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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 104

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 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 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 13 June 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 and for government business to take precedence from 12.30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on that Tuesday.

Question—put and passed.

3 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FACILITIES FOR TROOP LIFT HELICOPTER, RAAF BASE TOWNSVILLE, QLD

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: Facilities for troop lift helicopter, RAAF Base Townsville, Qld.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

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

(1) unless otherwise ordered, at the resumption of the Main Committee meeting at approximately 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 June 2006, the first item of business shall be Members' statements, each for no longer than 3 minutes, with the item of business continuing for 30 minutes irrespective of suspensions for divisions in the House; and

(2) so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the following order of the day, private Members' business, being referred to the Main Committee for debate:

Commitment of troops to East Timor—Statements by the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition—Motion to take note of statements: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

5 PLANT HEALTH AUSTRALIA (PLANT INDUSTRIES) FUNDING 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 and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 169, 30 May 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), the bill was read a third time.

6 FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION (2006 BUDGET 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 170, 29 May 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), the bill was read a third time.

7 ENERGY 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 by Mr M. J. Ferguson 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) its failure to implement energy market reform in a timely manner, including its lack of action in implementing the recommendations of the Parer Report of 2002 and the Productivity Commission report of 2004; and
- (2) its lack of commitment to microeconomic reform and to strengthening Part IIIAA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

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

8 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY AND MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE) 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—

Mr Fitzgibbon addressing the House—

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 Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations) presented the following document:

What a rotten rort—Copy of article by Neil Mitchell, *Herald Sun*, 1 June 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.08 p.m. the Member for Grayndler (Mr Albanese) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.10 p.m. the Member for Perth (Mr S. F. Smith) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Member directed to leave

At 3.10 p.m. the Member for Fowler (Mrs Irwin) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

10 DOCUMENT

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) added to an answer to a question without notice and presented the following document:

Medibank Private—Confidential briefing paper.

11 MEMBER DIRECTED TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER

At 3.14 p.m. the Member for Lalor (Ms Gillard) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and she accordingly left the Chamber.

12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 44 of 2005–2006—Performance audit—Selected measures for managing subsidised drug use in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme: Department of Health and Ageing.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

13 SPEAKER'S PANEL

The following warrant nominating a member of the Speaker's panel, pursuant to standing order 17, was presented:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 17, I nominate Duncan Kerr to be a member of the Speaker's panel to assist the Chair when requested to do so by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

Given under my hand on 1 June 2006.

D P M HAWKER
Speaker

14 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 32—Report of an inquiry into a complaint made on behalf of federal prisoners detained in New South Wales correctional centres that their human rights were breached by the decision to ban distribution of the magazine 'Framed'.

Roads to recovery programme—Report for 2004-05.

15 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

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

Roads to recovery programme—Report for 2004-05.

Debate adjourned (Ms Macklin—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 DOCUMENTS

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

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

17 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FAMILIES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

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 adverse impact on families living in regional Australia of the Government’s distracted, divided and destructive performance”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Beazley addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

18 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 11 May 2006.

The Committee recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Australian Electoral Commission—Redistribution into electoral divisions—2005—Australian Capital Territory.

Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)—Report for 2004-05.

Australian Maritime College—Report for 2005.

Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2003-04.

TRISH DRAPER MP

Chair

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

19 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY AND MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE) 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—

Mr Fitzgibbon 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 and Minister for Health for squandering the opportunity to fundamentally reform our health system;
- (2) condemns the Government for failing to invest in rebuilding our health system, including Medicare, for the future, focused on prevention, early intervention and an ageing population; and
- (3) condemns the Government for its failings in relation to our health system, as evidenced by delivering a Budget containing hidden cuts and the related decision to sell off of Australia’s biggest not for profit health insurer, Medibank Private”.

Debate continued.

Mr Tuckey 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.

20 SPEAKER’S PANEL

The following warrant nominating a member of the Speaker’s panel, pursuant to standing order 17, was presented:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 17, I nominate Barry Wayne Haase to be a member of the Speaker’s panel to assist the Chair when requested to do so by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker.

Given under my hand on 1 June 2006.

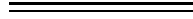
D P M HAWKER
Speaker

21 ADJOURNMENT

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

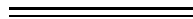
The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 June 2006, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Crean, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms Livermore*, Mr G. M. O'Connor, Ms Panopoulos, Mr Quick and Mr Somlyay.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 104

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made and a petition was presented.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007—BUDGET DEBATE

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.

Ms Vamvakinou was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

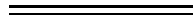
4 ADJOURNMENT

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 12.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 June 2006.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee