

2004-05-06

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 118

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 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 Fitzgibbon moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the Treasurer coming in to the House to explain why he is prepared to extend a tax break to James Hardie, but not to the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund;
- (2) the Treasurer explaining to the House why he will not ensure that payments by James Hardie to the fund will remain tax exempt in the hands of the fund, removing a tax liability to the fund of \$630m which will undermine the whole arrangement, and why he will not ensure that the \$160m tax liability on the earnings of the fund can be eliminated to guarantee that the victims and their dependants are properly provided for; and
- (3) the Member for Hunter moving that order of the day No. 8, government business, on today's Notice Paper be brought on for debate forthwith to allow the Opposition to move its amendments to ensure that the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund is tax exempt.

Closure of Member

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 79

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

NOES, 60

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms A. E. Burke (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 80

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

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| Mr Adams | Ms K. M. Ellis | Ms Hoare | Mr Price |
| Mr Albanese | Mr Emerson | Mrs Irwin | Mr Quick |
| Mr Andren | Mr L. D. T. Ferguson | Mr Jenkins | Mr Ripoll |
| Mr Beazley | Mr M. J. Ferguson | Mr Kerr | Ms Roxon |
| Mr Bevis | Mr Fitzgibbon | Ms King | Mr Rudd |
| Ms Bird | Mr Garrett | Dr Lawrence | Mr Sawford |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Georganas | Ms Livermore | Mr Sercombe |
| Ms A. E. Burke | Ms George | Ms Macklin | Mr S. F. Smith |
| Mr A. S. Burke | Mr Gibbons | Mr McMullan | Mr Snowdon |
| Ms Corcoran | Ms Gillard | Mr Melham | Mr Swan |
| Mr Crean | Ms Grierson | Mr Murphy | Mr Tanner |
| Mr Danby* | Mr Griffin | Mr B. P. O'Connor | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mr Edwards | Ms Hall* | Mr G. M. O'Connor | Ms Vamvakinou |
| Mrs Elliot | Mr Hatton | Ms Owens | Mr Wilkie |
| Ms A. L. Ellis | Mr Hayes | 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, 60

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| Mr Adams | Ms K. M. Ellis | Ms Hoare | Mr Price |
| Mr Albanese | Mr Emerson | Mrs Irwin | Mr Quick |
| Mr Andren | Mr L. D. T. Ferguson | Mr Jenkins | Mr Ripoll |
| Mr Beazley | Mr M. J. Ferguson | Mr Kerr | Ms Roxon |
| Mr Bevis | Mr Fitzgibbon | Ms King | Mr Rudd |
| Ms Bird | Mr Garrett | Dr Lawrence | Mr Sawford |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Georganas | Ms Livermore | Mr Sercombe |
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| Mr Danby* | Mr Griffin | Mr B. P. O'Connor | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mr Edwards | Ms Hall* | Mr G. M. O'Connor | Ms Vamvakinou |
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| Ms A. L. Ellis | Mr Hayes | Ms Plibersek | Mr Windsor |

NOES, 80

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

3 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2006

Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the laws relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Pearce presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS 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 S. F. Smith 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 notes that this bill:

- (1) follows on from the Government’s extreme industrial relations changes which are a massive attack on living standards and living conditions, by removing rights, entitlements and conditions of Australian employees;
- (2) also removes rights, entitlements, conditions and protections afforded to Australians in the workplace, whether employees or independent contractors;
- (3) does this by allowing employees to be treated as “*independent contractors*”, thereby removing employee protections and entitlements and placing superannuation, tax, and workers’ compensation burdens on them;
- (4) does this by removing protections from independent contractors who are in a dependent contract position and as a consequence in an unequal bargaining position;
- (5) effects this by:
 - (a) continuing to use the common law definition of independent contractor as the basis of law without the guidance of statutory criteria;
 - (b) allowing employees to be treated as independent contractors in a sham way by ineffective anti-sham provisions;
 - (c) overriding State laws with employee deeming provisions;
 - (d) overriding State unfair contracts provisions which provide protection to employees, contractors and small business;
 - (e) overriding any future State and Territory owner-driver transport laws and putting existing State owner-driver transport laws at risk;
 - (f) failing to provide any genuine protections for outworkers through ineffective outworker provisions, significantly weakening outworker entitlements;
- (6) introduces even more complexity and confusion into Australia’s workplace laws; and
- (7) treats the Senate Employment and Workplace Relations Committee reporting on these matters with contempt by dealing with the legislation prior to consideration of its report”.

Debate continued.

Absence of quorum

Ms King called the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy Speaker at 12.09 p.m., in accordance with standing order 55, announced that the Chair would be resumed at 12.19 p.m.

At 12.19 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members was present.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Brough—Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Message No. 357, 17 August 2006, from the Senate was reported informing the House that the Senate had agreed to the bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate, with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

Mr Brough (Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Mr Snowdon, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) and (2) to the Senate amendments, together. Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments moved by Mr Snowdon be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 56

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| Mr Adams | Ms K. M. Ellis | Mr Hayes | Ms Plibersek |
| Mr Albanese | Mr Emerson | Ms Hoare | Mr Price |
| Mr Andren | Mr L. D. T. Ferguson | Mrs Irwin | Mr Quick |
| 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 Rudd |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Georganas | Dr Lawrence | Mr Sawford |
| Mr A. S. Burke | Ms George | Ms Livermore | Mr Sercombe |
| Ms Corcoran | Mr Gibbons | Ms Macklin | Mr Snowdon |
| Mr Crean | Ms Gillard | Mr McMullan | Mr Swan |
| Mr Danby* | Ms Grierson | Mr Melham | Mr Tanner |
| Mr Edwards | Mr Griffin | Mr Murphy | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mrs Elliot | Ms Hall* | Mr G. M. O'Connor | Ms Vamvakinou |
| Ms A. L. Ellis | Mr Hatton | Ms Owens | Mr Wilkie |

NOES, 79

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| Mr Abbott | Mr Farmer | Mr Laming | Mr Schultz |
| Mr Anderson | Mr Fawcett | Ms Ley | Mr Scott |
| Mr Andrews | Mr M. D. Ferguson | Mr Lindsay | Mr Secker |
| Fran Bailey | Mr Forrest | Mr Lloyd | Mr Slipper |
| Mr Baird | Ms Gambaro | Mr McArthur* | Mr A. D. H. Smith |
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| Mrs Elson | Mrs D. M. Kelly | Mr Robb | Mr Wood |
| Mr Entsch | Jackie Kelly | Mr Ruddock | |

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and passed.

6 VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY AND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN—STATEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by indulgence, made a statement on Vietnam Veterans' Day and the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

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

7 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Ms Roxon, by leave, presented the following document:

Appointment of three new Federal Magistrates—Copy of media release, Attorney-General's Department, 28 July 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

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

Request for an independent inquiry into claims of misconduct at Mackay Base Hospital—Copy of letter from Mr Abbott to Hon Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Health, Queensland, 17 August 2006.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.52 p.m. the Member for Oxley (Mr Ripoll) 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.

8 DOCUMENTS

Mr Truss (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) added to an answer given during question time and presented the following photographs:

Sydney airport areas (5).

9 VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY AND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN—STATEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENTS—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

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

- (1) the House take note of the statements of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition on the subject of Vietnam Veterans' Day and the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan;
- (2) the debate be adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting; and
- (3) the resumption of the debate on the motion be referred to the Main Committee.

Question—put and passed.

10 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2003-2004—Government response.

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2006-07.

11 DOCUMENTS

Mr McGauran (Deputy Leader of the House) presented the following documents:

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

12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL INTEREST

The House was informed that Mr Albanese had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "the Government surrendering the national interest in favour of its own political interest".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Albanese addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

13 PRIVACY 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 Farmer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

14 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Adams (Deputy Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate and, having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 22 June 2006, recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report—1 July 2004 to 23 March 2005.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services—Report for 2004-05.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report No. 103—Same crime, same time—Sentencing of federal offenders, April 2006.

Family Law Council—Report—Relocation, May 2006.

Higher Education Funding Act—Report detailing determinations made under the Act in respect of 2004.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 37—Conservation of Australia's historic heritage places, 6 April 2006.

DICK ADAMS MP

Deputy Chair

17 August 2006

On the motion of Mr Adams, by leave, the report was agreed to.

15 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS 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 S. F. Smith (see item No. 4, page 1339)*—

Debate resumed.

Ms Grierson addressing the House—

16 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Debate extended

It being approximately 5 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 5.10 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. on Monday, 4 September 2006.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 17 August 2006:

Australian Research Council Act—Funding rules for funding commencing in—2007—Federation fellowships [F2006L02674].

Linkage learned academies special projects [F2006L02655].

Customs Act—Orders—

Tariff Concession—2006 11 (6) August [F2006L02697], [F2006L02698], [F2006L02700], [F2006L02701], [F2006L02703], [F2006L02704].

Tariff Concession Revocation—2006 12 (4) August [F2006L02707], [F2006L02709], [F2006L02710], [F2006L02712].

Higher Education Support Act—List of programmes and funding under division 41, 25 July 2006.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Determinations—2006—

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 4/00—Seatbelts) [F2006L02677].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 5/00—Anchorages for seatbelts and child restraints) [F2006L02680].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 8/00—Safety glazing material) [F2006L02686].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 10/00—Steering column) [F2006L02687].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 14/00—Rear vision mirrors) [F2006L02688].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 3/01—Seat anchorages) [F2006L02676].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 4/01—Seatbelts) [F2006L02678].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 4/02—Seatbelts) [F2006L02679].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 5/02—Anchorages for seatbelts) [F2006L02683].

Vehicle Standard (Australian design rule 5/03—Anchorages for seatbelts) [F2006L02685].

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Byrne, Mr Cobb, Mrs Draper, Mr Dutton, Mr Katter, Mr McClelland and Mrs D. S. Vale.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

2004-05-06

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 118

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 17 AUGUST 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 PRIVACY 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.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

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

4 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 9 August 2006*), viz.:

Australian Defence Force commitment to Afghanistan—Ministerial Statement—

Debate resumed.

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

5 ENERGY INITIATIVES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 14 August 2006*), viz.:

Energy Initiatives—Ministerial Statement—

Debate resumed.

Mr Fitzgibbon 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.

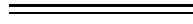
6 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.02 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday, 4 September 2006.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee