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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 50

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 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 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (SHIPPING LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2005**

Mr Truss (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Act 1981*, 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 Edwards), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**3 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2005**

Mr Brough (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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Mr Brough presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

**4 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT**

Mr Slipper (Chair) presented the following documents:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on the exposure draft of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005—

Report, August 2005.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Slipper and Ms Roxon, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Slipper moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

**5 HOLSWORTHY PROGRAM—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Stone (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: Proposed Holsworthy Program—Special Operations working accommodation and base redevelopment, Stage 1, Holsworthy, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

**6 CSIRO ENTOMOLOGY BIOSCIENCE LABORATORY AT BLACK MOUNTAIN, CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Stone (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: Proposed CSIRO entomology bioscience laboratory at Black Mountain, Canberra, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

**7 OPERATIONAL UPGRADE OF THE DARWIN DETENTION FACILITY, NT—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Stone (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: Operational upgrade of the Darwin detention facility, NT.

Question—put and passed.

**8 UPGRADE OF PATROL BOAT FACILITIES, DARWIN NAVAL BASE, NT—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Stone (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: Upgrade of patrol boat facilities, Darwin naval base, NT.

Question—put and passed.

**9 REDEVELOPMENT OF KOKODA BARRACKS, CANUNGRA, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK**

Dr Stone (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: Redevelopment of Kokoda Barracks, Canungra, Qld.

Question—put and passed.

**10 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF IMPORT CUT-OVER TIME) BILL 2005**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

**11 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) 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 Mr Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), the bill was read a third time.

**12 LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), the bill was read a third time.

**13 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICARE SAFETY-NETS) 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.

**14 VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY AND THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN—STATEMENTS**

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement on Vietnam Veterans' Day and the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr Edwards, by indulgence, also made statements on the matter.

**15 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

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Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following document:

Listing of 37 telecommunications companies in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), partly or wholly in public ownership—Table 2.7 from the OECD's Communications Outlook 2005, draft version released to members of the Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Services Policies, 29 November 2004.

Questions without notice continued.

**16 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Customs Act—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations—Permissions granted under regulation 7—2005—January to June.

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4 for 2004-05.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Indian Ocean territories: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage—Government response.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 34—Smash repair and insurance, 17 March 2005.

**17 DOCUMENTS**

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

Petitions not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House.

**18 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 6 of 2005–2006—Performance audit—Implementation of job network employment services contract 3: Department of Employment and Workplace Relations; Centrelink.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

**19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES**

The House was informed that Ms Roxon had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “the Government’s neglect of Australian families and mismanagement of the Family Relationship Centre program”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Roxon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**20 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM BILL 2005—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE**

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

Bill agreed to.

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

**21 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (ANNUAL FEES) BILL 2005—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 Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**22 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (REGISTRATION FEES) BILL 2005—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 Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**23 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (ROYALTY) BILL 2005—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 Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**24 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2005—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 Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**25 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (SAFETY LEVIES) AMENDMENT BILL 2005—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 Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**26 ARTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MARITIME MUSEUM AND FILM, TELEVISION AND RADIO SCHOOL) BILL 2005—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 Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

**27 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Adams (Deputy Chair) presented the following document:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 23 June 2004, recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Circumstances of the immigration detention of Cornelia Rau—Report of the inquiry by Mick Palmer AO APM, July 2005.

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2003-04—Errata.

Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Reports—

2000-01.

2001-02.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 2003-04.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 35—Australian pigmeat industry, 18 March 2005.

Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2002-03.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2003-04.

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On the motion of Mr Adams, by leave, the report was agreed to.

**28 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 18 August 2005, were reported returning the following bills without requests:

No. 184—National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment 2005.

No. 185—National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment 2005.

**29 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. on Monday, 5 September 2005.



**DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 18 August 2005:

Customs Act—Order—Tariff Concession Revocation—2005 3 August [F2005L02289].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—

Direction under section 32—2005-2006—No. 5 [F2005L02283].

Net Appropriation Agreements under section 31—2005 3 March, 23, 29 (2) June [F2005L02297], [F2005L02257], [F2005L02254], [F2005L02267].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Notice—2005 Specification of class of persons [F2005L02294].

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mrs Draper, Mrs Elson, Mr Hockey, Mr Jull\*, Mr Macfarlane and Mr Melham.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 2005**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made and a petition presented.

**3 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM 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.

*Message from the Governor-General*

Message No. 95, 2 August 2005, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**4 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (ANNUAL FEES) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**5 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (REGISTRATION FEES) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**6 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (ROYALTY) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**7 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (REPEALS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**8 OFFSHORE PETROLEUM (SAFETY LEVIES) 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—

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**9 ARTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MARITIME MUSEUM AND FILM, TELEVISION AND RADIO SCHOOL) BILL 2005**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Entsch (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

*Document*

Mr Entsch presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Entsch, by leave, addressed the Main Committee.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

**10 VP DAY—60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY—MOTION BY PRIME MINISTER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Howard (Prime Minister)—That this House:

- (1) notes that 15 August 2005 (VP Day) marks 60 years since the Japanese surrender which ended World War II;
- (2) recalls with profound gratitude the heroic achievements and sacrifices of those Australians who served in the defence forces during the war, as well as those who contributed on the civilian front;
- (3) particularly remembers the thousands of Australians who lost their lives or were wounded in the conflict, and especially recalls the suffering of so many Australians taken as prisoners of war;
- (4) whilst never forgetting those who suffered during World War II, acknowledges the strength and importance of the post World War II relationship between Australia and Japan; and
- (5) resolves that Australia's efforts should always be directed to ensuring that a conflict of that magnitude never occurs again—

Debate resumed.

Mr Hayes was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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



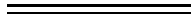
11 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 September 2005.



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