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#### THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 89

# THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 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 MONDAY 27 MARCH 2006 SITTING

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, for the sitting of the House on Monday 27 March 2006:

- (1) proceedings commence at 1 p.m. (instead of 12.30 p.m.), unless otherwise notified by the Speaker;
- (2) the timing of all existing arrangements for Government, House and private Members' business that day be adjusted back 30 minutes such that Question Time commences at 2.30 p.m. but noting that Government business is to conclude by 9 p.m. and an adjournment debate then occur until 9.30 p.m., unless otherwise determined on motion moved without notice by a Minister; and
- (3) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.

Question—put and passed.

## 3 HEALTH AND OTHER SERVICES (COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health and Other Services (Compensation) Act 1995*, 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

# 4 GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY IMPOSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998*, 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 Bevis), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

# 5 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Document

Mr Hunt presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

#### 6 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT

Mr Lindsay, by leave, presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, 16-24 November 2005—Report, February 2006.

## 7 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (SHARED PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2005

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had returned the bill for further consideration, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Debate resumed on the question—That the bill be now read a second time—And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Roxon, 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:

- (1) notes that the first priority of family law should be to promote and secure the best interests of children and that this requires a focus on:
  - (a) the responsibility of parents to care for, love and provide security to children
  - (b) the need to prevent children from being victims of, or exposed to, violence, abuse or neglect; and
  - (c) without compromising the above, the benefit to children of knowing and spending time with their parents;
- (2) notes that, despite this bill, the Howard Government has made shared parenting before and after separation more difficult through its constant attacks on Australian families, such as the recent industrial relations changes and its failure to meet the chronic child care shortage;
- (3) notes the risk that the Government is creating false expectations that this bill will create a right for parents spending equal time with their children, when the bill does not do this, in many cases this would not be appropriate and it shouldn't automatically be the starting point for negotiations;
- (4) notes that the Government has improved its bill by adopting Labor's ideas that:
  - (a) for parents intent on demanding parental 'rights', the Court will consider the extent to which parents have exercised their responsibilities as parents recognising that parenting is a two-way street; and
  - (b) strengthened compliance measures should be coupled with costs for nuisance complainants, so that the right to seek a remedy cannot be used irresponsibly;
- (5) notes that the effectiveness of these reforms will fundamentally depend on the implementation of the Family Relationship Centres program, so that these centres can provide appropriate advice, counselling and referral as well as dispute resolution services and calls on the Government to commit to:
  - (a) providing adequate resources to Family Relationship Services and Centres;
  - (b) regular reappraisal of needs and funding to ensure free services;
  - (c) requiring that Family Relationship Centres focus on quality advice, not simply quantity of parenting plans;
  - (d) equipping staff to detect the signs of family violence and child abuse and manage violent clients;
  - (e) ensuring that Family Relationship Centres do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, disability, gender or socio-economic disadvantage and are not used to advocate or encourage any particular political or religious agenda; and
  - (f) instituting a well-resourced and effective complaints process for people who have grievances with Family Relationship Centres or their staff;

- (6) demands that the Government immediately release accreditation and quality standards for Family Relationship Centres prior to mediation becoming compulsory;
- (7) notes that, while separating parents should be encouraged to settle their disputes without recourse to the Courts, litigation needs to be recognised and supported as a vital pathway for those cases involving family violence or abuse, entrenched conflict or intractable disputes;
- (8) notes that the Government needs to invest in and make public thorough, longitudinal research on:
  - (a) the consequences of family law reform;
  - (b) interaction between violence and family law; and
  - (c) the need for a broad ranging parliamentary inquiry on violence in the community;
- (9) notes that the Government should, in the near future, conduct a review of how these changes work in practice, with particular consideration of the following issues:
  - (a) the operation of the requirement to consult on 'major long-term issues' (compared to the original recommendation from the Every Picture Tells a Story report limited to location);
  - (b) the interaction of parenting plans and court orders; and
  - (c) the need to review Schedule 3 as soon as the assessment report of the Family Court's pilot of the Children's Cases Program is available, given that these changes are being made before that pilot is completed and evaluated; and
- (10) notes the Government's failure to consider a National Commissioner for Children and Young People, who could provide a role developing expertise in supporting children in family law matters"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ms Roxon moved Opposition amendment (1).

Debate continued.

Question—That amendment (1) be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 53

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bevis	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr Bowen	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	
Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price*	

# NOES, 80

Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Secker
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Baker	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Tollner
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Turnbull
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Vasta
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Ms Roxon moved Opposition amendment (28).

Debate continued.

Question—That amendment (28) be agreed to—put.

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

# AYES, 53

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Mr Garrett	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Ms George	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	
Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price*	
Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll	

## **NOES**, 78

Mr Anderson	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Mr Windsor
Mrs Elson	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mr Entsch	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mr Farmer	Mr Laming	Mr Scott	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (39) and (40) together.

Debate continued.

Question—That amendments (39) and (40) be agreed to—put.

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

## AYES, 55

Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Garrett	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Ms Bird	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sercombe
Mr Bowen	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr S. F. Smith
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens	Mr Wilkie
Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	Mr Windsor
Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Mr Price*	

#### NOES, 77

Mr Anderson	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mr Truss
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Mr Broadbent	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mr Turnbull
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\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (2), (38) and (54) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (3) to (26) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (27) and (52) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (29) to (32) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (33) to (35), (37) and (42) to (45) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Ms Roxon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (36), (41), (46) to (51) and (53) together.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Document

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (27) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Ruddock, by leave, the bill was read a third time.

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

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.

#### 9 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented the following document:

Medicare Information Sheet in Khmer language—Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing.

Questions without notice continued.

## 10 MONDAY, 27 MARCH AND TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2006 SITTINGS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (a) the arrangements for Monday, 27 March and Tuesday, 28 March 2006 agreed to earlier be revoked, and that the usual times of meeting and order of business as provided for by the standing and sessional orders stand, unless otherwise notified by the Speaker;
- (b) for any sitting of the House to which Senators are invited as guests, the provisions of standing order 257(c) apply to the area of Members' seats as well as the galleries; and
- (c) a message be sent advising the Senate of these matters.

Question—put and passed.

### 11 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS

The Speaker presented the following documents:

Auditor-General—Audit reports of 2005–2006—Performance audits—

No. 32—Management of the Tender Process for the Detention Services Contract: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

No. 33—Administration of Petroleum and Tobacco Excise Collections: Follow-up Audit—Australian Taxation Office.

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

## 12 **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Reports—

2003-04—Corrigendum.

2004-05—Corrigendum.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australia's human rights dialogue process—Government response.

*Migration Act 1958*—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2005.

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services, June 2005—Government response.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act—Quarterly report on the operation of the Act—1 October to 31 December 2005.

#### 13 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australia's human rights dialogue process—Government response.

*Migration Act 1958*—Section 91Y—Protection visa processing taking more than 90 days—Report for the period 1 July to 31 October 2005.

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—Report 403—Access of Indigenous Australians to law and justice services, June 2005—Government response.

Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Act—Quarterly report on the operation of the Act—1 October to 31 December 2005.

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

## 14 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday, 27 March 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.

#### 15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S TEN YEARS IN OFFICE

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 lack of accountability, declining standards of integrity, and the squandered opportunities of the Government's ten years in office".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### 16 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER

Mr Price moved—That leave of absence from 27 March to 7 August 2006 be given to Ms Livermore on the ground of maternity leave.

Question—put and passed.

## 17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 274, 1 March 2006, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 6) Bill 2005 without amendment.

## 18 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 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—

Debate resumed.

## 19 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 March 2006, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

## **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 2 March 2006:

Australian National University Act—Statutes—2006—

Discipline rules [F2006L00632].

Programs and awards [F2006L00629].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—

Approval—2006 No. CASA 79 [F2006L00634].

Exemption—2006 No. CASA EX08 [F2006L00637].

Customs Act—Tariff Concession Revocation Orders—2006—

14 (3) February [F2006L00640], [F2006L00641], [F2006L00642].

20 (2) February [F2006L00638], [F2006L00639].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Instruments under subsection 303DC(1)—24 (4) February 2006 [F2006L00647], [F2006L00649], [F2006L00650], [F2006L00651].

Higher Education Funding Act—Declaration under subsection 4(2)—2006 10 February [F2006L00628].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instruments—2006—

Tourist visa applications from citizens of the People's Republic of China No. IMMI06/002 [F2006L00658].

Travel agents for PRC citizens applying for tourist visas No. IMMI06/013 [F2006L00646].

Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act—Determination—2006 Telstra Carrier Charges—Price control arrangements, notification and disallowance Determination No. 1 of 2005 (Amendment No. 1) [F2006L00645].

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Instrument under subsection 196B—2006 No. 12 [F2006L00627].

#### ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Corcoran, Mr Crean, Mr Danby, Mrs Draper, Mr Jenkins, Mrs Ley, Mr G. M. O'Connor and Mr Wakelin.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 89

# MAIN COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

## 2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

#### 3 MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr Lloyd presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate ensued.

Debate continued.

Mr Ripoll moved, as an amendment—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 condemn the Government for:

- (a) failing to uphold Australia's national interest by adopting anti-Australian shipping policies that favour foreign vessels and crew despite the risk to national security, Australian jobs and the natural environment;
- (b) failing to ensure adequate security in relation to the shipping of dangerous goods and hazardous material, including explosives precursors such as ammonium nitrate; and
- (c) failing to ensure ships comply with the requirement to provide details of crew and cargo forty-eight hours before arrival."

Suspension of meeting
At 11.02 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.
Resumption of meeting
At 11.15 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.
Debate continued.

Suspension of meeting

At 11.16 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 11.44 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

Mr Sawford 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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.01 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until a date and time to be fixed.

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