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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2007



1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable David Hawker) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **CLASSIFICATION (PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES) AMENDMENT (ADVERTISING AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2007**

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 Plibersek), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

Mr Robb (Minister for Vocational and Further Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the provision of education services to overseas students, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Robb presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

4 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 21 March 2007, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 473—Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment 2006.

No. 474—Airspace 2006.

No. 475—Airspace (Consequential and Other Measures) 2006.

5 **FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

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. 262, 28 February 2007, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

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

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

6 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (PROVIDER NUMBER REVIEW) BILL 2007

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 Pyne (Minister for Ageing), the bill was read a third time.

7 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2007

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.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Document

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following document:

Future fund—Labor's demand that the future fund be a "Locked box" R.I.P.—Press release from Mr Costello, 21 March 2007.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 2.40 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 continuing—

Documents

Mr Abbott (Minister for Health and Ageing) presented the following documents:

Rudd set to make decisions—Extract from *The Courier-Mail*, 10 December 1994.

Commonwealth funding for oncology facilities at Lismore and Dubbo—Correspondence from—

Mr Sartor, NSW Minister assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), to Mr Abbott, Minister for Health and Ageing, 28 June 2004.

Mr Abbott, Minister for Health and Ageing, to Mr Hatzistergos, NSW Minister for Health, 19 December 2006.

Mr Hatzistergos, NSW Minister for Health, to Mr Abbott, Minister for Health and Ageing, 9 February 2007.

Questions without notice continuing—

Document

Mr Albanese, by leave, presented the following document:

Metropolitan Broadband Connect program—Letter from Mr Howard, Prime Minister, to Mr Albanese, 22 March 2007.

Questions without notice continued.

9 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—80th Report—Treaties tabled on 28 March (4) and 5 September (2) 2006—Government response.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HIGHSPEED BROADBAND

The House was informed that Mr Emerson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The importance for productivity growth and future prosperity of small businesses around Australia gaining access to high-speed broadband”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Emerson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under sessional order No. 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

11 NON-PROLIFERATION 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 Dr Stone (Minister for Workforce Participation), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

12 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate were reported:

(a) informing the House that Senator Brandis had resigned from the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library—Message No. 476, 21 March 2007; and

(b) returning the following bills without amendment or requests:

22 March 2007—

No. 478—Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) 2007.

No. 479—Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment 2007 (*without requests*).

No. 480—Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Additional Screening Measures) 2007.

No. 481—Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greater Sunrise) 2007.

No. 482—Customs Tariff Amendment (Greater Sunrise) 2007.

No. 483—Tourism Australia Amendment 2007.

No. 484—Australian Energy Market Amendment (Gas Legislation) 2006.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTER-TERRORISM FINANCING AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Message No. 477, 22 March 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

14 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2007

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 Mr Hatton—

15 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Document

Mr Causley, by leave, presented the following document:

River Murray salinity levels 1980 to 2003—Salinity Update 2003, Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Graph.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 12.30 p.m. next Monday.

DOCUMENT

The following document was deemed to have been presented on 22 March 2007:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2007 No. 1.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baldwin, Mr Bevis, Mrs Gash, Ms Hall, Mr Lindsay and Mr Ripoll.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

3 **NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2006**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

Document

Mr Hunt (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

Debate ensued.

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 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Document

Jackie Kelly, by leave, presented the following document:

Connected classrooms: Digital learning revolution for NSW schools—News Release—Premier of New South Wales, 16 March 2007.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

At 12.58 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 4 p.m. on Monday 26 March 2007.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee