICATION FEES) BILL 2004

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to impose, as taxes, fees in relation to Australian passports and other travel documents, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Downer moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

18 AUSTRALIAN PASSPORTS (TRANSITIONALS AND CONSEQUENTIALS) BILL 2004

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for transitional and consequential matters relating to the enactment of the *Australian Passports Act 2004*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Downer moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

19 COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Members be appointed as members of certain committees in accordance with the following schedule:

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP
STANDING	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Garrett, Dr Lawrence, Mr Snowdon.
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Mr Adams, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Mr Windsor.

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	Mr Gibbons, Mr Griffin, Mr Murphy, Ms Owens.
Economics, Finance and Public Administration	Mr Bowen, Mr Fitzgibbon, Ms Grierson, Mr Tanner.
Education and Vocational Training	Ms Bird, Ms Corcoran, Ms Livermore, Mr Sawford.
Environment and Heritage	Ms George, Ms Hoare, Mr Jenkins, Mr Kerr.
Health and Ageing	Mrs Elliot, Mr Georganas, Ms Hall, Ms King.
House	Ms Hall, Mr Price, Mr Sawford.
Industry and Resources	Mr Adams, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Hatton, Mr Katter.
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Mr Kerr, Mr Melham, Mr Murphy, Ms Roxon.
Library	Mr Adams, Mr Hatton, Mr G. M. O'Connor.
Members' Interests	Mr Byrne, Mr Jenkins, Mr Quick.
Privileges	Ms A. E. Burke, Mr McMullan, Mr Melham, Mr Price.
Procedure	Ms Hoare, Mr Melham, Mr Price.
Publications	Mr Adams, Ms Corcoran, Mr Price.
Science and Innovation	Mr Byrne, Mr Jenkins, Mr Price, Mr Quick.
JOINT STATUTORY	
Australian Crime Commission	Mr Byrne, Mr Kerr.
Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings	Mr Murphy, Ms Vamvakinou.
Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund	Mr McMullan, Ms Vamvakinou.
Public Works	Mr Jenkins, Mr B. P. O'Connor, Mr Ripoll.
JOINT STANDING	
Electoral Matters	Mr Danby, Mr Melham.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade	Mr Beazley, Mr Danby, Mr Edwards, Mr Gibbons, Mr Sercombe, Mr Snowdon, Ms Vamvakinou, Mr Wilkie.

Question—put and passed.

20 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock—Attorney-General), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) 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 by Ms Livermore 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) failing to increase real funding to reflect the critical and urgent need to improve recurrent and capital programs in primary and secondary schools for indigenous students and their families;
- (2) introducing major changes to the operation of programs without any effective consultation with indigenous communities;
- (3) introducing submission-based funding for ASSPA committees which will create barriers to much-needed funding for the most disadvantaged and resource-scarce schools;
- (4) failing to acknowledge the critical role that the involvement of indigenous parents plays in improving indigenous students’ school results and attendance;
- (5) failing to provide strategic intervention in the early years of primary schooling by limiting the focus of tutorial assistance to only those indigenous students who fail to meet national literacy and numeracy benchmarks in Years 3, 5 and 7; and
- (6) fostering instability in funding arrangements for the Supplementary Recurrent Assistance program and failing to recognise the disadvantage experienced by all indigenous students whether they live in metropolitan, regional, rural or remote areas of Australia”.

Debate continued.

Document

Mr Snowden, by leave, presented the following document:

Indigenous education (ATAS) funding—Copy of letter from Graeme Robinson, Teaching Principal, Amanbidji School, to Dr Nelson, Minister for Education, Science and Training, 3 November 2004.

Debate continued.

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

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

AYES, 82

Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Dr Laming	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Dr Jensen	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mr Downer	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	

NOES, 53

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr L. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 11, 19 November 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 immediately.

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

22 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION 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.

Privilege—Complaints of Breach

Mr Latham and Mr Murphy raised, as matters of privilege, alleged attempts to influence their conduct in the performance of their duties as Members of the House.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House at a later time.

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

23 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

24 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED

Ms Gillard moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Veterans' Affairs explaining to the House her obligations under the code of conduct and the employment of Mr Ken Crooke.

The time allowed by standing order 1 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

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

AYES, 60

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Mr Beazley	Mr L. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	Mr Windsor

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Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Dr Laming	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Turnbull
Mr Causley	Mr Howard	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Costello	Dr Jensen	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Downer	Mr Johnson	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Mr Jull	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

25 DOCUMENT

Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Federal Labor will commit \$150 million towards a clean coal plant for La Trobe Valley—Australian Labor Party Media Release, 4 October 2004.

26 DOCUMENTS

Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented the following documents:

RM Williams Australian Bush Centre and Eidsvold Sustainable Agriforestry Centre—

Copy of letter from Peter Webster, Mayor, Eidsvold Shire Council, to Mr Paul Neville, Member for Hinkler, 10 June 2004.

Copy of letter from P F Webster, Mayor, Eidsvold Shire Council, to Mr Peter Beattie, Premier of Queensland and Minister for Trade, 28 June 2004.

Request for State Investment.

Sustainable Regions Programme—Application, 17 December 2002.

27 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Airservices Australia—Corporate plan—July 2004-June 2009.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Competition in the corporation customer segment of telecommunications markets: July-December 2003—June 2004.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Watching brief on the war on terrorism—Government response.

High Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04.

Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2003-04.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Reports—

53rd—Treaties tabled in May and June 2003—Government response.

55th—Treaties tabled on 9 September 2003—Government response.

60th—Treaties tabled on 2 March 2004—Government response.

28 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following document:

Airservices Australia—Corporate plan—July 2004-June 2009.

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

29 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DEFENCE PERSONNEL

The House was informed that Mr Bevis had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s failure to properly recognise the contribution of our defence personnel and its mishandling of medals awards”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Bevis addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

30 PRIVILEGE—ALLEGED IMPROPER INTERFERENCE—REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The Speaker referred to the matter of privilege raised in the House earlier today by Mr Latham and Mr Murphy in relation to the performance of their duties as members. The Speaker stated that while there is some lack of detail of the nature of any improper interference, if the facts are as alleged a serious issue is involved. The Speaker stated that he was satisfied that the matter had been raised at the earliest opportunity, and he was prepared to allow precedence to a motion on the matter.

Mr Latham then moved—That the question of whether, in telephone calls to a member of the staff of the Leader of the Opposition and to the Member for Lowe, Ms Christine Jackman of the *Australian* newspaper made threats that amount to an improper interference in the Leader of the Opposition’s and the Member for Lowe’s performance of their duties as Members of the House, be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Question—put and passed.

31 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Nairn (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

32 NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION BILL 2004—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The 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 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 Nairn (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

33 COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Members be appointed as members of certain committees in accordance with the following schedule:

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP
STANDING	
Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation	Mr A. S. Burke, Ms A. L. Ellis, Ms Hall, Mr B. P. O'Connor.
Family and Human Services	Ms K. M. Ellis, Ms George, Mrs Irwin, Mr Quick.
Transport and Regional Services	Ms Bird, Mr Gibbons, Ms Hall, Mr Ripoll.
JOINT STATUTORY	
Corporations and Financial Services	Mr Bowen, Ms A. E. Burke.
Public Accounts and Audit	Ms A. E. Burke, Ms Grierson, Ms King, Mr Tanner.
JOINT STANDING	
Migration	Mr L. Ferguson, Mrs Irwin, Dr Lawrence.
National Capital and External Territories	Ms A. L. Ellis, Mr Snowden.
Treaties	Mr Adams, Mr Ripoll, Mr Wilkie.

Question—put and passed.

34 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004

Message No. 12, 1 December 2004, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act relating to the protection of certain information from disclosure in federal criminal proceedings, 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.

35 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2004

Message No. 13, 1 December 2004, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the *National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Act 2004*, 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.

36 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Nairn (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.59 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 2 December 2004:

Acts Interpretation Act—Acts Interpretation (Substituted References – Section 19BA) Order 2004.

Australian Communications Authority Act—Determination—2004 Radiocommunications (Charges) Amendment (No. 2).

Australian Communications Authority Act and Radiocommunications Act—Determination—2004 Radiocommunications (Interpretation) Amendment (No. 3).

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Notice under section 33—Accreditation of a plan for a declaration, 10 November 2004.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 331.

Fisheries Management Act—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995—Amendment—2004 No. SBT 05.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 333.

Medical Indemnity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 334.

Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Instruments—2004 Military Superannuation and Benefits Amendment Trust Deed Nos 3, 4.

Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Act—Determinations—2004 Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment (No. 2).

Telecommunications Act 1997—Variations—2004 Telecommunications Numbering Plan (Nos 8, 9).

Trade Practices Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2004 No. 332.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Billson, Mr Katter, Jackie Kelly, Ms King, Mrs May and Mr Sawford.



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 7

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2004

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION 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 K. J. Thomson, 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:

- (1) its failure to take the threat of climate change to ongoing water supplies for both our farmers and our rivers seriously;
- (2) its failure to deal with water issues with an appropriate sense of urgency—allowing the COAG water reform process of 1994 to stall, and failing to provide any environmental flows for the Murray in over 8 years;
- (3) its failure to adopt Labor's National Water Policy Framework, and ensure that Commonwealth funds are directed towards securing environmental flows; and
- (4) its plan to fund the Australian Water Fund by taking money which the States have earmarked for essential services such as schools and hospitals”—

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 5, 19 November 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.

Document

Mr Anderson presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services), by leave, Government amendments (1) to (4) were made together, after debate.

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) to (6) together.

Amendments negatived.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

4 AVIATION SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 2004

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Anderson (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Anderson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate continued.

Mr Ripoll 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.

5 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Neville moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.40 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.52 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.07 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee