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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 106

WEDNESDAY, 14 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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended to enable the following to occur during the periods set aside in standing order 34 for government business on Wednesday 14 June and Thursday 15 June 2006:

- (1) in relation to proceedings on the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate or at 10.30a.m. on Wednesday 14 June 2006, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate and any Government amendment that has been circulated for at least two hours shall be treated as if it has been moved; and
- (2) immediately after proceedings on the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 have been concluded; the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 to be called on and the immediate question then before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate and any Government amendments that have been circulated for at least two hours shall be treated as if they have been moved together; and
- (3) in relation to proceedings on the Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate or at 12 noon on Wednesday 14 June 2006, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
- (4) in relation to proceedings on the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate or at 1.30p.m. on Wednesday 14 June 2006, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate and any Government amendments that have been circulated for at least two hours shall be treated as if they have been moved together; and
- (5) immediately after proceedings on the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 3) Bill 2006 have been concluded; the New Business Tax System (Untainting Tax) Bill 2006 to be called on and the immediate question then before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
- (6) in relation to proceedings on the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate or at 5.30p.m. on Wednesday 14 June 2006, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House

- to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
- (7) immediately after proceedings on the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Amendment Bill 2006 have been concluded; the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Instalment Transfer Interest Charge Imposition) Bill 2006 to be called on and the immediate question then before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
 - (8) in relation to proceedings on the Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate or at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 14 June 2006, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
 - (9) in relation to proceedings on the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate or at 1.20p.m. on Thursday 15 June 2006, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
 - (10) on Wednesday 14 June 2006 any division called for between 12 noon and 2.30pm shall be deferred until the resumption of government business after the discussion of the Matter of Public Importance has concluded that day; and
 - (11) any variation to this arrangement to be made only by a Minister moving a motion without notice.

Ms Gillard addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Abbott moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 55

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY SCULPTURES ON SECTION 57, PARKES—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 13 June 2006, namely: Installation of temporary sculptures on Section 57, Parkes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

4 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—LOBBY CAFÉ IMPROVEMENTS ON SECTIONS 2 AND 34, PARKES—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL

Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal for work in the Parliamentary Zone which was presented to the House on 13 June 2006, namely: Lobby Café improvements on Sections 2 and 34, Parkes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following documents:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

HMAS *Cairns* redevelopment, Cairns, Qld (Ninth report of 2006).

Construction of housing for Defence at Fairview Rise, Ipswich, Qld (Tenth report of 2006).

Reports ordered to be made Parliamentary Papers.

Mrs Moylan, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 314, 13 June 2006, from the Senate was reported returning the Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2006 without amendment.

7 FUEL TAX 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Fitzgibbon, 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) condemns the Government for failing to properly consult with commercial fuel users on the appropriate model for payment of fuel tax;
- (2) condemns the Government for circulating major amendments less than two hours before debate on the bill is to be resumed;
- (3) calls upon the Government to reduce our dependency on foreign oil and to promote:
 - (a) existing alternatives like liquid petroleum gas, ethanol and biodiesel;
 - (b) emerging alternatives such as compressed natural gas, liquid fuel from gas and stored electricity; and
 - (c) future fuels, such as hydrogen as Labor has committed to in its Fuels Blueprint;
- (4) condemns the Government for ignoring the impact of rising petrol prices on Australian families;
- (5) condemns the Government for increasing petrol prices in regional Australia through the abolition of the Fuel Sales Grants Scheme at a time of very high petrol prices;
- (6) condemns the Government for failing to strengthen the Trade Practices Act to protect competition in the petroleum industry; and
- (7) condemns the Government for failing to guarantee that the money saved as a result of the abolition of the Fuel Sales Grants Scheme will be specifically directed to roads in regional, rural and remote Australia” —

Debate resumed.

Documents

Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) presented the following documents:

Addendum to explanatory memorandum to Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006.

Supplementary explanatory memorandum to Fuel Tax Bill 2006.

Supplementary explanatory memorandum to Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006.

Additional supplementary explanatory memorandum to Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General

No. 163, 5 May 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill, including the Government amendment as circulated, be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

8 FUEL TAX (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) 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.

Messages from the Governor-General

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 164, 5 May 2006, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill; and

No. 165, 5 May 2006, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the bill.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill, including the Government amendments as circulated, be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

9 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Fitzgibbon, 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) 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 resumed.

It being 12 noon, in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the debate was interrupted and Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) summed up the second reading debate.

Amendment negatived.

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

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

10 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 3) 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 failing to invest in rebuilding our health system, including Medicare for the future, focused on prevention, early intervention and an ageing population;
- (2) condemns the government for another technical error in a piece of tax legislation;
- (3) condemns the Government for failing to fully explain the expansion of the Wine Equalisation Tax rebate to New Zealand Wine producers;
- (4) condemns the Government for denying full and open debate on tax bills; and
- (5) condemns the Government for denying opposition parties the right to move technical amendments on tax bills”.

Debate continued.

It being 1.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the debate was interrupted and Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) summed up the second reading debate.

Document

Mr Dutton presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 172, 30 May 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill, including the Government amendments as circulated, be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

11 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (UNTAINTING TAX) 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.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

12 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX ASSESSMENT 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 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 over its failure to formulate a comprehensive, national energy policy;
- (2) questions why major petroleum exploration companies should enjoy the same protections that individual taxpayers are extended under the self assessment system; and
- (3) expresses concern about potential leakage to the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax base associated with measures in schedule three”.

Debate continued.

It being 2.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 13 June 2006, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 2.42 p.m. the Member for Brisbane (Mr Bevis) 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 3.34 p.m. the Member for Lilley (Mr Swan) 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 continued.

14 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 46 of 2005–2006—Performance audit—Commonwealth State Housing Agreement follow-up audit: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

15 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Research Council—Strategic plan for 2006-2008.

Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 2004-05.

Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS) and Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme (CSS)—Report—PSS and CSS Long Term Cost, 2005.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—IMMIGRATION POLICIES

The House was informed that Mr A. S. Burke had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The decision of the Government to silence Members

of Parliament and to place Indonesia's sovereignty ahead of Australia's sovereignty with its changed immigration policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr A. S. Burke addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 315—Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—Initial Measures) 2006—13 June 2006.

No. 316—ASIO Legislation Amendment 2006—13 June 2006.

No. 317—Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Tax Reduction and Improved Depreciation Arrangements) 2006—14 June 2006.

18 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Causley (Chair) presented the following document:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business on Monday, 19 June 2006.

19 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX ASSESSMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Fitzgibbon (see item No. 12, page 1199)*—

Debate resumed.

It being 5.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the debate was interrupted and Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer) summed up the second reading debate.

Amendment negatived.

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

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

20 PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT TAX (INSTALMENT TRANSFER INTEREST CHARGE IMPOSITION) 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.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

21 AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL 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 7 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the debate was interrupted and Ms J. Bishop (Minister for Education, Science and Training) summed up the second reading debate.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 173, 18 April 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

22 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 9, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

23 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE) 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 Ms Gillard—

24 ADJOURNMENT

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

DOCUMENTS

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

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 52—Zoo expansion (part block 1502 Belconnen) [F2006L01820].

Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act—Instrument of Disallowance 13 June 2006 [F2006L01810].

Australian National University Act—2006—Fees rules [F2006L01771].

Liquor statute [F2006L01776].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directive—Part 39-107—2006 9 June [F2006L01801].

Defence Act—Determinations under Section 58B—2006 Nos 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

Financial Management and Accountability Act—

Determinations to establish a special account—2006 Nos 15, 16 [F2006L01824], [F2006L01825].

Determination to vary a special account—2006 No. 13 [F2006L01818]

Fisheries Management Act—Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery Management Plan 2003—Temporary Order—2006 Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery (Specified non-quota species) [F2006L01794].

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Determinations—2006—

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 33/00—Brake systems for motorcycles and mopeds) [F2006L01787].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 10/01—Steering column) [F2006L01783].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 23/01—Passenger car tyres) [F2006L01788].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anderson, Mr Danby, Ms Gambaro, Mr Katter, Ms Livermore*, Mrs Mirabella, Mr Quick and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 106

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements being made—

Document

Mr Randall, by leave, presented the following document:

Honours citations for awards.

Members' statements continued.

Suspension of meeting

At 9.50 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 9.57 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Members' statements continued.

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.

Amendment negatived.

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

Consideration in detail

Schedule—

Ordered—That the proposed expenditure for the services in Schedule 1 be considered in the following order:

Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

Immigration and Multicultural Affairs Portfolio

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio

The Environment and Heritage Portfolio

Transport and Regional Services Portfolio

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Portfolio

Attorney-General's Portfolio

Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

Health and Ageing Portfolio

Defence Portfolio (including Department of Veterans' Affairs)

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Treasury Portfolio

Finance and Administration Portfolio (including Department of Human Services)

Education, Science and Training Portfolio

Prime Minister and Cabinet (continued).

Proposed expenditures—

Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio, \$2,444,747,000—debated and agreed to.

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio, \$4,709,419,000—debated and agreed to.

Immigration and Multicultural Affairs Portfolio, \$1,421,272,000—debated and agreed to.

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, \$2,507,312,000—debated.

Suspension of sitting

At 1 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 4.06 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio, \$1,034,533,000—debated and agreed to.

Environment and Heritage Portfolio, \$1,139,139,000—debated and agreed to.

Transport and Regional Services Portfolio, \$753,555,000—debated and agreed to.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, \$853,220,000—debated and agreed to.

Attorney-General's Portfolio, \$3,349,480,000—debated and agreed to.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Neville, the Main Committee adjourned at 7.36 p.m.

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



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee