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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2005

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

3 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following documents:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2004-2005—Performance audits—

No. 7-Regulation by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator: Department of Health and Ageing.

No. 8—Management of the Personnel Management Key Solution (PMKeyS) Implementation Project: Department of Defence.

No. 9—Provision of export assistance to rural and regional Australia through the TradeStart Program: Australian Trade Commission (Austrade).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

4 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:

Health Services Australia-Statement of corporate intent 2005-2008.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FULL SALE OF TELSTRA

The House was informed that Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The rapidly deteriorating outlook for the provision of telecommunications services for all Australians caused by the Government's plan to sell its remaining share in Telstra".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support-

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following document:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 12 September 2005.

7 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That:

(1) the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment 2005; and Postal Industry Ombudsman 2005; and (2) the following order of the day, committee and delegation reports, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on the exposure draft of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005—Motion to take note of document: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

8 COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Members to be members of certain committees.

Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) Mr Melham be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters and that, in his place, Mr Griffin be appointed a member of the committee;
- (2) Ms A. L. Ellis be discharged from the Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation and that, in her place, Mr Price be appointed a member of the committee; and
- (3) Mr Price be discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Migration and that, in his place, Mr T. S. Burke be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2005

Message No. 187, 6 September 2005, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to defence, 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.

10 WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING) 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 A. E. Burke addressing the House-

11 ADJOURNMENT

It being 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 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 6 September 2005:

Civil Aviation Act-

Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemptions—2005 Nos CASA EX40, CASA EX41 [F2005L02480], [F2005L02482].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directive—Part 39-105—2005 1 September [F2005L02476].

Corporations Act—Exemption under paragraphs 911A(2)(1) and 951B(1)(a)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 05/835 [F2005L02473].

Customs Act—Instruments of approval—2005 Nos CEO 41, CEO 42, CEO 43 CEO 44 [F2005L02485], [F2005L02486], [F2005L02487], [F2005L02488].

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements under sub-section 40(3)—September 2005.

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2005 No. 201 [F2005L02436].

National Health Act—Determination under subsections 73AAG(6) and (7)—2005 No. HIB 13 [F2005L02384].

Taxation Administration Act—Rulings—2005— No. CR 68. Nos PR 98 (Withdrawal), PR 107. Nos TR 15, TR 16.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Mr Jull*, Mr Scott, Mr C. P. Thompson, Mr K. J. Thomson and Mrs D. S. Vale.

* On leave

B. C. WRIGHT Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives

By authority of the House of Representatives