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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2005

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

2 **PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2005**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—the Speaker moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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The Speaker presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

3 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY PRIVATE) BILL 2005**

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Nelson moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 **HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) BILL 2005**

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Nelson moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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Dr Nelson presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

5 **CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005**

Mr Truss (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), for Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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Mr Truss presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

6 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2005

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 McClelland, 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:
 - (a) that the government’s ‘practical reconciliation’ agenda has failed to improve outcomes for Indigenous Australians;
 - (b) that there is no evidence that mainstreaming of service delivery will in any way help to address Indigenous disadvantage;
 - (c) the government’s failure to advance the goal of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians;
 - (d) the government’s failure to negotiate a treaty with Indigenous Australians or to guarantee self-determination for Australia’s Indigenous people; and
 - (e) that the abolition of Indigenous representative organisations will serve to further marginalise Australia’s Indigenous citizens;
- (2) condemns the government for failing to:
 - (a) consult or negotiate with Indigenous Australians on the provisions of the bill;
 - (b) develop a new legislative and administrative model that restores the right of Indigenous Australians to be responsible for their own future, despite the international evidence demonstrating that this approach delivers the best practical outcomes;
- (3) supports the implementation of new legislative and administrative arrangements that restore responsibility and opportunity for Indigenous Australians; and
- (4) calls on the government to:
 - (a) guarantee that Indigenous communities will be genuine partners in the policy development and the delivery of services;
 - (b) ensure that a properly resourced regional representative structure is developed according to the preferences of Indigenous communities; and
 - (c) consult with Indigenous people for the purpose of negotiating the establishment of a new national Indigenous representative body whose members are chosen by Indigenous people”—

Debate resumed.

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, 78

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

NOES, 55

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

* 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr McGauran, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (5) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr McGauran, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED

Mr Albanese moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Grayndler from moving the following motion forthwith: That the Government:

- (1) immediately table all documents in its possession related to excavation work at Anzac Cove, including any archaeological reports done since 2002, all heritage assessments of Anzac Cove done since 2002, and all correspondence with the Turkish Government since 2002 relating to the current road works and associated constructions at Anzac Cove;
- (2) outline in detail what measures the Government has taken to monitor the current road works and associated constructions at Anzac Cove;
- (3) provide details of any plans for road widening elsewhere on Gallipoli peninsula, such as the road running between the Australian Memorial at Lone Pine and the New Zealand Memorial at Chunuk Bair; and
- (4) immediately table all Australian Heritage Commission, Australian Heritage Council and Department of Veterans' Affairs documents relating to the proposed listing of Anzac Cove on the National Heritage List or the proposed World Heritage Listing of any sites on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Closure of Member

Dr Stone (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 Wilkie, in the Chair)—

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 56

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Beazley	Mr L. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms C. King	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	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
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Rudd (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Dr Stone moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 57

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 57

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

8 PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2005

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 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 2.45 p.m. the Member for Hunter (Mr Fitzgibbon) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

10 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 2003-04.

Broadcasting Services Act—Report on the review of Australian and New Zealand content on subscription television broadcasting services, February 2005.

Landcare Australia Limited—Report for 2003-04.

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report under section 34A, 2004.

Treaties—List of multilateral treaty actions under negotiation, consideration or review by the Australian Government, as at March 2005.

11 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

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

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act 1992—Report under section 34A, 2004.

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

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRADE POLICY, CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT AND INTEREST RATES

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 long term and continuing failure of the Government’s trade policy causing slow export growth resulting in a record current account deficit and putting upward pressure on interest rates”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION 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 Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

14 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 15 March 2005, were reported:

(a) returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 83—Appropriation (Tsunami Financial Assistance) 2004-2005;

No. 84—Appropriation (Tsunami Financial Assistance and Australia-Indonesia Partnership) 2004-2005; and

(b) returning the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives—No. 85.

15 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—EXTENSION OF APPROVAL FOR THE TEMPORARY VEHICLE BARRIERS TO REMAIN AROUND PARLIAMENT HOUSE UNTIL 30 JUNE 2005—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), for Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 10 March 2005, namely: Extension of approval for the temporary vehicle barriers to remain around Parliament House until 30 June 2005.

Question—put and passed.

16 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—TEMPORARY SCULPTURE ADJACENT TO QUESTACON—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), for Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 15 March 2005, namely: Temporary sculpture adjacent to Questacon.

Question—put and passed.

17 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following documents:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Sixty-eighth annual report, March 2005.

Fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources in Civic, ACT (1st report of 2005).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

Mrs Moylan and Mr B. P. O'Connor, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2005

Message No. 86, 15 March 2005, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mr Ruddock, by leave, moved Government amendments (1) to (3) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 81

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

NOES, 46

Mr Adams	Mr L. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price*
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Ms C. King	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Ms George	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Ms Corcoran	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

19 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 16 March 2005, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 87—Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) 2005.

No. 90—Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment 2004.

No. 91—Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Amendment 2004.

No. 92—Television Licence Fees Amendment 2004.

No. 93—Datacasting Charge (Imposition) Amendment 2004.

No. 94—Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Amendment 2004.

No. 95—Radiocommunications (Spectrum Licence Tax) Amendment 2004.

No. 96—Radiocommunications (Transmitter Licence Tax) Amendment 2004.

No. 97—Radio Licence Fees Amendment 2004.

20 PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 2005

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 immediately.

On the motion of the Speaker, the bill was read a third time.

21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED

Mr Albanese moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Grayndler from moving the following motion forthwith: That the Government:

- (1) immediately table all documents in its possession related to excavation work at Anzac Cove, including any archaeological reports done since 2002, all heritage assessments of Anzac Cove done since 2002, and all correspondence with the Turkish Government since 2002 relating to the current road works and associated constructions at Anzac Cove;
- (2) outline in detail what measures the Government has taken to monitor the current road works and associated constructions at Anzac Cove;

- (3) provide details of any plans for road widening elsewhere on Gallipoli peninsula, such as the road running between the Australian Memorial at Lone Pine and the New Zealand Memorial at Chunuk Bair; and
- (4) immediately table all Australian Heritage Commission, Australian Heritage Council and Department of Veterans' Affairs documents relating to the proposed listing of Anzac Cove on the National Heritage List or the proposed World Heritage Listing of any sites on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Closure of Member

Mr Hockey (Minister for Human Services) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 48

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens
Mr Andren	Mr L. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price*
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Ms C. King	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Bevis (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 48

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens
Mr Andren	Mr L. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price*
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Ms C. King	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens
Mr Andren	Mr L. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price*
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Ms C. King	Mr Sawford
Ms A. E. Burke	Ms George	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
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Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrews	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz
Fran Bailey	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr Scott
Mr Baird	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Baker	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baldwin	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Haase	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Mr Henry	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Hockey	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Costello	Mr Hunt	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Downer	Dr Jensen	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY BILL 2004

Message No. 88, 16 March 2005, from the Senate was reported returning the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), the amendments were disagreed to, after debate.

Mr Pyne presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate Amendment 1

The amendment proposes to insert an additional function in the ACMA's telecommunications functions to require it to 'promote competition as a legitimate means to advance the objectives of consumer protection'.

The additional function proposed by the amendment is unnecessary given existing provisions in legislation. Promotion of competition is primarily encouraged through the provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*. In the context of telecommunications, the current objects clauses of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and Part XIC of the Trade Practices Act adequately incorporate objects relating to the promotion of competition and the protection of consumer interests. For example, the main object of the Telecommunications Act is to promote the long-term interests of end-users of carriage services and the efficiency and international competitiveness of the Australian telecommunications industry. The Act also promotes the development of an Australian telecommunication industry which is efficient, competitive and responsive to the needs of the Australian community. Other objects of the Telecommunications Act are to ensure that standard telephone services, payphones and other carriage services are supplied as efficiently and economically as possible, and to promote the supply of diverse and innovative carriage services. An object of the Trade Practices Act is to promote the long-term interests of end-users of carriage services and of services that are supplied by means of carriage services.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 2

The amendment proposes to insert an additional function in the ACMA's telecommunications functions to require it 'to develop, promote and enforce adequate consumer protection'.

The additional function proposed by the amendment is unnecessary because the ACMA will have the functions currently conferred on the Australian Communications Authority and Australian Broadcasting Authority, including (for example) the consumer-focussed functions conferred on the ACA under the *Telecommunications Act 1997* and the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*. In addition, development of adequate consumer protection standards should ultimately be a matter for the Government and the Parliament, not the regulator.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendments 3 and 4

The amendments propose to give the ACMA the function of enforcing, as well as monitoring, codes of practice and broadcasting program standards by amending paragraphs 10(1)(j) and 10(1)(l) of the bill.

The amendments are unnecessary because paragraph 10(1)(c) gives the ACMA the function of taking enforcement action under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, which would include taking action where it considers that codes are not meeting community standards (for example, by imposing licence conditions or determining an industry standard) or in relation to breach of a standard. Codes of practice established under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* are voluntary arrangements. Like the Australian Broadcasting Authority, the ACMA will have an important role in monitoring compliance with those codes and powers to impose mandatory licence conditions or industry standards if it considers that codes are not meeting community standards and monitoring compliance with those conditions or standards.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 5

The amendment proposes to give the ACMA the additional function of providing reports to, and advising, the Minister on policy issues in relation to the communications industry where it is of the view that the current policy settings are inadequate to meet current or future challenges.

The amendment is unnecessary as paragraphs 8(1)(k), 9(1)(i) and 10(1)(r) of the bill already give the ACMA the functions of monitoring and reporting to the Minister on the operation of communications legislation. In addition paragraphs 8(1)(c), (d) and (f) give the ACMA the function of reporting to and advising the Minister in relation to the telecommunications industry, matters affecting consumers and proposed consumers of carriage services and all significant matters relating to the licensing of telecommunications carriers. Paragraph 9(c) gives the ACMA the function of reporting to and advising the Minister in relation to the radiocommunications industry and paragraph 10(1)(q) gives the ACMA the function of reporting to and advising the Minister in relation to the broadcasting, datacasting and Internet content industries.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 6

The amendment proposes that at least one member of the ACMA have a background in consumer advocacy and representation.

The amendment is inappropriate as appointments to the ACMA should ultimately be based on merit. This amendment would require the appointment of a member with a specific background regardless of the overall merit of candidates with this experience. It runs the risk that a member could be the nominee or representative of any particular interest group.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 7

The amendment proposed to insert an additional subsection in clause 30 of the bill. Clause 30 would require a member or associate member of the ACMA to disclose an interest which could conflict with the performance of his or her functions as they give the member or associate member a role in deciding a particular matter before performing that decision-making role. Subsection 30(5) proposes that the disclosure of interests be recorded in minutes of the ACMA, that any public notification of the decision also notify the disclosure of interest and that the interest and disclosure be reported in ACMA's annual report.

Any disclosure made at a meeting of the ACMA would be included in the minutes for the meeting as a matter of course (clause 43 of the Bill requires minutes of meetings to be kept). Where a disclosure is not made at a meeting of the ACMA, it would be unusual to then record that disclosure in the minutes of an unrelated meeting. The formal recording of disclosures would be a matter for the ACMA to determine.

In paragraphs 30(5)(b) and (c) it is not clear what is meant by ‘public notification of the decision’. This could include a requirement that a legal instrument resulting from a decision include a notification of a conflict, which would not be appropriate. There could also be a requirement that, for example, any public comment by the Minister or the Chair on a matter decided by the ACMA must include comment on a disclosed conflict, which is clearly not practicable. The requirement for public disclosure of all conflicts of interest is unsound in principle. It is not normal practice for Government bodies or private businesses to disclose conflicts of interest publicly and there may be privacy and other confidentiality issues involved. Disclosure to the Minister of the day, as already provided by the bill is sufficient for accountability purposes.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 8

The amendment proposes to require the ACMA, in its annual report, to report on the number and type of complaints made to it under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* concerning alleged breaches of that Act and alleged breaches of codes of practice or standards. The amendment also proposes to require the ACMA to report on the investigations commenced as a result of such complaints and the results of those investigations and any enforcement action taken by the ACMA.

The amendment is inappropriate because paragraphs 57(2)(da)(iii) and (iv) are inconsistent with sections 178, 179 and 180 of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* under which the ACMA would have a discretion whether to prepare a report of an investigation (section 178) and whether to publish it, except in some circumstances where the Minister has directed the ACMA to conduct an investigation (section 179). Under section 179 of the *Broadcasting Services Act* the ACMA would not be required to publish the report of an investigation if the publication would disclose a confidential matter, or prejudice the fair trial of a person. In addition, section 180 would prevent the ACMA from publishing a report if the report or part of the report would be likely to adversely affect the interests of a person unless that person has been given reasonable opportunity to comment on the report.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 9

This amendment requires the Minister to cause a review to be conducted of the adequacy of communications legislation (as defined in the amendment) by 31 December 2006 and to table this report in the Parliament.

The proposed review is enormous in scope, and includes all the subordinate instruments made under communications legislation. It would be simply impractical for such a review to be conducted within 18 months.

A number of reviews are already being conducted in relation to communications legislation and to initiate yet another series of reviews into these same issues may create an unacceptable degree of uncertainty in the industry and for consumers. In addition, the ACMA may not always be the appropriate body to conduct regulatory reviews, especially when the review relates to the operations of the ACMA itself. ACMA would regularly review its own activities to ensure its efficiency and effective functioning, as a matter of course.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, the reasons were adopted.

23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2004

Message No. 89, 16 March 2005, from the Senate was reported returning the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Pyne (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing), the amendments were disagreed to.

Mr Pyne presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate Amendment 1

The amendment proposes to amend section 4 of the Broadcasting Services Act 1992 to provide that the Parliament intends that broadcasting and datacasting services in Australia will be regulated by the ACMA in a manner, in the opinion of the ACMA, that ensures fair and effective resolution of customer complaints.

The proposed amendment to section 4 of the Broadcasting Services Act is unnecessary. The regulation of broadcasting already includes strong complaints based processes. Under Part 11 of the Broadcasting Services Act a person will be able to make a complaint to the ACMA that a broadcaster has committed an offence against the Act, or regulations made under the Act, or has breached a licence condition or code of practice. The ACMA would be required to investigate the complaint (so long as it is not vexatious or frivolous) and notify the complainant of the results of its investigation.

In dealing with consumer complaints under the Broadcasting Services Act the ACMA would be required to act fairly, including complying with the requirements of procedural fairness, otherwise the outcome of its investigations may be subject to legal challenge.

It is important that an appropriate level of balance between consumer and other interests is adopted. Section 4 of the Broadcasting Services Act already provides for this so that the ACMA would be required to regulate broadcasting services in a way which enables public interest considerations to be addressed without imposing unnecessary financial and administrative burdens on service providers.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

Senate Amendment 2

The amendment proposes to amend section 4 of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to provide that the Parliament intends that telecommunications be regulated in a manner that promotes the use of industry self-regulation where this will not impede the long-term interests of end-users and enables the objects in section 3 of the Telecommunications Act to be met in a way that does not impose unnecessary financial and administrative burdens on participants in the Australian telecommunications industry.

The amendment is unnecessary. Under subsection 3(1) of the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, the main object of the Act is to 'provide a regulatory framework that promotes the long-term interests of end-users of carriage services'. Section 4 of the Act provides that Parliament intends that telecommunications be regulated in a manner that promotes the greatest practicable use of industry self-regulation, without compromising the effectiveness of regulation in achieving the objectives mentioned in section 3. Section 4 of the Act does not specify a preference for regulation but indicates that the promotion of self-regulation in telecommunications is subject to the objective that regulation promotes the long-term interests of end-users.

Section 4 also currently states the intention that telecommunications be regulated in a manner that does not impose undue financial and administrative burdens on participants in the Australian telecommunications industry.

Self-regulation provides an efficient and effective means of achieving the objects of communications legislation, not only in telecommunications, but also in radiocommunications and broadcasting.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept this amendment.

On the motion of Mr Pyne, the reasons were adopted.

24 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REGULAR REVIEWS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005

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.

Ms King addressing the House—

25 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 16 March 2005:

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Instrument—2005 No. CASA 88 [F2005L00692].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2005—

2 (8) March [F2005L00567], [F2005L00572], [F2005L00573], [F2005L00585], [F2005L00586], [F2005L00588], [F2005L00622], [F2005L00624].

3 (7) March [F2005L00570], [F2005L00571], [F2005L00581], [F2005L00602], [F2005L00608], [F2005L00617], [F2005L00619].

Part 39-106—2005—

2 (2) March [F2005L00607], [F2005L00623].

3 March [F2005L00590].

4 (2) March [F2005L00593], [F2005L00603].

Part 39-107—2005—

2 March [F2005L00694].

4 (3) March [F2005L00578], [F2005L00579], [F2005L00598].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Edwards*, Mr Jull, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lloyd, Ms Plibersek*, Ms Roxon and Mr Tuckey.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2005

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2004

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Farmer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Farmer presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

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.

4 HEALTH AND AGEING—STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Somlyay—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 7 March 2005*), viz.:

Health and Ageing—Standing Committee—Report—Future Ageing: Report on a draft report of the 40th Parliament: Inquiry into long-term strategies to address the ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years, March 2005—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting

At 12.12 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 12.24 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Barresi, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.50 p.m.

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



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee