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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 56

TUESDAY, 13 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 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Army and Air Force Canteen Service—Frontline Defence Services—Report 2003-04, incorporating the annual report on the monitoring of the equal employment (EEO) management plan.

Australia Post—Statement of corporate intent 2005/2006-2007/2008.

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2005-06.

Crimes Act—Authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2004-05—Australian Federal Police.

National Witness Protection Program—Report on the operation of the *Witness Protection Act 1994* for 2004-05—Australian Federal Police.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2004-05.

Treaties—*Multilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures*—Amendments, done at Ulsan, Republic of Korea on 24 June 2005, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946.

**4 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FUEL PRICES**

The House was informed that both Mr Fitzgibbon and Mr Windsor had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 46, the Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Mr Fitzgibbon, namely, “The failure of the Government to recognise and address the adverse impact of high fuel prices on Australian motorists”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Fitzgibbon addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**5 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS**

A message from His Excellency the Administrator was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bills:

12 September 2005—Message No. 106—

Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) 2005.

Building and Construction Industry Improvement 2005.

**6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 193, 12 September 2005, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Carol Brown had been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

**7 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following document:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to redevelopment of Willis Island Meteorological Office, Coral Sea (16th report of 2005).

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

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

**8 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

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

(1) the Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2005 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration; and

(2) the following order of the day, committee and delegation report, be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation—Standing Committee—Report—Making it work—Motion to take note of document: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

**9 COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (FILM DIRECTORS' RIGHTS) 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.

**10 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.

**11 ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

*Document*

Mr M. D. Ferguson, by leave, presented the following document:

Election advertisement—Michael Ferguson will do more for Bass.

Debate continued.

*Document*

Mr Jenkins, by leave, presented the following document:

Whale petition from students of Findon Primary School, Mill Park, Victoria, 20 July 2005.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

**DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 13 September 2005:

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 42—York Park Master Plan [F2005L02596].

Christmas Island Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 18 February 2005 to 5 September 2005.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 18 February 2005 to 5 September 2005.

Customs Act—Tariff Concession Orders—2005 2 (6) September [F2005L02579], [F2005L02581], [F2005L02582], [F2005L02583], [F2005L02584], [F2005L02592].

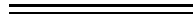
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Management plan—Sydney Opera House—

August 2005.

Notice of proposed accreditation of a management plan, 12 September 2005.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Net Appropriation Agreements under section 31—2005 22, 24, 28 (2) June [F2005L02489], [F2005L02459], [F2005L02502], [F2005L02504].

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation—2005 No. 7.



**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Downer, Mr Griffin, Mr Howard, Mr Jull\*, Mr Lloyd, Mr Rudd, Mr Snowdon and Dr Southcott\*.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives