

2004-05-06

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 85

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006

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

2 **SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE (LEARNING TOGETHER—ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH CHOICE AND OPPORTUNITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006**

Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States for primary and secondary education, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms J. Bishop moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Ms J. Bishop 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 **CANCER AUSTRALIA BILL 2006**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish Cancer Australia, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Document

Mr Abbott 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.

4 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PHARMACY LOCATION ARRANGEMENTS) BILL 2006**

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Document

Mr Abbott 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.

5 **BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FEES AND CHARGES) BILL 2006**

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to bankruptcy, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Document

Mr Ruddock 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.

6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Document

Mr Ruddock 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.

7 FAMILY ASSISTANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (2005 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to family assistance, social security and veterans' affairs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Document

Mr Brough 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.

8 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2006

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

Document

Mr Dutton 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.

9 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL OF RU486) 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 Jackie Kelly, viz.—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 resumed on the question—That the amendment be agreed to.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 49

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Draper	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Dutton	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Baker	Mr Farmer	Mr McGauran	Mr Tollner
Mr Baldwin	Mr Fawcett	Mrs Markus	Mr Truss
Mr Barresi	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Murphy	Mr Tuckey
Mr Bartlett	Mr Forrest*	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Hayes	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Vasta
Mr Byrne*	Mr Howard	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Richardson	
Mr Ciobo	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	

NOES, 96

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Johnson	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keenan	Mr Ripoll
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Baird	Mr Garrett	Ms C. King	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Mrs Gash	Dr Lawrence	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bevis	Mr Georganas	Mrs Ley	Mr Scott
Mr Billson	Ms George	Mr Lindsay	Mr Sercombe
Ms Bird	Mr Georgiou	Ms Livermore	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Gibbons	Mr McArthur*	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Ms Gillard	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr Broadbent	Ms Grierson	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Brough	Mr Griffin	Ms Macklin	Dr Southcott
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Haase	Mr McMullan	Dr Stone
Mr Cobb	Ms Hall*	Mrs May	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Costello	Mr Hatton	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Danby	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Hoare	Dr Nelson	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hockey	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mrs Hull	Ms Owens	Dr Washer
Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Entsch	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	Mr Wood

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put.

Document

Jackie Kelly, by leave, presented the following document:

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Ministerial Responsibility) Bill 2006—Draft bill proposed by Jackie Kelly.

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

AYES, 95

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keenan	Mr Quick
Fran Bailey	Ms Gambaro	Mr Kerr	Mr Ripoll
Mr Baird	Mr Garrett	Ms C. King	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Mrs Gash	Mr Laming	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Georganas	Dr Lawrence	Mr Scott
Mr Billson	Ms George	Mrs Ley	Mr Sercombe
Ms Bird	Mr Georgiou	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Gibbons	Ms Livermore	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Ms Gillard	Mr McArthur*	Mr Snowdon
Mr Brough	Ms Grierson	Mr McClelland	Dr Southcott
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Cobb	Mr Haase	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall*	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Costello	Mr Hatton	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Crean	Mr Henry	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby	Ms Hoare	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Edwards	Mr Hockey	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mrs Elliot	Mrs Hull	Dr Nelson	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hunt	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Dr Washer
Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Pearce	Mr Windsor
Mr Entsch	Dr Jensen	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wood
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Johnson	Mr Price	

NOES, 50

Mr Abbott	Mr Ciobo	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mrs Draper	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Baker	Mr Dutton	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr Baldwin	Mr Farmer	Mrs Markus	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mr Fawcett	Mr Murphy	Mr Tollner
Mr Bartlett	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Forrest*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hardgrave	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Byrne*	Mr Hayes	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Howard	Mr Richardson	
Mr Causley	Mr Katter	Mr Robb	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Laming, by leave, moved amendments (1) to (4) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 56

Mr Abbott	Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrews	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz
Mr Baker	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Scott
Mr Baldwin	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McGauran	Mr Secker
Mr Barresi	Mr Forrest*	Mrs Markus	Mr Slipper
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Murphy	Mr Somlyay
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hayes	Mr Neville	Mr Tollner
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Hockey	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Truss
Mr Byrne*	Mr Howard	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Turnbull
Mr Causley	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Mr Vasta
Mr Downer	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Mr Wakelin

NOES, 90

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Prosser
Mr Albanese	Mr Entsch	Dr Jensen	Mr Quick
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Johnson	Mr Ripoll
Fran Bailey	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Baird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Mr Beazley	Ms Gambaro	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Garrett	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Billson	Mrs Gash	Mr Lindsay	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Snowdon
Ms J. Bishop	Ms George	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Bowen	Mr Georgiou	Mr McClelland	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Gibbons	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Swan
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Ms A. E. Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Cobb	Mr Griffin	Mrs May	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Corcoran	Mr Haase	Mr Melham	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Costello	Ms Hall*	Mrs Moylan	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Dr Washer
Mr Danby	Mr Hatton	Dr Nelson	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Henry	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens	Mr Wood
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mrs Hull	Ms Plibersek	
Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Dr Washer, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

10 CONSTRUCTION OF CHANCERY, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State), 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: Construction of Chancery, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Question—put and passed.

11 CONSTRUCTION OF CHANCERY, RANGOON, BURMA—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State), 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: Construction of Chancery, Rangoon, Burma.

Question—put and passed.

12 171ST AVIATION SQUADRON RELOCATION, HOLSWORTHY BARRACKS, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State), 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: 171st Aviation Squadron relocation, Holsworthy Barracks, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

14 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australia's engagement with the World Trade Organisation—Government response.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2004-05.

Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—Reports—2004-05

Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Ngaanyatjarra Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2004-05.

15 DOCUMENTS

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

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

16 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 27 February 2006, at 12.30 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

17 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—VILLAWOOD IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT, SYDNEY, NSW

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Villawood Immigration Detention Centre redevelopment, Sydney, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

18 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AWB OIL FOR FOOD

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 Government placing its short term political interests ahead of the long term national interest in relation to AWB Oil for Food scandal".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

19 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Ciobo (Chair) presented the following documents:

Committee of Members' Interests—

Report on the operations of the Committee for 2005, 15 February 2006.

Minutes of proceedings.

Report ordered to be made a parliamentary paper.

20 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mrs Draper (Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met and considered documents presented to the House of Representatives since 8 December 2005.

The Committee recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

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

Social justice—2005.

Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2004-05.

Australian Crime Commission—Report for 2004-05.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 102—Uniform evidence law.

Australian National Training Authority—Australian vocational education and training system—Report for 2004—Corrigendum.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2004-05.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 2004-05.

Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 2004-05.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2004-05—Correction.

Commonwealth Ombudsman—Activities in monitoring controlled operations conducted by the Australian Crime Commission and the Australian Federal Police—Report for 2004-05.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2004-05.

Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2004-05—Correction.

Health Insurance Act—Biennial review of the Medicare provider number legislation, December 2005.

Health Insurance Commission—Report for 2004-05.

High Court of Australia—Report for 2004-05.

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 Blood Authority—Report for 2004-05.

National Environment Protection Council—Report for 2004-05.

National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2004-05.

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2004-05.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report for 2004-05.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Reports—
2004-05.

Operations of the registered health benefits organisations—2004-05.

Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002 and *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*—
Legislation Review Committee—Report on the review of the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002*
and the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*, December 2005.

TRISH DRAPER MP

Chair

16 February 2006

On the motion of Mrs Draper, by leave, the report was agreed to.

21 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2005-2006—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 Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

22 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2005-2006—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 Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

23 DEFENCE (ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION EXEMPTION) 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 Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

24 MINISTERS OF STATE 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 K. J. Thomson, 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 condemns the Government for allowing Ministerial standards and accountability to decline at the same time as Ministerial salaries are increasing”—

Debate resumed.

25 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, 27 February 2006, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 16 February 2006:

Anti-Terrorism Act (No. 2) 2005—Proclamation under subsection 2 (1) fixing 16 February 2006 as the day on which item 22 of Schedule 1 to that Act commences [F2006L00345].

Customs Act—Tariff Concession Orders—2006—

30 January [F2006L00378].

6 February [F2006L00490].

13 (6) February [F2006L00538], [F2006L00541], [F2006L00551], [F2006L00553], [F2006L00554], [F2006L00558].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instrument under subsection 303DC(1)—1 February 2006 [F2006L00369].

Financial Management and Accountability Act—Net appropriation agreement variation under subsection 31 (4)—2006 16 January [F2006L00470].

Insurance Act and Acts Interpretation Act—Determinations—2006 Insurance (Prudential standards) Nos 1, 2, 3 [F2006L00474], [F2006L00475], [F2006L00476].

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Instrument—2006 Decision to refuse to consider any further RSE licence applications, 2 February [F2006L00326].

Therapeutic Goods Act—Notice—2006 Therapeutic Goods (Listing) (No.1) [F2006L00472].

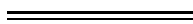
Veterans' Entitlements Act—Determinations—2006—

Veterans' Entitlements Income (Exempt lump sum—Payment to victims of Bali bombing) No. R6 [F2006L00482].

Veterans' Entitlements Income (Exempt lump sum—Queensland indigenous reparation payment) No. R5 [F2006L00479].

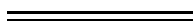
Veterans' Entitlements Income (Exempt lump sum—South Australian fishery payment) No. R4 [F2006L00477].

Veterans' Entitlements Income (Exempt lump sum—Superannuation co-contribution amounts) No. R7 [F2006L00480].



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Elson, Mr Sawford and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.



I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 85

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.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.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—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.

4 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 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—

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 DEFENCE (ROAD TRANSPORT LEGISLATION EXEMPTION) BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Billson (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Billson 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 immediately.

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

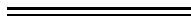
6 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 12.36 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 1 March 2006.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee