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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 83

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2006



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:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports for 2005—
Native title.

Social justice.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Workability II: Solutions—People with disability in the open workplace—National inquiry into employment and disability—Final report, December 2005.

National Environment Protection Council—Report for 2004-05.

4 BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, for the Main Committee meeting today the first item of business shall be Members' 3 minute statements continuing for a period of 30 minutes, irrespective of suspensions for divisions in the House.

Question—put and passed.

5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CLIMATE CHANGE

The House was informed that Mr Albanese had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need for the Government to take action to avoid dangerous climate change based upon independent scientific analysis".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Albanese addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Member directed to leave—direction withdrawn

At 3.33 p.m. the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for defying the chair.

Mr Albanese having addressed the Chair, the direction was withdrawn.

Discussion continued.

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, 27 February 2006.

7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' NOTICE

Dr Washer, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the order of the day, private Members' business, relating to the Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Repeal of Ministerial Responsibility for Approval of RU486) Bill 2005, being called on immediately and the motion for the second reading then to be moved and debate to ensue, and, unless otherwise ordered, this order of the day to have precedence (until resolved) over Government business orders of the day during the sittings this week.

Question—put and passed.

8 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL OF RU486) BILL 2005

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

Debate ensued.

Jackie Kelly moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House is of the opinion that the bill is unacceptable in its current form and the preferred policy approach should be:

- (1) the Minister for Health and Ageing continuing to have the decision making role in relation to the approval of *restricted goods* as defined in the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*;
- (2) the Minister being required to obtain written advice from the Therapeutic Goods Administration prior to giving written approval or refusal to approve; and
- (3) the Minister's decision being subject to disallowance by each House of Parliament”.

Debate continued on the question—That the amendment be agreed to.

9 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9.29 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 14 February 2006:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—2006 2 February [F2006L00523].

Customs Act—Tariff Concession Orders—2006—30 January [F2006L00522].

6 (30) February [F2006L00486], [F2006L00487], [F2006L00488], [F2006L00489], [F2006L00491], [F2006L00492], [F2006L00493], [F2006L00494], [F2006L00495], [F2006L00496], [F2006L00497], [F2006L00498], [F2006L00499], [F2006L00500], [F2006L00501], [F2006L00502], [F2006L00503], [F2006L00504], [F2006L00505], [F2006L00506], [F2006L00507], [F2006L00508], [F2006L00509], [F2006L00510], [F2006L00511], [F2006L00512], [F2006L00513], [F2006L00514], [F2006L00515], [F2006L00516].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Crean and Mrs Elson.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2005-2006**

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 Tanner, 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 is of the view that:

- (1) despite record high commodity prices the Government has failed to secure Australia's long term economic fundamentals and that it should be condemned for its failure to:
 - (a) stem the widening current account deficit and trade deficits;
 - (b) reverse the reduction in public education and training investment;
 - (c) address critical structural weaknesses in health such as workforce shortages and rising costs;
 - (d) expand and encourage research and development to move Australian industry and exports up the value-chain; and
 - (e) address falling levels of workplace productivity;
- (2) the Government's extreme industrial relations laws will lower wages and conditions for many workers and do nothing to enhance productivity or economic growth; and
- (3) the Government's Budget documents fail the test of transparency and accountability”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Neville 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.

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Ms Hall, the Main Committee adjourned at 9.04 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee