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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 144

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2006

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 ROYAL COMMISSIONS AMENDMENT (RECORDS) 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 Ms Roxon 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 seeking to avoid responsibility for the AWB scandal”.

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.

*Document*

Mr Turnbull (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

On the motion of Mr Turnbull, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (6) were made together, after debate.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Turnbull, the bill was read a third time.

**3 PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING FOR REPRODUCTION AND THE REGULATION OF HUMAN EMBRYO RESEARCH 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.

**4 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 13 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—Management of an IT outsourcing contract follow-up audit: Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

## 6 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Crime Commission—Report for 2005-06.

*Migration Act 1958*—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statements—Personal identifiers 082/06 to 104/06.

Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 082/06 to 104/06.

## 7 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—TIME FOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, for the sitting on Wednesday, 6 December 2006, so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent questions without notice being called on at 2.30 p.m.

Question—put and passed.

## 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY

The House was informed that Mr Rudd (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Federal Government's failure to take responsibility for building a strong economy while providing fairness for all, not just some, Australians".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## 9 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Electoral and Referendum Legislation Amendment 2006; and

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Marking of Plastic Explosives) 2006.

Question—put and passed.

## 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 428, 5 December 2006, from the Senate was reported returning the Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006 without amendment.

## 11 COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL 2006—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

On the motion of Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

## 12 PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING FOR REPRODUCTION AND THE REGULATION OF HUMAN EMBRYO RESEARCH 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.

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

## 13 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Turnbull (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.52 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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**DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 5 December 2006:

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Order—2006 Civil Aviation Amendment Order 40.0 (No. 1) [F2006L03912].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 39-105—1 (2) December 2006 [F2006L03942], [F2006L03943].

Extradition Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2006 No. 308 [F2006L03837].

Gene Technology Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2006 No. 314 [F2006L03558].

Health Insurance Act—Determination under subsection 3(1)—2006 HIB 33 [F2006L03920].

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2006 No. 310 [F2006L03883].

Medical Indemnity Act—Protocol under section 34ZN—2006 Medical Indemnity (Run-off Cover Claims and Administration) No. 2 [F2006L03938].

Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2006 No. 311 [F2006L03886].

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations—

1992—No. TD 150 (Addendum).

1993—No. TD 50 (Addendum).

2000—

No. TD 53 (Erratum).

No. TD 54 (Erratum).

2006—No. TD 74.

Rulings—2006—

Nos CR 116, CR 117, CR 118.

No. IT 2245 (Withdrawal).

No. TR 14.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Crean, Mr Ticehurst and Mr Wood.

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**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives