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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 100

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr S. F. Smith moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent General Business notice No. 5 standing in the name of the Member for Perth, namely, that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 50 and made under the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*, and other Acts, be disallowed, being called on and debated forthwith so that Members of the House can:

- (a) record the House's contempt for the Government's extreme industrial relations changes, including the removal of unfair dismissal rights which sees Australian employees at risk of being sacked, sacked unfairly for no reason or any reason;
- (b) record the House's contempt for the Government's attack on the wages, conditions and entitlements of Australian employees;
- (c) show by tearing up the regulations the House's intention to tear up the Government's unfair, unAustralian legislation; and
- (d) record the House's contempt for the actual consequences of the Government's changes, as highlighted by the Triangle Cables' dismissal of nine employees who lost their unfair dismissal remedy because Triangle Cables employed only 97 employees, and Spotlight's AWA stripping away conditions and entitlements like overtime, penalty rates and loadings for the princely sum of 2 cents an hour.

Closure of Member

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

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

NOES, 54

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms Gillard (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Billson moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 56

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Beazley	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Quick
Ms Bird*	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
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Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	
Mr Downer	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott	

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And so it was negatived.

3 ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to energy, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION (2006 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 social security, veterans' affairs, family assistance, family law, child support and taxation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Brough presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 PLANT HEALTH AUSTRALIA (PLANT INDUSTRIES) FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Plant Health Australia (Plant Industries) Funding Act 2002*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FOREIGN FISHING OFFENCES) BILL 2006

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to fisheries, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr G. M. O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 DO NOT CALL REGISTER BILL 2006

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Do Not Call Register, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

8 DO NOT CALL REGISTER (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to deal with consequential matters relating to the enactment of the *Do Not Call Register Act 2006*, and for other purposes.

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Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Act 1987*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Dutton presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill and to the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

10 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 3) 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.

Document

Mr Dutton presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill and to the New Business Tax System (Untainting Tax) Bill 2006.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

11 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX (INSTALMENT TRANSFER INTEREST CHARGE IMPOSITION) BILL 2006

Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose instalment transfer interest charge as a tax in some circumstances.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (UNTAINTING TAX) BILL 2006

Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax in relation to untainting tainted share capital accounts of companies.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

13 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY AND MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE) 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.

Document

Mr Dutton presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14 ROYAL COMMISSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Turnbull (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Turnbull presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15 FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR CENTRELINK AT GREENWAY, ACT—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: Fit-out of new leased premises for Centrelink at Greenway, ACT.

Question—put and passed.

16 EXCISE LAWS AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) 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 by Mr Fitzgibbon who 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:

- (1) condemns the Government for inappropriately bringing forward debate on these excise and customs bills in advance of consideration of the primary legislation contained in the Fuel Tax and Consequential Bills;
- (2) calls on the Government to bring forward debate on these bills forthwith; and
- (3) criticises the Government over its insensitivity to the impact of record high petrol prices on Australian families”.

Debate continued.

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, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

17 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) 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—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

18 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) 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—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

19 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) 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—

Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

20 AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION AMENDMENT 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.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary—Trade), the bill was read a third time.

21 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr K. J. Thomson moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Wills from moving—That this House calls on the Member for Gwydir to tell the House what conversations he had with each of the Prime Minister, Foreign Affairs Minister Downer, Agriculture Minister Truss, former CEO of AWB Andrew Lindberg and former AWB Government Relations Manager Daryl Hockey, prior to the sale of the Member for Gwydir's AWB shares in October 2005, noting that—

- (1) the Member for Gwydir's shares were sold just prior to the release of the Volcker Report which was highly critical of AWB;
- (2) the Member for Gwydir failed to declare the sale to the Parliament at the time, and only lodged the required declaration the day before the share sale was reported in *The Australian*;
- (3) the Member for Gwydir claimed in *The Australian* on 26 February that the share sale was not the result of inside knowledge of the contents of the Volcker Report, and that he had always intended to sell his shares when the price hit five dollars;
- (4) this claim contradicted his previous public statement that he sold his shares in order to diversify his rural investments, a diversification which in any event has not occurred;
- (5) the \$5 trigger price for AWB was in fact reached 18 months earlier, on 10 March 2004, and the share price hit that point on another 30 occasions between 10 March 2004 and 5 October 2005;
- (6) the Member for Gwydir claimed to Mr Glenn Milne, reported on 26 February, and to the ABC Insiders Program, that he had not spoken to anyone about AWB or the Volcker Report prior to the share sale;
- (7) in fact the Member for Gwydir had a discussion with senior colleagues about AWB, Volcker and the Oil for Food Program in early 2005, followed by a one on one meeting with the Prime Minister to talk about AWB, and a meeting with AWB in June 2005;
- (8) the Member for Gwydir told the Insiders Program that while he was a Cabinet Minister he held no shares in any company, and neither did his wife;
- (9) in fact the member for Gwydir's wife held share in 8 companies between 1996 and 1998, shares in 7 companies between 1998 and 1999, shares in Coles Myer and Wattyl between 1999 and 2004, and still held shares in Coles Myer after December 2004;
- (10) the Minister for Foreign Affairs met with Mr Volcker on 27 September 2005 and was briefed that the Report would contain bad news for AWB;

(11) on 4 October the Foreign Affairs Minister met with senior AWB officials in Canberra and told them that the Volcker report would implicate them in the corruption of the Oil for Food Program; and

(12) the next day, 5 October, the Member for Gwydir lodged a sale note offloading shares held by him and his wife.

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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NOES, 58

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Rudd
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Lawrence	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
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Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr Melham	Mr Swan
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Mrs Elliot	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Mr Price	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Point of order

Ms Gillard having raised as a point of order that the motion moved by the Leader of the House was not in order—

Deputy Speaker's ruling

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the Leader of the House had withdrawn the words found offensive and the motion was in order.

Dissent from ruling moved

Ms Gillard moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Ms Gillard addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Ms King	Mr Rudd
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Albanese (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Ms J. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Turnbull
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Mr Wood

NOES, 58

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the ruling be dissented from—put.

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

AYES, 58

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

NOES, 75

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr Albanese (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 52

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 53

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

NOES, 77

Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Jackie Kelly	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
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Mr Cobb	Mr Johnson	Mr Robb	Mr Wood
Mr Costello	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Downer	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Draper	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

22 AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

23 COMMITMENT OF TROOPS TO EAST TIMOR—STATEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement about the current situation in East Timor and announced the commitment of Australian troops there, with the agreement of the East Timor Government.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by indulgence, also made a statement on the same matter.

24 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

25 STATEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the statements of the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition on the subject of commitment of troops to East Timor.

Debate adjourned (Mr Abbott—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

26 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 42 of 2005–2006—Performance audit—Administration of the 30 per cent Private Health Insurance Rebate follow-up audit: Australian Taxation Office; Department of Health and Ageing; Medicare Australia.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

27 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australia's maritime strategy—Government response.

28 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS OF AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES

The House was informed that Mr S. F. Smith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's attack on the living standards of Australian families and the Australian way of life by legislating away people's hard won conditions of employment and as a consequence reducing their take home pay".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr S. F. Smith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

29 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Intelligence and Security—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the listing of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)—Report—Motion to take note of document: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

30 COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Ms Vamvakinou to be a member of the Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts in place of Mr Griffin.

Mr Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, moved—That Mr Griffin be discharged from the Standing Committee on Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and that, in his place, Ms Vamvakinou be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

31 EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 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 Mr Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

32 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE TO WORK AND OTHER MEASURES) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

33 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 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 Mr Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

34 AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 having been resumed by Mr Rudd—

35 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. next Monday.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Georgiou, Ms Grierson, Mr Haase, Ms Livermore*, Mr Neville, Mr Randall, Mr Tanner and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 100

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007

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 Swan, 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 and rising levels of taxation 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) provide national leadership in infrastructure including high speed broadband for the whole country;
 - (d) further reduce effective marginal tax rates to meet the intergenerational challenge of greater workforce participation;
 - (e) provide accessible and affordable long-day childcare for working families;
 - (f) fundamentally reform our health system to equip it for a future focused on prevention, early intervention and an ageing population;
 - (g) expand and encourage research and development to move Australian industry and exports up the value-chain;
 - (h) provide for the economic, social and environmental sustainability of our region, and
 - (i) address falling levels of workplace productivity; and that
- (2) the Government's extreme industrial relations laws will lower wages and conditions for many workers and do nothing to enhance productivity, participation or economic growth; and that
- (3) the Government's Budget documents fail the test of transparency and accountability”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of meeting

At 12.19 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 12.57 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) 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 Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) the Main Committee adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 5.15 p.m. on Monday, 29 May 2006 for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee