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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 146

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 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 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (SIMPLIFIED SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2006

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, superannuation, social security and veterans' entitlements, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified Superannuation) 2006;

Superannuation (Excess Concessional Contributions Tax) 2006;

Superannuation (Excess Non-concessional Contributions Tax) 2006;

Superannuation (Excess Untaxed Roll-Over Amounts Tax) 2006;

Superannuation (Departing Australia Superannuation Payments Tax) 2006; and

Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Amendment 2006.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello 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.

3 SUPERANNUATION (EXCESS CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX) BILL 2006

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose excess concessional contributions tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello 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 SUPERANNUATION (EXCESS NON-CONCESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX) BILL 2006

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose excess non-concessional contributions tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello 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.

5 SUPERANNUATION (EXCESS UNTAXED ROLL-OVER AMOUNTS TAX) BILL 2006

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose tax on excess untaxed roll-over amounts of superannuation benefits, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello 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.

6 SUPERANNUATION (DEPARTING AUSTRALIA SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS TAX) BILL 2006

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose tax on departing Australia superannuation payments, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello 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.

7 SUPERANNUATION (SELF MANAGED SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) SUPERVISORY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation (Self Managed Superannuation Funds) Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Costello 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.

8 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to regulate private health insurance, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Abbott presented an explanatory memorandum to the following bills:

Private Health Insurance 2006;

Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 2006;

Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) 2006;

Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Amendment 2006;

Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment 2006;

Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment 2006; and

Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment 2006.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

9 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for transitional matters, and make consequential amendments, relating to the enactment of the *Private Health Insurance Act 2006*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

10 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (PROSTHESES APPLICATION AND LISTING FEES) BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to impose, as a tax, fees in relation to applications for listing, and listing, of prostheses, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

11 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COLLAPSED ORGANIZATION LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

12 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPLAINTS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

13 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

14 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (REINSURANCE TRUST FUND LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Act 2003*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott 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.

15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS 31 AND 33

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 31 (automatic adjournment of the House) and standing order 33 (limit on business after 9.30 p.m.) be suspended for the remainder of this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

16 AUSCHECK BILL 2006

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide a regulatory framework for coordinating and conducting centralised criminal, security and other background checking, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

17 CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUGMENTING OFFSHORE POWERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to customs, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

19 NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation in relation to native title, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

20 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE TO WORK AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES) BILL 2006

Dr Stone (Minister for Workforce Participation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for other purposes.

Document

Dr Stone presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Stone moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

21 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Vocational and Technical Education), for Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Murray-Darling Basin Act 1993*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Hardgrave presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2006

Mr Hardgrave (Minister for Vocational and Technical Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Act 2005*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Hardgrave presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

23 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 7) 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 L. D. T. Ferguson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 4) BILL 2006

Message No. 431, 6 December 2006, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Dutton (Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

25 SECURITY UPGRADE AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHANCERY IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA—APPROVAL OF WORK

Ms Gambaro (Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, and by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient that the following proposed work be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Security upgrade and refurbishment of the Australian Chancery in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Question—put and passed.

26 PROPOSED EXTENSION AND ACCOMMODATION UPGRADE TO THE EXISTING CHANCERY OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN BEIJING, CHINA—APPROVAL OF WORK

Ms Gambaro (Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs), 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: Proposed extension and accommodation upgrade to the existing Chancery of the Australian Embassy in Beijing, China.

Question—put and passed.

27 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PROPOSED NATIONAL TOWERS PROGRAM STAGE 1 FOR AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA AT ADELAIDE, CANBERRA, MELBOURNE AND ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORTS

Ms Gambaro (Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs), 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: Proposed National Towers Program Stage 1 for Airservices Australia at Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne and Rockhampton Airports.

Question—put and passed.

28 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEFENCE FORCE SCHOOL OF SIGNALS REDEVELOPMENT, SIMPSON BARRACKS, WATSONIA, VICTORIA

Ms Gambaro (Parliamentary Secretary—Foreign Affairs), 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: Defence Force School of Signals redevelopment, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria.

Question—put and passed.

29 PROCEDURE COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mrs May (Chair) presented the following documents:

Procedure—Standing Committee—

Encouraging an interactive Chamber—Report, December 2006.

Motion to suspend standing orders and condemn a Member: Report on events of 10 October 2006—Report, December 2006.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the reports be made Parliamentary Papers.

Mrs May and Mr Melham, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

Mrs May, by leave, moved—That the House take note of each report.

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

30 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following documents:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 82—Treaty tabled on 28 November 2006, December 2006.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Dr Southcott and Mr Wilkie, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

31 AIRSPACE 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 third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services), the bill was read a third time.

32 AIRSPACE (CONSEQUENTIALS 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 Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services), the bill was read a third time.

33 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (INCORPORATION OF PROPOSALS) 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 third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Pearce (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

34 SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AND OTHER 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 235, 30 November 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 Andrews (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), the bill was read a third time.

35 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2006 MEASURES NO. 6) 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 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.

36 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Message No. 433, 7 December 2006, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McGauran (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Document

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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.

37 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 2.19 p.m. the Member for Bruce (Mr Griffin) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.43 p.m. the Member for Cowan (Mr Edwards) 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.

38 DOCUMENT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Second reading amendment—Copy of letter from the Speaker to Mr Bevis, 6 December 2006.

39 DOCUMENT

Mr Swan, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following document:

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Adjustment of Certain FTB Child Rates) Bill 2004—Bills Digest No. 65, 2004-05, prepared by the Parliamentary Library, 1 December 2004.

40 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 14 of 2006–2007—Performance audit—Regulation of pesticides and veterinary medicines: Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

41 DOCUMENTS

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

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

42 DOCUMENT

The Speaker presented the following document:

Committee reports—Schedule of outstanding Government responses to reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, incorporating reports tabled and details of Government responses made in the period between 22 June 2006, the date of the last schedule, and 6 December 2006.

43 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Committee reports—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled by the Speaker on 22 June 2006.

Dairy Australia Limited—Report for 2005-06.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period January to June 2006.

Department of Finance and Administration—Reports—

Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period January to June 2006.

Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports for the period January to June 2006.

Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period January to June 2006.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the department for the period January to June 2006.

High Court of Australia—Report for 2005-06.

Native Title Act—Native title representative bodies—Reports for 2005-06—

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc. Native Title Unit.

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Tourism Australia—Report for 2005-06.

44 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

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

Committee reports—Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to the schedule tabled by the Speaker on 22 June 2006.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period January to June 2006.

Department of Finance and Administration—Reports—

Former parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period January to June 2006.

Parliamentarians' overseas study travel reports for the period January to June 2006.

Parliamentarians' travel paid by the department for the period January to June 2006.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Expenditure on travel by former Governors-General paid by the department for the period January to June 2006.

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

45 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIA’S PROSPERITY**

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 need for the Federal Government to take responsibility for protecting Australia’s prosperity and end the blame game”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Rudd addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

46 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS**

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bills:

6 December 2006—Message—

No. 236—

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Trans-Tasman Banking Supervision) 2006.

Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) 2006.

No. 237—

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment 2006.

Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 1) 2006.

Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (2006 Measures No. 2) 2006.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment 2006.

Child Support Legislation Amendment (Reform of the Child Support Scheme—New Formula and Other Measures) 2006.

7 December 2006—Message—

No. 238—

Inspector of Transport Security 2006.

Inspector of Transport Security (Consequential Provisions) 2006.

No. 239—

Judiciary Legislation Amendment 2006.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment 2006.

47 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate were reported:

(a) informing the House that:

Senator Kirk had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, and Senator Polley had been appointed a member of the committee; and

Senator Hogg had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, and Senator Sterle had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 432—6 December 2006; and

(b) returning the following bill without amendment:

Royal Commissions Amendment (Records) 2006—Message No. 434—7 December 2006.

48 **MEMBERS’ INTERESTS COMMITTEE—DOCUMENT**

Mr Ciobo (Chair) presented the following document:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 41st Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 23 June 2006 and 6 December 2006.

49 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mrs Draper (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.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 2 November 2006, recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2005-06.

Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2005-06.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 2005-06.

Australian Crime Commission—Report for 2005-06.

Australian Electoral Commission—Redistribution into electoral divisions—New South Wales—2006.

Queensland—2006.

Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2005-06.

Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 2005-06.

Commission of inquiry into certain Australian companies in relation to the UN Oil-for-Food Programme—Report of Commissioner, the Hon TRH Cole, AO, RFD, QC—

Volume 1—Summary, recommendations and background.

Volume 2—Negotiations and sales (July 1999 to December 2000).

Volume 3—Sales, allegations and inquiries (January 2001 to December 2005).

Volume 4—Findings.

Volume 5—Appendices.

Department of Education, Science and Training —Australian vocational and technical education system—Report for 2005.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2005-06—Corrections.

Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report—Australia—State of the environment, 2006.

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency—Report for 2005-06.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2005-06.

Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2005-06.

Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 2005-06.

National Capital Authority—Report for 2005-06.

Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act—Report on financial assistance granted to each State in respect of 2005.

Screenrights—Report for 2005-06.

Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2005-06.

TRISH DRAPER

Chair

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

50 FAMILY AND HUMAN SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mrs B. K. Bishop (Chair) presented the following documents:

Family and Human Services—Standing Committee—Balancing work and family—Report, incorporating dissenting reports, December 2006.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mrs B. K. Bishop, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

51 MATTERS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

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

Procedure—Standing Committee—

Encouraging an interactive Chamber—Report, December 2006—Motion to take note of the document: Resumption of debate.

Motion to suspend standing orders and condemn a Member: Report on events of 10 October 2006—Report, December 2006—Motion to take note of the document: Resumption of debate.

Family and Human Services—Standing Committee—Balancing work and family—Report, incorporating dissenting reports, December 2006—Motion to take note of the document: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

52 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 6 February 2007, at 2 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

53 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS

Mr Farmer (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Science and Training) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

54 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr Baird presented the following documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Review of Australia-New Zealand trade and investment relations—

Report, December 2006.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr Baird and Mr Snowden, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Baird moved—That the House take note of the report.

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

55 WHEAT MARKETING 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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Crean, by leave, moved Opposition amendments (1) and (2) together.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 43

Mr Adams	Mr Emerson	Mr Hatton	Mr Price*
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Hayes	Mr Quick
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mrs Irwin	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Rudd
Mr Bowen	Mr Georganas	Ms Livermore	Mr Sawford
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Mr McMullan	Mr Snowden
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Mr Wilkie
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Ms A. L. Ellis	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	

NOES, 65

Mr Abbott	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Andrews	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Truss
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mrs Moylan	Mr Turnbull
Ms J. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Dr Washer
Mr Dutton	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	
Mrs Elson	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mr Entsch	Mr Laming	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr Windsor moved an amendment.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided and only Mr Andren and Mr Windsor voting “Aye”, the Speaker (Mr Hawker) declared the question resolved in the negative.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

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

56 ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2006—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The 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 Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

57 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs D. M. Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 6 February 2007, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 7 December 2006:

Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act—Instrument of approval of forms—29 November 2006 [F2006L03941].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directive—Part 39-105—5 December 2006 [F2006L03982].

Customs Act—Orders—Tariff Concession Revocation—2006—22 November [F2006L03894].

27 (2) November [F2006L03896], [F2006L03899].

Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instruments—2006—

Organisations that may sponsor short stay business visitors No. IMMI 06/083 [F2006L03933].

Residential postcodes, skilled occupations, relevant assessing authorities and points No. IMMI 06/063 [F2006L03923].

National Transport Commission Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2006 No. 315 [F2006L03888].

Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Act—Instrument under subsection 3(1) declaring 24 November 2006 as the designated day for Telstra [F2006L03997].

ATTENDANCE

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

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2006

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES 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:

- (1) calls on the Government to introduce energy efficiency to all sectors of the community, including transport, and housing, as well as business;
- (2) condemns the Government for failing to support the alternative fuel and renewable energy industries; and
- (3) condemns the Government for not adopting the bipartisan recommendations put forward by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage in its 2005 report on Sustainable Cities”.

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 the question on the report to be put immediately.

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

4 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—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 Barresi—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 4 December 2006*), viz.—

Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation—Standing Committee—Employment in the automotive component manufacturing sector—Report, December 2006—

Debate resumed.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.30 am on Wednesday, 7 February 2007.

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B. C. WRIGHT

Clerk of the Main Committee