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No. 70

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1999

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Orders of the day

*1 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1998:**
 Consideration of Senate's message No. 206 (*from 28 September 1999*).

2 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MORE JOBS, BETTER PAY) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 September 1999—Ms Hoare, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Bevis, 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 introducing a bill which:
 - (a) further entrenches unfairness and bias in the existing industrial relations system;
 - (b) ensures that the role of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission is further restricted and the independence of the Commission is compromised;
 - (c) reduces the minimum conditions available to all Australian workers by further undermining the award system as the dynamic framework for the protection and advancement of wages and conditions, through further award stripping;
 - (d) denies Australia's lowest paid workers any further wage increase unless their award is stripped of basic entitlements such as long service leave, superannuation and paid jury service leave;
 - (e) further removes workplace and enterprise bargaining from the protection of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, placing it solely in the hands of the Office of the Employment Advocate,

* *Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time*

† *Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.*

- which is run by one of the Minister's former senior personal political staffers;
- (f) further weakens opportunities for employees to organise and bargain collectively;
 - (g) aggravates problems of inequality for women and the most vulnerable in the labour market;
 - (h) further restricts workers who are denied proper industrial protection in their state from accessing federal protection;
 - (i) prevents the Australian Industrial Relations Commission from conducting much of its traditional conciliation role;
 - (j) further dismantles the framework for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes;
 - (k) amends the termination of employment provisions to limit an employee's right to pursue an application and extends the cost provisions;
 - (l) emphasises the punishment and prevention of industrial action rather than its resolution;
 - (m) unduly hinders the entry and inspection of premises by relevant organisations;
 - (n) demonstrates a lack of balance in freedom of association provisions;
 - (o) fails to ensure that Australia's labour standards meet our international obligations;
 - (p) continues to breach international standards as identified by the ILO panel of experts' findings concerning the right to strike and to bargain collectively;
 - (q) has a short title which is deliberately misleading and fails to represent the actual intention and impact of the bill; and
 - (r) exposes workers to loss of award or agreement entitlements when ownership of a business is transferred;
- (2) also condemns the Government for its eagerness in tabling a bill that will specifically strip workers of their basic rights while failing to protect workers' legally accrued entitlements in cases of corporate insolvency; and;
 - (3) recommends that a new bill be introduced which:
 - (a) delivers fair and equitable outcomes for Australian workers;
 - (b) preserves basic conditions for all Australian workers;
 - (c) provides for an independent commission with the appropriate power to conciliate fairly and settle disputes; and
 - (d) provides jobs and income security".

3 INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1999 (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr C. P. Thompson, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Kemp—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr M. J. Evans, 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) notes that indigenous Australians are the most educationally disadvantaged group in the country;
 - (2) condemns the Government for:
 - (a) failing to release the findings of the 1997-98 review of ABSTUDY; and
 - (b) cutting ABSTUDY payments to some categories of indigenous students; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to legislate to re-direct savings from its ABSTUDY changes into indigenous education”.
- 4 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (1999 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
 - 5 **A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr Bevis*).
 - 6 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
 - 7 **FURTHER 1998 BUDGET MEASURES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SOCIAL SECURITY) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate’s message No. 195 (*from 22 September 1999*).
 - 8 **COMPENSATION FOR NON-ECONOMIC LOSS (SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS’ ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT) BILL 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 25 March 1999—Ms Macklin*).
 - 9 **HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
 - 10 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
 - 11 **FEDERAL MAGISTRATES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
 - 12 **DIESEL AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS GRANTS SCHEME (ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr Melham*).
 - 13 **HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999—Mr Ronaldson*).

- 14 **BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999—Mr Smith*).
- 15 **REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 192 (*from 20 September 1999*).
- 16 **TRADEX SCHEME BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 17 **TRADEX DUTY IMPOSITION BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (TRADEX) BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 24 June 1999—Ms Macklin*).
- 19 **FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr K. J. Thomson*).
- 20 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 21 **BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 22 **NATIONAL RESIDUE SURVEY LEVIES REGULATIONS (VALIDATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF AMENDMENTS) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 23 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 24 **CHOICE OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS (CONSUMER PROTECTION) BILL 1999** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 25 **INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr Melham*).
- 26 **COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (DIGITAL AGENDA) BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 September 1999—Mr M. J. Evans*).
- 27 **AUSTRALIAN WOOL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORGANISATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Ms Macklin*).
- 28 **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 10 June 1999*).
- 29 **AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 205 (*from 23 September 1999*).

- 30 **WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 23 September 1999*).
- 31 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 32 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 33 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 34 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).
- 35 **EAST TIMOR—UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL—RESOLUTION, 15 SEPTEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 28 September 1999—Mr Sciacca*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 36 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—2ND QUARTERLY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 1998-99—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **REPORT ON VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA AND MEETING OF CAIRNS GROUP AND APEC AND AUSTRALIA'S APEC INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN 1999—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**: Resumption of debate (*from 23 September 1999*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the papers.
- 39 **AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—CORPORATE PLAN—JULY 1998-JUNE 2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—1999 GRANTS BOOK—CORRIGENDA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE USE OF THE TERM 'DRUG FREE'—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 25 August 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 44 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **BUDGET PAPER NO. 1 1999-2000—CORRIGENDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **BUDGET PAPER NO. 2 1999-2000—CORRIGENDUM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 47 **SECOND SYDNEY AIRPORT PROPOSAL—SUPPLEMENT TO DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION—REPORT ON JUNIOR RATES OF PAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr Bevis*) on the motion of Ms Worth—That the House take note of the papers.
- 49 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF FAMILY SERVICES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—44TH AND 45TH QUARTERLY REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 52 **BANKING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF 1993-94 ANNUAL REPORTS OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA AND INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF 1995-96 ANNUAL REPORTS OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION AND INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 54 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, MARCH 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June*

1999—*Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.

- 55 **AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT 1987—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 22 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr Brereton*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 June 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, MARCH 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 59 **SYDNEY HAILSTORM OF 14 APRIL 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 May 1999—Mr Fitzgibbon*) on the motion of Jackie Kelly—That the House take note of the papers.
- 60 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, FEBRUARY 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 May 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 61 **PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JANUARY TO JUNE 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 62 **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1998—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **ELSEY LAND CLAIM NO. 132—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **VISIT TO SANDAKAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 March 1999—Mr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Scott—That the House take note of the paper.

- 67 **DIGITAL BROADCASTING INDUSTRY—ACTION AGENDA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **SAFETY OF FIRE DOORS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 March 1999—Mr Tanner*) on the motion of Mr Hockey—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO BURNS PHILP AND COMPANY LIMITED—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 70 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION INTO SPEDLEY SECURITIES LIMITED—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANS—PROGRESS REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, DECEMBER 1998 AND JANUARY 1999—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 73 **AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 76 **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996-97—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 March 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 77 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—REGULATION OF AQUATIC AIR PTY LTD—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 78 **BUREAU OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION—CESSNA 185E FLOATPLANE, VH-HTS, CALABASH BAY, NSW—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF**

- PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 79 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 18 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 80 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 17 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 81 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, NOVEMBER 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 82 **MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 1998-99—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 83 **DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—ATO'S INTERACTION WITH IN 1995-96, 1996-97 AND 1997-98—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 84 **GUIDE ON KEY ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 February 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 85 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 86 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 87 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 88 **POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS REGISTRATION BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 89 **COMPANIES AND SECURITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 90 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 91 **AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 92 **AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 93 **WITNESS PROTECTION ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 94 **CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 95 **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—CONVENTIONS CONCERNING HOME WORK—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 96 **OPERATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 97 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 98 **DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 99 **AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 December 1998—Mr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Downer—That the House take note of the paper.
- 100 **COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 December 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 101 **MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 102 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 103 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—CORRIGENDA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 104 **NATIONAL RAIL CORPORATION LTD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 105 **NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 106 **CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 107 **OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 108 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 109 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 110 **ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 111 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 112 **MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 113 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 24 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 114 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 115 **LAND AND WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 116 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JULY 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 117 **FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 1997-98—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 118 **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 119 **WOOL INTERNATIONAL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 120 **DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 121 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 122 **COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 123 **PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 124 **COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 125 **MILITARY SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFITS BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 126 **DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 127 **COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 128 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TOURISM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 129 **OFFICE OF ASSET SALES AND IT OUTSOURCING—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 130 **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 131 **CENTRELINK—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 132 **OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 133 **ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 134 **MARITIME INDUSTRY FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 135 **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAM ON TAXATION REFORM—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 136 **JOINT COAL BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 137 **ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JUNE 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 138 **PROVISION FOR RUNNING COSTS BORROWINGS, JUNE 1998—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 139 **NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 November 1998—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

140 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Williams):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (1999)—*moved 2 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr M. J. Evans).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (1999)—*moved 22 September 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr Horne).

141 TARIFF PROPOSAL (Mr Entsch):

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (1999)—*moved 25 August 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr McClelland).

142 TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Slipper):

Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 6 to 10 (1998)—*moved 24 November 1998*—Resumption of debate (Mr K. J. Thomson).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 30 March 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr Martin).

Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr McMullan).

Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (1999)—*moved 11 May 1999*—Resumption of debate (Mr McMullan).

143 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL 1998: Second reading (from 10 November 1998).**Contingent notices of motion**

Contingent on any bill being brought in and read a first time: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the second reading being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Main Committee: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

**BUSINESS ACCORDED PRIORITY FOR MONDAY,
11 OCTOBER 1999, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**Notices**

- 1 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to ensure that leave for participation in service and training as a member of the Australian Defence Force Reserves be one of the matters which can be

taken to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission for conciliation or arbitration. (*Notice given 23 September 1999. Time allowed—5 minutes.*)

†2 **DR NELSON:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes Tuesday 12th October is the day of Six Billion People;
- (2) notes uncontrollable population expansion will lead to increasing pressure on the world leading to serious environmental and social problems;
- (3) while respecting cultural sensibilities, calls for a realistic approach to family planning, including access to information on family planning; and
- (3) stresses the issues of population and development are interconnected. (*Notice given 20 September 1999. Time allowed—40 minutes.*)

†3 **MR HORNE:** To move—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges the oyster industry as a responsible industry that is a large employer of people both directly and indirectly in regional Australia;
- (2) recognises that regional jobs are rapidly diminishing and the loss of a viable oyster industry would result in the loss of thousands of jobs in coastal Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria; and
- (3) calls on the Government as a matter of urgency to exclude oyster farmers from having to value their oyster crop as an asset and therefore be considered as income for taxation purposes starting in the year 2000-2001. (*Notice given 21 September 1999. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)

†4 **MR NEVILLE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the role of community pharmacy in the Australian health system;
- (2) notes the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector regarding the discouragement of pharmacies in chain stores;
- (3) draws attention to the independent professional status of Australian pharmacists in their delivery of dispensing and health advisory services; and
- (4) believes that pharmacy ownership should continue to reside with duly trained and qualified pharmacists. (*Notice given 27 September 1999. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)

†5 **MR HOLLIS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) calls on the Government to reverse the decision on the transmitters at Cox Peninsula near Darwin; and
- (2) urges the Government to recommence broadcasting from Cox Peninsula as a matter of urgency. (*Notice given 22 September 1999. Time allowed—remaining private Members' business time.*)



COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS**Orders of the day**

- 1 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF REGULATION 4.31B—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999—Mrs Gallus, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 11 October 1999.*)
- 2 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FIVE TREATIES TABLED ON 16 FEBRUARY 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 3 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUDIT REPORT NO. 34, 1997-98: NEW SUBMARINE PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 June 1999—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 4 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON MILITARY JUSTICE PROCEDURES IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999—Dr Theophanous, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Theophanous—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 5 **ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999—Mr Causley, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Causley—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 6 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON FIVE TREATIES TABLED ON 11 MAY 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 7 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Charles, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

- 8 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 9 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING CONVENTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999*)
- 10 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SEMINAR ON ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN TREATY MAKING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999*)
- 11 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 1997-98—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr Snowdon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Snowdon—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 12 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999—Mr Lloyd, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lloyd—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 13 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON IMMIGRATION ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES:** (*from 27 September 1999—Mrs Gallus, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Gallus—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 14 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON A VISIT TO THE NORTHERN DEFENCE BASES:** (*from 27 September 1999—Mr Hawker, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Hawker—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 15 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS:** (*from*

27 September 1999—Mr Jull, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Jull—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

- 16 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 25—TREATIES TABLED ON 11 AUGUST 1999:** (*from 27 September 1999—Mr A. P. Thomson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That the House take note of the report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—continued

Notice given for Wednesday, 29 September 1999

- *1 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) welcomes the UN-OAU progress in the organisation of a free and fair referendum in Western Sahara, to enable its people to exercise their right to self-determination;
 - (2) calls upon Morocco to fully cooperate with the UN-OAU and abide by the agreements and UN resolutions setting the referendum date for 31 July 2000
 - (3) urges the Government to extend all its assistance to the UN mission for Western Sahara (MINURSO); and
 - (3) establish official contacts with the Sahrawi Independence movement the Polisario. (*Notice given 28 September 1999.*)

Notices—continued

- 1 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes that a series of entitlement anomalies arising from the Vietnam War remain unresolved despite the Coalition's 1996 election undertakings;
 - (2) expresses disappointment that these anomalies were not properly addressed during the Government's secretive and unsatisfactory 1997 and 1998 overseas service reviews;
 - (3) welcomes the announcement on 30 March 1999 that an independent panel will review the outcome of the Vietnam End of War List in relation to the six veterans whose awards were downgraded to a Commendation;
 - (4) welcomes the announcement on 5 May 1999 that medals and repatriation entitlements for defence service in South East Asia from 1955 to 1975 will be the subject of an independent review;
 - (5) requires that this review properly consider all outstanding issues regarding Australian service in Vietnam, including (a) merchant navy service on MV/HMAS Boonaroo and Jeparit, (b) Qantas military charter flights, (c) the provision of medical care by civilian nurses and other health workers and (d) civilians involved in the hazardous transport of vehicle parts to

Cambodia, via Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), as part of American aid projects; and

- (6) seeks an assurance that the review panel will have full access to relevant official records and will provide adequate opportunity for public input by interested organisations. (*Notice given 31 May 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 11 October 1999.*)

- 2 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the following amendment to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

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- (1) A Member may give notice of a question in terms proposed by a person who lives in the Member's electorate.
- (2) Notice of a question given under this standing order may show the name of the person who has proposed the question.
- (3) A Member may not give more than 25 notices of questions under this sessional order in a calendar year.
- (4) Nothing in this standing order may be taken to mean that a Member must give notice of a question proposed to the Member by a person who lives in the Member's electorate. (*Notice given 1 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on 11 October 1999.*)

- 3 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House notes:

- (1) that the national taxation debate is no longer about 'tax reform' but merely about 'tax change'—and not change for the better;
- (2) the Coalition-Democrat tax deal will, in the official estimate of the Treasurer, cost at the very least \$20 billion over the first three years of the next century—in terms of the erosion of the Commonwealth budget surplus caused by the ANTS package, as modified by the Australian Democrats;
- (3) the GST fiasco on food alone will create enormous compliance burdens for 370 000 small businesses, in the estimate of the Tax Commissioner, and will, in the words of the Premier of Victoria, be 'just diabolical' for businesses such as milkbars and small family-run supermarkets; and
- (4) as a result of the GST food fiasco, the States will be required to keep indefinitely a range of state taxes and duties amounting to \$2.5 billion which the Government promised prior to the last election would be abolished. (*Notice given 3 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)

- 4 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To move—That this House, noting the disproportionate compliance cost impact the Coalition-Democrat GST deal will have on small retailers:

- (1) considers amending the terms of reference of the Joint Select Committee on the Retailing Sector to allow the committee to take into account the way in which the GST deal puts smaller retailers at a further disadvantage vis-à-vis larger retailers; and
- (2) resolves that:

- (a) part (a) of the committee's terms of reference should read "the degree of industry concentration within the retailing sector in Australia, with particular reference to the impact of that industry concentration on the ability of small independent retailers to compete fairly in the retail sector both at present and in a post-GST environment";
- (b) submissions be invited from parties interested in commenting on the issues raised by the expanded terms of reference; and
- (c) the committee's reporting date be extended to 31 October 1999. *(Notice given 8 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.)*

5 MR M. J. FERGUSON: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the success of post war immigration policy but in doing so recognises the importance of maintaining integrity in the immigration system due to the massive contribution new settlers have made to Australia in the past and will continue to make in the future;
- (2) applauds the endeavours of successive governments to maintain the integrity of the immigration system by stopping illegal migrants and seeking to prevent employers employing illegal workers by requiring an employer to request proof of work rights from prospective employees;
- (3) views with the utmost concern the activities of people smugglers, who take money from people trying to enter Australia illegally, knowing that the people will be detained and sent back with nothing to show for their money;
- (4) supports the need to return people who have no legal rights to be in Australia whilst continuing to honour the nation's international protection of refugee obligations;
- (5) welcomes the bipartisan manner in which the Parliament facilitated the temporary safe haven given in Australia to Kosovars; and
- (6) rejects any suggestion that there will be an amnesty for illegals coming to Australia and reaffirms the commitment of the Australian Parliament to prosecute to the fullest those in any way engaged in people smuggling. *(Notice given 9 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.)*

6 MR MOSSFIELD: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System to the economic and social development of Western Sydney;
- (2) acknowledges the importance of road transport access that diminishes interference with road users in local communities;
- (3) recognises that in heavily developed regions such as Western Sydney, the speedy access by road transport to local business developments is vital in assisting productivity and business growth;
- (4) notes the policy commitment of successive governments to build the Western Sydney Orbital Road System;

- (5) acknowledges that only minimum funding has ever been set aside for the building of the Western Sydney Orbital Road System and that conditions of construction have included the building of a second airport at Badgerys Creek; and
- (6) calls on the federal Government to listen to and act upon the many calls from affected residents, business groups, business development committees, local government spokespersons and other interested parties in Western Sydney and urgently provide sufficient funding to enable the NSW Government to combine in partnership with the Commonwealth to commence immediate construction of the whole Western Sydney Orbital Road System. (*Notice given 10 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

7 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That this House, noting with concern that:

- (1) the Oakdale colliery in New South Wales has been shut down reportedly because of the company's insolvency, with the result that 125 employees have lost their jobs;
- (2) these employees have lost not only their jobs but also many of the termination and other payments to which they were entitled;
- (3) the Oakdale incident is only one of a number of similar developments over the past three years which have affected more than 3000 employees with termination entitlements totalling more than \$35 million; and
- (4) the review of possible ways to deal with the effect of company insolvency on employee entitlements initiated by the Government more than one year ago is still not completed—

calls on the Government to arrange that the House proceed with the utmost urgency with passage of the Employee Protection (Wage Guarantee) Bill 1999, which is the only effective mechanism on offer at this time to resolve a severe and immediate threat to the livelihood and security of many working Australians and their families. (*Notice given 21 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

8 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes with concern that the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Badgerys Creek Airport proposal does not contain an examination of the extent to which a very fast train link between Sydney and Canberra—and eventually from Canberra to Melbourne—would reduce domestic air traffic at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith Airport and therefore negate the need to make an immediate decision on building a second international airport in the Sydney basin;
- (2) recognises that building a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek will attract an estimated 77 000 extra daily vehicle movements on western Sydney's already congested roads and the disastrous economic, social and environmental problems that such a traffic explosion would cause;
- (3) notes with concern that the EIS auditor, the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC), has revealed that a cost-benefit analysis of the

Badgerys Creek Airport proposal does not support the construction of an airport at this site;

- (4) acknowledges that building a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek will endanger the Greater Blue Mountains area being declared a World Heritage site; and
- (5) recognises that 10 of the 11 councils that will be affected by the proposed Badgerys Creek airport and both the NSW State Government and Opposition are against the airport's development. (*Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

9 MR PRICE: To move—That the House:

- (1) notes with concern the Government's apparent lack of concern regarding the economic, social and environmental impacts of the proposed development of a 24-hour airport at Badgerys Creek;
- (2) recognises that the residents of Mount Druitt, Rooty Hill, Whalan, Tregear, Emerton, Dharruk, Hebersham, Oxley Park, St Clair, St Marys, Plumpton, Doonside, Minchinbury, Shalvey, Willmot, Bidwell, Blackett, Hassall Grove, Glendenning, Marsden Park, Lethbridge Park, Colyton, Erskine Park, Eastern Creek and Blacktown will be adversely affected by the construction of the airport;
- (3) notes that the State Government, State Opposition and 10 Western Sydney Councils are opposed to the construction of an airport on this site;
- (4) acknowledges that alternative sites for an airport have not been fully investigated;
- (5) acknowledges that alternative options for a more efficient use of existing Sydney airports have not been fully investigated;
- (6) acknowledges that the draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is fundamentally flawed in regards to its terms of reference and its outcomes;
- (7) recognises that the full EIS has not been an open and transparent process; and
- (8) regrets the failure of the Government to release the final EIS. (*Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

10 MRS IRWIN: To move—That the House:

- (1) notes that during the 1996 election campaign, the Government promised the people of Western Sydney an open, transparent and accountable process in determining the future for the Badgerys Creek airport site;
- (2) notes with concern that the release of the final Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the Badgerys Creek airport has been continually delayed by the Government, despite its stated intentions to release it, in clear breach of their election promises;
- (3) acknowledges that the residents of Ashcroft, Bonnyrigg, Busby, Cabramatta, Cabramatta West, Canley Heights, Canley Vale, Cartwright, Edensor Park, Green Valley, Heckenberg, Hinchinbrook, Lansvale, Liverpool, Miller, Mt Pritchard, Sadleir, St Johns Park, Warwick Farm and Wakely have the right

to be fully informed of the impact of the construction of a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek;

- (4) recognises that 10 Western Sydney councils, the State Government and the State Opposition are opposed to the construction of the Badgerys Creek airport;
- (5) acknowledges the growing concern by the people of Western Sydney about the potential impact of the airport and their falling confidence levels in the EIS process and the manner in which the Government is handling the development of Sydney's second airport; and
- (6) recognises that the Government has failed to examine in detail alternative proposals to Badgerys Creek for the second airport's location and alternative proposals for more efficient use of existing airport infrastructure in Sydney. *(Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.)*

11 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To move—That the House:

- (1) recognises that building a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek will unfairly shift many of the environmental and social problems currently facing the residents living in the vicinity of Sydney's Kingsford-Smith Airport on to the residents of western Sydney;
- (2) notes that by the time an international airport built at Badgerys Creek is fully operative, the population in Sydney's greater west that will surround the development and be affected by its operations will have reached close to 2 million;
- (3) notes the already high levels of air pollution endured by the people of western Sydney and the increasing rates of respiratory illness suffered by the area's population and that a 24-hour international airport at Badgerys Creek would only exacerbate the problem; and
- (4) questions the suggested job growth figures that will eventuate following the development of an airport at Badgerys Creek. *(Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.)*

12 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the ongoing opposition by local residents to the building of an airport at Badgerys Creek by many Western Sydney MPs including Government and Opposition parties and local government groups;
- (2) notes that opposition to the proposed airport was made a key issue in most Western Sydney electorates by all party candidates during the last federal election;
- (3) recognises that the serious and justifiable concerns expressed by residents of inner Sydney to the noise and pollution effects caused by Kingsford-Smith Airport cannot be solved by simply moving the whole problem out to and onto Western Sydney residents;
- (4) acknowledges that both the NSW Carr Government and the Chikarovski Opposition oppose the building of an airport at Badgerys Creek;

- (5) challenges the claim of massive job creation by any such building of Badgerys Creek and declares that existing employees would merely transfer their worksite from Kingsford-Smith to Badgerys Creek; and
 - (6) calls on the Government to quickly abandon the Badgerys Creek airport proposal and place any new second airport outside the Sydney basin. (*Notice given 24 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 13 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) following the findings of the Dawson Royal Commission into the Longford gas explosion, condemns the Kennett Government for its failure to give legislative backing to the National Standard for Control of Major Hazard Facilities;
 - (2) notes that if the Kennett Government had passed legislation as the federal and Western Australian Governments have done the disaster may well have been averted;
 - (3) notes that the Oil and Gas platforms in Bass Strait are the subject of the national standard but not Longford, which is only 120 kilometres away, because it is under State jurisdiction; and
 - (4) condemns the Kennett Government for contributing to the Longford tragedy by failing to implement workplace safety reform. (*Notice given 30 June 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 14 **MR DANBY:** To move—That this House requests the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade to specifically inquire into and report on the question of religious persecution in Iran, including the prosecution of the thirteen imprisoned Jews, as part of the committee's present inquiry into Australia's efforts to protect and promote freedom of religion and belief. (*Notice given 30 June 1999; amended 1 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 15 **MRS CROSIO:** To move—That the House calls for a parliamentary committee inquiry into the ways and means by which the Commonwealth can advise and assist employees recently made redundant due to the insolvency of their employer, or facing the threat of redundancy, including:
- (1) how to organise themselves into co-operative organisations to either purchase or lease the company for which they work when it becomes insolvent or nears insolvency, if after a rigorous analysis of the company's finances such action is deemed to be prudent, sensible and standing a genuine chance of success and thereby maintain their employment;
 - (2) how to make the required reforms to the financial structure of the company in question in order to make it economically viable; and
 - (3) what management training programs may be necessary in order for employees to successfully administer their business and avoid insolvency in the future. (*Notice given 11 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

16 **MR MARTIN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the extreme hardship that will be caused to Australia's Defence Force personnel as a result of the new fringe benefits tax (FBT) reporting regime put in place as part of the Government's new tax system;
- (2) notes that the Government has decided to only exempt a few of the fringe benefits and allowances that Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel receive from the new FBT reporting regime;
- (3) notes the unique and harsh conditions that ADF personnel work under and the fact that the ADF is not an ordinary workforce and has never been treated that way by previous governments; and
- (4) calls on the Government to recognise the unique status of the ADF and to therefore exempt all ADF personnel from FBT reporting requirements in respect of the conditions and benefits they receive because of their service in the armed forces. (*Notice given 24 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

17 **MR ANDREN:** To move—That the House:

- (1) notes the report of the National Inquiry into Children and the Legal Process in 1997 entitled "Seen and Heard", undertaken jointly by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and the Australian Law Reform Commission, and its recommendation that Federal legislation be enacted to prohibit the mandatory detention of juvenile offenders;
- (2) notes the 1998 report of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties into the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which was critical of mandatory sentencing;
- (3) further notes the introduction of a private Senator's bill entitled Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders) Bill 1999, and its planned reference to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for a public inquiry; and
- (4) calls on the Government to support the Senate inquiry and to ensure that Australia meets its stated human rights obligations. (*Notice given 24 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

18 **MR BEAZLEY:** To move—That:

- (1) recalling the Australian people's overwhelming decision in the 1967 Referendum to confer upon the Commonwealth Parliament responsibility for enhancement of the rights and well being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- (2) reaffirming the abhorrence of racism shared by the Australian people and their Federal and State Governments;
- (3) reaffirming Australia's recognition of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the International Convention on the Prevention of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

- (4) recalling the Parliament's commitment in October 1996 to the principles of racial tolerance; and;
- (5) recognising the profound economic and social disadvantage suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people—

this House:

- (a) affirms that the tabling of “Bringing them Home”, the Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families, presents the nation with an unprecedented historical opportunity to render justice and restitution to Indigenous Australians, for the good of all Australians;
- (b) acknowledges the immense trauma inflicted upon the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia as a result of the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families under past government policies in place from before the time of Federation until the early 1900s;
- (c) affirms that these racially discriminatory policies and their continuing consequences are a matter of national shame;
- (d) affirms that current and future Federal and State governments are responsible for assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to rectify the ongoing effects of those policies;
- (e) affirms its commitment to a just and proper settlement of the grievances of people adversely affected by those policies; and

on behalf of the nation—

- (f) unreservedly apologises to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians for the separation policies;
- (g) calls upon Federal and State Governments to establish, in consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, appropriate processes to provide compensation and restitution, including assistance for the reunification of families and counselling services;
- (h) calls on the Federal and State Governments to establish appropriate education programs to enhance community awareness of the history and continuing consequences of past practices and policies of racial discrimination; and
- (i) calls upon the Federal Government to declare a National Day in recognition and remembrance of the great suffering which flowed from the separation policies, and to affirm our nation's commitment to justice for Indigenous Australians, today and for the future. (*Notice given 25 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

19 **MR HOLLIS:** To move—That the House:

- (1) expresses its sympathy at the loss of life of three Australian AusAID workers in the recent air crash in Fiji;
- (2) commends AusAID for the work it is performing throughout the South Pacific, especially relating to population and development issues; and

- (3) calls on the Australian Government to at least maintain current funding, but also consider increased aid for development work in the South Pacific. (*Notice given 26 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 20 **MR MELHAM:** To move—That this House, noting the desire of the Australian community to satisfactorily resolve outstanding issues concerning the stolen generation referred to in the recommendations of the report of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission entitled *Bringing Them Home*, calls on the Government to:
- (1) settle the stolen generation case currently before the federal court in the Northern Territory; and
 - (2) following consultation and agreement with appropriate representatives of the Stolen Generation, to:
 - (a) establish an alternate dispute resolution tribunal to assist members of the Stolen Generations by resolving claims for compensation:
 - (i) through consultation, conciliation and negotiation, rather than adversarial litigation; and
 - (ii) where appropriate and agreed to, deliver alternate forms of restitution; and
 - (b) set up processes and mechanisms which are adequately funded to:
 - (i) provide counselling;
 - (ii) record their testimonies;
 - (iii) educate Australians about their history and current plight;
 - (iv) help them to establish their ancestry and to access family reunion services; and
 - (v) help them to re-establish or re-build their links to their culture, language and history. (*Notice given 31 August 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 21 **DR THEOPHANOUS:** To move—That this House:
- (1) expresses its concern regarding the aims and content of Migration Series Instruments (MSI) 244, which permits the transfer of asylum seekers from Migration Detention Centres to State prisons, where they are then held without charges or court proceedings;
 - (2) recognises that the actions permitted under MSI-244 constitute an arbitrary executive imprisonment of people, of the kind which Australia has condemned when it occurs in other countries;
 - (3) recognises the concerns expressed by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Amnesty International, the Refugee Council of Australia, the Human Rights Commissioner and others, concerning the arbitrary powers of imprisonment given to immigration officers and detention centre officials under MSI-244;
 - (4) notes that MSI-244 itself states that “there is no clear statutory basis for the selective transfer of detainees” to a State prison, and that this specific provision has never been approved by Parliament; and

- (5) calls upon the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs to immediately withdraw MSI-244 and draft a new MSI, that only allows transfers of refugees claimants to State prison in circumstances when they are being charged with an offence under a State or Commonwealth law, other than breach of migration visa laws). (*Notice given 1 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 22 **MS HALL:** To move—That this House:
- (1) notes the progress that has been made by the States in moving towards truth in labelling for the egg industry;
 - (2) requests the Commonwealth to show leadership and further facilitate all the States adopting national labelling standards; and
 - (3) supports the phasing out of the practice of intense battery hen and egg farming. (*Notice given 1 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 23 **MRS ELSON:** To move—That the House:
- (1) recognises the widespread community support for the Government's "Work for the dole" program;
 - (2) acknowledges the vital role played by the hundreds of community groups and local organisations throughout the nation that conduct local work for the dole projects;
 - (3) recognises the social value and community contribution of the work carried out by participants; and
 - (4) welcomes the Government's commitment to expanding Work for the dole, as outlined in the 1999-2000 Budget initiative to double the number of Work for the dole places to 50 000 next year—providing hope, experience and opportunity for more young Australian jobseekers. (*Notice given 20 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 24 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) supports the United Nations Organisation of African Unity Referendum for the Western Sahara;
 - (2) applauds the efforts of the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and his special envoy for Western Sahara Mr James Baker to ensure that a free and fair Referendum is held in Western Sahara to allow its people to exercise their right to self-determination; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to reintroduce its contingent to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO). (*Notice given 21 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 25 **MR MOSSFIELD:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises that there needs to be a greater recognition by all adults of the needs of younger people;

- (2) recognises that there needs to be a nation-wide recognition that young people can gather together without being regarded as potential law-breakers;
- (3) recognises that security personnel need to be far better trained to deal with young people in shopping centres and other public places and that such training enable the security personnel to better determine the correct method of handling young people in public places and shopping centres;
- (4) recognises that adults need to be more publicly exposed to young people and listen uncritically to the views they express and respect young people for the views they hold even if they are not agreed with;
- (5) recognises that Parliament supports the provision of an increase in technical high schools where young people can expand their practical talents where they are not necessarily academically inclined;
- (6) recognises that Parliament recognises the need for increasing dramatically the number of careers advisers available to young people for assistance prior to their leaving school and seeking full time employment; and
- (7) conduct a Parliamentary inquiry into the foregoing in order that proper national policies can be recommended to Government that will assist the advancement of young people of the future. (*Notice given 27 September 1999. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **MURRAY RIVER BRIDGE CROSSINGS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999*) on the motion of Mr Forrest—That this House:
 - (1) acknowledges the significance of Murray River bridge crossings to the national economy;
 - (2) recognises the deteriorated condition of many existing bridge crossings and their urgent need of major capital for upgrading to meet modern safety and traffic load standards;
 - (3) commends the federal Government for its funding commitment of \$44 million for upgrading of bridge crossings at Corowa, Echuca and Robinvale and a further \$203 million for a new bridge and approaches on the Hume Highway at Albury and Wodonga;
 - (4) acknowledges the Murray River Crossings Transport Economic Study which clearly establishes the regional and national economic significance of all Murray River crossings and establishes a priority for the upgrading of bridges for the first time; and
 - (5) calls on the State Governments of Victoria and New South Wales to provide like funding for reconstruction of bridges requiring urgent replacement. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 11 October 1999.*)
- 2 **MOBILE PHONES—INTERFERENCE WITH HEARING AIDS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999*) on the motion of Mr McLeay—That this House deplores the complete disregard of mobile phone carriers for the rights and health of 500 000 hearing-impaired people shown by the failure of the carriers, particularly Telstra, to address the problem of GSM interference with hearing

aids. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next 11 October 1999.*)

- 3 **OLDER PERSONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 1999*) on the motion of Mr Mossfield—That this House:
 - (1) notes that 1999 is the International Year of the Older Persons;
 - (2) notes the large number of middle-aged persons who have been retrenched in Australia and who have little chance of obtaining further employment;
 - (3) recognises that aged care services should provide a continuity of care in which services come to the people;
 - (4) further recognises that many older persons who have been retrenched will have used up their superannuation entitlements by retiring age and will need to fall back on the aged pension; and
 - (5) agrees that more work needs to be done to preserve Australian jobs, so that people are free to make their own retirement decisions based on quality of life issues rather than be forced to retire due to a management decision of their employer. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 11 October 1999.*)
- 4 **SUPERANNUATION (ENTITLEMENTS OF SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL 1998** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 5 **EMPLOYEE PROTECTION (WAGE GUARANTEE) BILL 1999** (*Mrs Crosio*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 6 **DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999—Mr St Clair, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Cadman—That the House:
 - (1) endorses the continuing protection of the law to prevent discrimination in the workplace;
 - (2) acknowledges the disproportionate impact of unfair dismissal laws on the confidence of small business employers to employ additional people to their workforce;
 - (3) condemns the continuation of unfair dismissal laws for businesses employing fewer than fifteen people; and
 - (4) calls on the Senate to reverse its opposition to the removal of unfair dismissal laws. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 7 **POPULATION POLICY:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999—Mr Hollis, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Andren—That this House:
 - (1) notes the discrepancies and contradictions in expert assessments of Australia's optimum population;
 - (2) recognises the damage caused to the nation's social fabric by ill-informed and emotive comments on the nation's immigration program;

- (3) notes that population growth is ultimately a product of fertility rates and levels of net immigration, while acknowledging that Australia has a limited carrying capacity, both ecologically and economically;
 - (4) notes that without a population policy Australia risks a continuation of the divisive scapegoating of minority ethnic groups; and
 - (5) calls for the convening of a national population forum to consider and propose a population policy for Australia and the social and concrete infrastructure required to sustain that population. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 8 **IRISH IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—That this House acknowledges the strong and vital contribution made to the values which underpin Australian society by Irish immigrants and their descendants. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 11 October 1999.*)
- 9 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (DEFENCE PURPOSES LEAVE) BILL 1999** (*Mr Bevis*): Second reading (*from 21 June 1999*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 10 **FOOD LABELLING:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Ripoll—That this House:
- (1) notes the importance of food labelling in providing consumers with accurate nutritional information;
 - (2) recognises that food labelling regulations must contain enough information so that consumers can be confident a product is good value for money, meets their health and nutritional standards and falls within their cultural and religious requirements;
 - (3) recognises that nutritional and dietary related illnesses are matters of public health;
 - (4) expresses concern at the Howard Government's deregulation of food labelling controls;
 - (5) condemns the Howard Government's failure to acknowledge and respond to the level of community anxiety over food labelling deregulation; and
 - (6) calls upon the Howard Government to reverse its decision on food labelling deregulation, work towards greater protection and information for consumers and maintain the health department's role in regulating nutritional and dietary matters. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 11 **MARINE ENVIRONMENT:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the necessity of preserving the sustainability of the Australian fishing stocks;
 - (2) recognises the economic potential of quality seafood exports;

- (3) commends the industry for its work on by-catch reduction devices (BRDs) and turtle exclusion devices (TEDs) and the protection of nursery grounds;
 - (4) acknowledges the value of the vessel monitoring system (VMS) as a cost-efficient method of vessel location and crew safety and especially of regulating closures by strategic area locations rather than by time; and
 - (5) calls for sanity and equity in balancing the protection of the marine environment and the legitimate expectations of fishermen, their families and those communities reliant on them. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 12 **WHEAT FREIGHT SUBSIDY:** Resumption of debate (*from 21 June 1999*) on the motion of Ms O'Byrne—That the House:
- (1) draws to the attention of the Government the vital role that the Wheat Freight Subsidy plays in Tasmania in underpinning up to 1600 jobs in the baking, chicken, stockfeed and pork sectors; and
 - (2) calls for the Government to extend the Wheat Freight Subsidy Scheme for a further three years on a calendar year basis to provide essential industry security. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 13 **BROADBAND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999—Mr I. E. Macfarlane, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lindsay—That this House:
- (1) recognises the vital and growing role electronic information transmission plays in education, research and business activity throughout Australia;
 - (2) further recognises that the availability of adequate capacity, high quality and appropriately priced bandwidth—for the electronic transmission of information—is an important strategic issue for the development of the information economy in Australia;
 - (3) notes that regional areas throughout Australia have a poorer electronic information infrastructure than metropolitan areas, and the gap is widening; and
 - (4) acknowledges the urgent need to provide affordable broadband electronic communications to Australia's regional centres and, in particular, to our regional universities. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 14 **JUBILEE 2000 DEBT COALITION:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999*) on the motion of Ms J. S. McFarlane—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of the efforts of the Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition in working to obtain a debt free start in the new millennium for a billion people in impoverished countries;
 - (2) supports the Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition's efforts to present a 370 000 signature petition to the G7 leaders meeting in Cologne on 19 June 1999; and

- (3) supports the Jubilee 2000 Debt Coalition's efforts to encourage the G7 leaders to take effective steps to prevent high levels of debt building up again in impoverished countries. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 15 **TIDAL ENERGY STATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 1999*) on the motion of Mr Charles— That the House of Representatives supports the proposal of Tidal Power Australia for a tidal energy station at Doctors Creek, Derby, WA, to supply the electric power needs of Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Western Metals and Broome in an environmentally sensitive manner with true renewable and non-polluting energy. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 16 **TELSTRA'S 013 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999—Mr Barresi, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Rudd— That this House:
- (1) note mounting customer dissatisfaction across Australia at the deterioration of Telstra's 013 directory assistance services;
 - (2) note, in particular, (a) customer irritation at increasing delays in operator response times, (b) operators cutting off customers before being able to provide further clarifying information on inquiries, (c) the intrusion of Telstra advertising of its 12456 '75 cents plus call costs' service in addition to (d) the plethora of other Telstra advertising forced on Telstra customers before finally being given access to the telephone numbers they are seeking;
 - (3) acknowledge the impact of Telstra staff reductions on the quality of 013 services; and
 - (4) direct the Australian Communications Authority to amend its performance standards for Telstra to require Telstra to provide a simple 013 directory service with proper staffing levels and without audio advertisements for other services. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 17 **UNEMPLOYMENT WITHIN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That this House:
- (1) recognises the very high and entrenched levels of unemployment that exist within indigenous communities throughout Australia;
 - (2) recognises that fewer indigenous Australians actively participate in the labour market and have lower skill levels compared to the rest of the general population;
 - (3) welcomes the federal Government's specific commitment of \$115 million towards tackling unemployment within indigenous communities in Australia; and
 - (4) calls on governments at all levels to work in cooperation with indigenous communities and employers in addressing these critical problems. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

- 18 **TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 August 1999*) on the motion of Mr Danby—That this House:
- (1) notes with sadness that 4 June 1999 was the tenth anniversary of the date of the Tiananmen Square massacre;
 - (2) expresses its sympathy to the families of those who died as a result of their participation in the democracy protests of 1989 in the People's Republic of China as well as those who have suffered for their efforts to advance human rights and democratic expression during the past decade;
 - (3) commends citizens of the People's Republic of China who peacefully advocate democracy and human rights; and
 - (4) deplores ongoing human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China and calls on the Government of that country to:
 - (a) re-evaluate the official verdict on 4 June 1989 Tiananmen pro-democracy activities and initiate open investigations on the 4 June event with the goal of providing a complete and accurate account of those events;
 - (b) treat fairly Chinese students who elected to stay in Australia after 4 June 1989 under special temporary visas and who have since returned to their homeland;
 - (c) release all prisoners of conscience, including those still in prison as a result of their participation in the pro-democracy protests of May and June 1989, provide just compensation to the families of those killed in those protests and allow those exiled on account of their activities in 1989 to return and live in freedom in the People's Republic of China;
 - (d) put an end to harassment, detention and imprisonment of Chinese citizens exercising their internationally recognised rights to the freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of religion; and
 - (e) proceed quickly to ratify and implement the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which it signed on 5 October 1998. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 19 **PARLIAMENT HOUSE SWITCHBOARD SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 August 1999—Mr McMullan, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr McMullan—That the House take note of the paper. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 20 **SELF-FUNDED RETIREES AND THE GST:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999—Mr Horne, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Crosio—That the House:
- (1) notes the high number of self-funded retirees in Australia who are struggling financially at the present time;
 - (2) recognises that the Howard Government's GST will create greater financial hardship for thousands of self-funded retirees because it taxes the essentials of life, will make people receiving low fixed incomes from superannuation

or other measures pay the same rate of tax as people on higher incomes and offers inadequate financial compensation; and

- (3) investigates other means of offering financial assistance and incentive to struggling self-funded retirees distinct from a Goods and Services Tax. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 21 **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CARERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That the House:
- (1) understands the need to work towards addressing the needs of people with disabilities and their carers throughout Australia;
 - (2) recognises the particular difficulties for people with disabilities and their carers and the need for respite care services and facilities in regions such as Gilmore and Macquarie;
 - (3) welcomes the federal Government’s specific commitment of over \$1.7 billion to the Commonwealth/State Disability Agreement to assist them in their primary areas of responsibility and to increase the support for carers of people with disabilities; and
 - (4) calls on governments at all levels to cooperate with one another to identify, fund and maintain services and facilities for respite care for people with disabilities and their carers. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 22 **PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 August 1999*) on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—That this House acknowledges the value to all Australians of their country’s growing trade and friendship with the People’s Republic of China. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 23 **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE BILL 1999** (*Mr Kerr*): Second reading (*from 30 August 1999*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 24 **FAIR PRICES AND BETTER ACCESS FOR ALL (PETROLEUM) BILL 1999** (*Mr Fitzgibbon*): Second reading (*from 30 August 1999*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 25 **HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999—Mr Murphy, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms J. I. Bishop—That the House:
- (1) welcomes the report entitled “Final report of the Health and Medical Research Strategic Review Committee: The virtuous cycle—Working together for health and medical research” and its recommendations for implementation;
 - (2) notes the important link between Australia’s health and medical research capability and the delivery of a cost-effective and equitable health care system;

- (3) recognises the excellent work and the high level of commitment among those working in the medical research field;
 - (4) applauds the Federal Government's specific commitment to increasing annual funding for health and medical research, through the National Health and Medical Research Council, by more than doubling funding of base research with an investment of a further \$614m over the next six years; and
 - (5) urges the Federal Government to pursue reforms proposed in the final report. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 26 **REPUBLIC REFERENDUM:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999*) on the motion of Ms Roxon—That the House:
- (1) notes the importance of the referendum on 6 November 1999 that goes to our identity as a nation and our system of government;
 - (2) notes that our stable democracy will continue and be strengthened if this referendum question were to be approved by the people of Australia;
 - (3) urges all Members of this House, whether they be monarchists, republicans or direct election supporters, to participate honestly in the referendum campaign; and
 - (4) deplures misleading and mischievous scare campaigns on such an important national issue, such as:
 - (a) the misrepresentation of the current powers of the Prime Minister to dismiss a Governor-General;
 - (b) suggesting that the new constitutional arrangements would be unworkable or undemocratic;
 - (c) understating the significance of the public nomination process;
 - (d) mischaracterising the non-partisan role of the Commonwealth Parliament in appointing the President; and
 - (e) the use of the preamble issue to distract from the question of whether Australia should have an Australian Head of State. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 27 **AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 1999** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 20 September 1999*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 28 **DRUGS STRATEGY:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—That the House:
- (1) notes the failure of the Howard Government's Tough on Drugs Strategy, in particular, that after two years there has been:
 - (a) an increase in drug use, with the average age of first users decreasing;
 - (b) no significant decline in the amount of illicit drugs entering Australia, even after a number of high profile "busts";

- (c) inadequate funding for community-based programs in those areas of greatest need, particularly the south-west of Sydney; and
 - (d) a lack of evidence that zero tolerance policies have achieved anything other than making the illicit drug trade the world's fastest growing industry; and
- (2) calls on the Government to take a more effective and creative approach to stemming the social tragedy being caused by the increasing use of heroin and other dangerous, addictive and illicit drugs. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 September 1999.*)
- 29 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND IRANIAN JEWS:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That the House:
- (1) reaffirms the fundamental principles of human rights that must be practised by the entire international community;
 - (2) condemns the false arrest and imprisonment of thirteen Iranian Jews on spurious espionage charges; and
 - (3) calls upon Iranian authorities to immediately release the falsely imprisoned Iranian Jews. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 30 **HOMELESSNESS AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE:** Resumption of debate (*from 20 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Gash—That the House:
- (1) recognises the very high risk of homelessness amongst young people in several areas of regional Australia;
 - (2) recognises that this is a problem amongst young people in regions such as Gilmore and Macquarie;
 - (3) welcomes the federal Government's specific commitment of over \$45 million towards reducing that risk and providing appropriate accommodation services; and
 - (4) calls on governments at all levels to cooperate with one another to identify, fund and implement programs of assistance for our young people. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 31 **INQUIRY INTO MEDICAL PROFESSION:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999—Mr Lawler, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Latham—That the House urges the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to conduct a full-scale inquiry into the medical profession, focussing on:
- (1) anti-competitive practices, particularly among surgeons and specialists;
 - (2) reform of medical training practices, particularly within the College of Surgeons; and
 - (3) areas where the medical profession does not comply with trade practices law. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

- 32 **EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999*) on the motion of Dr Emerson—That the House:
- (1) expresses its concern about widening inequality in Australia;
 - (2) notes the increasing evidence that the earliest years of childhood are vital in determining the life chances of young people;
 - (3) recognises that early intervention in the form of parenting programs, home visiting and literacy and numeracy programs are valuable in improving the life chances of young people; and
 - (4) acknowledges that the Commonwealth has an important role to play in the funding of early intervention programs. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)
- 33 **CHILD CARE AND PARENTAL CHOICE:** Resumption of debate (*from 27 September 1999*) on the motion of Mrs Elson—That the House:
- (1) acknowledges the financial sacrifice made by parents, one of whom chooses to care for their children full-time, rather than return to paid employment;
 - (2) recognises the social and community value of this full-time care, including the reduced burden on Government expenditure;
 - (3) notes the social pressure on many of today's women with young children to remain in paid employment; and
 - (4) welcomes the Government's ongoing commitment to provide real choice for parents by easing the financial pressure on Australian families by (a) continuing low interest rates, (b) the new, fairer tax system and (c) specifically, recognising the value of full-time care by more than doubling of the tax free threshold for single income families with a child under 5 years of age. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 11 October 1999.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS (standing orders 101, 102A and 102C): Presentation and consideration of committee and delegation reports has precedence each Monday.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS (standing orders 101 and 104) has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation reports, being interrupted at 1.45 p.m. and then continuing for 1 hour after the presentation of petitions each Monday. The **SELECTION COMMITTEE** is responsible for determining the order of precedence and allotting time for debate on consideration of committee and delegation reports and private Members' business. Its determinations for the next sitting Monday are shown under "Business accorded priority for Monday, 11 October 1999". Any private Members' business not called on, or consideration of private Members' business or committee and delegation reports which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority by the Selection Committee on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 104B).

BUSINESS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 29 September 1999

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary (Trade)*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Swan*).
- 2 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1999** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 3 **ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS BILL 1999** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 June 1999—Mr Horne*).
- 4 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996-97—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 31 August 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF REEVES REPORT ON ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 1999—Mr Lieberman, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Lieberman—That the House take note of the report.
- 2 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 1 September 1999—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That the House take note of the report.
- 3 **REPUBLIC REFERENDUM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**: Resumption of debate (*from 25 August 1999—Mr Wilton*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That the House take note of the report.



QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

On the first sitting day of each week, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the week are included in the Notice Paper.

Questions unanswered

Nos 1, 404, 450, 460, 461, 465, 538, 643, 650, 660, 663, 673, 682, 686, 690, 701, 703, 705, 708, 746, 752, 782, 786-788, 790, 793, 798-800, 807, 813-816, 823, 827, 833, 840, 850, 857, 858, 860, 864, 865, 869, 871-875, 878, 882, 884, 885, 888-891, 893-895, 897-936.

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- 937 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for Trade—Does Australia have low volume import arrangements with Japan regarding used motor vehicles; if so, (a) what are those arrangements and (b) what was the total importation of used motor vehicles from Japan for the period June 1996 to June 1999.
- 938 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation—Further to his answer to question No. 859, is he able to say whether the Treasurer announced in Nowra on Thursday, 17 September 1998 that \$1.58m had been provided to the Nowra Naval Aviation Museum as part of the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program.
- 939 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) Will a 10 tonne truck transporting goods from a point in Bathurst to a point in metropolitan Sydney and back to Bathurst, be entitled to a diesel fuel grant for the entire journey, or only for the portion of the journey from Bathurst to Sydney as suggested by subparagraph 10(2)(b) of the *Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Act 1999*.
 - (2) If a diesel fuel grant is only available for the journey from Bathurst to Sydney (a) why, (b) at what point would the operator of such a vehicle become eligible for the diesel fuel grant under subparagraph 10(2)(a) and (c) will this place an onerous administrative burden on affected transport providers; if not, why not.

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- 940 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) Is the Minister able to say whether the Wool Task Force recommended in its recent draft report the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and concentrating the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, can the Minister say on what grounds the Task Force made this recommendation; if not, why not.
 - (2) Is the Minister able to say whether the Wool Task Force, in its final report, withdrew its recommendation to close the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and concentrate the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, can

the Minister say on what grounds the Task Force dropped this recommendation; if not, why not.

- (3) Would the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney (a) involve the loss of approximately 80 per cent or more of the highly skilled research staff currently stationed at Prospect and risk the closure of several research programs owing to the loss of key scientific expertise, (b) incur months of disruption to research programs of national importance to the \$7 billion livestock industry that would affect producers across Australia, (c) cut established links between the CSIRO's Prospect facility and the animal nutrition, pig, dairy and veterinary pharmaceutical industries based in Western Sydney, (d) directly cost the taxpayer an estimated \$10 million through redundancy pay, relocation of staff and equipment, recruitment of new staff and the construction of new biotechnology facilities at Chiswick, (e) waste the \$12 million of taxpayer's money spent on upgrading the research facility at Prospect in 1995 and (f) create a precedent of providing an employment and financial benefit to a particular electorate or regional centre to the detriment of the nation's scientific and agricultural interests; if not, is he able to say why the Task Force omitted this recommendation from its final report.
- (4) Does the Minister support the proposal to close the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and concentrate the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, why; if not, why not.
- (5) Will the Minister take action to ensure that the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney will not be closed in order to concentrate the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory at Chiswick, near Armidale; if not, why not.
- (6) Has the Minister received representations from Members proposing the closure of the CSIRO's research facility at Prospect in Western Sydney and the concentration of the CSIRO's wool and animal production research at its laboratory in Chiswick, near Armidale; if so, (a) what Members have made such representations, (b) how many representations has the Minister received and (c) when were the representations made.

941 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Did he state in his answer to a question without notice (*Hansard*, 2 September 1999, page 7467) relating to the lack of public funding available to inform voters about the proposed preamble that one of the factors influencing the Government's decision not to provide such funding was that the proposed preamble received overwhelming support in the Parliament.
- (2) Did he also state in his answer to the question referred to in part (1) that if the level of disagreement within the Parliament is a measure of community view on this issue and also on the issue of a republic, then there is a difference.
- (3) Is it a fact that (a) 192 Members of Parliament voted for a third reading of the Constitution Alteration (Establishment of Republic) Bill 1999 while only 20 voted against and (b) 139 Members of Parliament voted for a third

reading of the Constitution Alteration (Preamble) Bill 1999 and 92 did not support the passage of the Bill.

- (4) Is the level of disagreement over the proposed preamble as reflected by votes in Parliament far greater than that over the proposed republic model and will he make sufficient public funds available for the YES and NO preamble cases to be adequately explained to the voters.

942 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Did the Special Minister of State and he write the text of the advertisements that have appeared in national and local newspapers informing the public about the two issues to be decided at the 6 November Referendum on the republic model and the proposed preamble.
- (2) Is it a fact that the section of the advertisements dealing with the preamble states that the preamble would not affect the interpretation of Australia's laws.
- (3) Is he able to state whether there is a range of conflicting legal opinion regarding the legal implications of the proposed preamble, even with proposed new section 125(A).
- (4) Is it a fact that constitutional experts do not agree on how the proposed preamble will influence Australian laws; if so, why is the statement referred to in part (2) included in the public education material.
- (5) Is the statement referred to in part (2) misleading; if so, what action will be taken to rectify the situation; if not, why is there divided legal opinion about the legal impact of the proposed preamble.

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*943 **MR TANNER:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) By what sums are each of the forward projection years expected to change to account for the increase in the underlying balance from \$2.883b to \$4.190b in the Final budget Outcome for 1998-99 released on 23 September 1999.
- (3) Will he provide (a) a detailed breakdown of the \$1.2b of classification and other changes referred to on page 10, including a detailed explanation of the change in treatment of the National Transmission Agency and (b) the final fiscal balance and explain variations from the estimated fiscal balance of \$3.1b contained in the 1999-2000 Budget papers.

*944 **MR WILTON:** To ask the Minister for Defence—

- (1) Is a lease held by the City of Kingston over 1.554 hectares of parkland in Levanto Street, Mentone, Victoria, owned by his Department, due to expire in November 2000.
- (2) Is it a fact that the land, Chicquita Reserve, is used by local residents for recreation purposes and includes a scout hall.
- (3) Did his Department advise the City of Kingston on 4 May 1998 that it intends to dispose of the property at the expiration of Council's lease and that the City would be offered first right of refusal on the property.

- (4) Did the Council write to his Department on 2 September 1998 advising that Council would be unable to raise the estimated \$2.5m required for the purchase and requesting the transfer of ownership to Council at the expiration of the lease so that the land may continue to be used as recreation space.
- (5) Has the Council's letter remained unanswered for thirteen months; if so, why.
- (6) Will he direct his Department to transfer ownership of the parkland to the City of Kingston Council for the continued recreational use of Mentone residents.

*945 **MR KERR:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to the case of *R v Secretary of State for the Environment ex parte Greenwich LBC*, *The Times*, 16 May 1989, in which the High Court (England) asserted jurisdiction to entertain a challenge by a local authority to Ministers who were using public funds to publicise what the applicant authority claimed was a misleading and political case for a controversial tax.
- (2) If so, has he taken steps to draw this decision to the attention of the (a) Prime Minister and (b) Auditor-General; if so, when.
- (3) Will he request the Australian Government Solicitor to produce one of its public *Legal Briefing* papers to address the issue of what limits apply to the expenditure of public funds for public as opposed to political purposes; if not, why not.

*946 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Are surviving members of the 55th Australian Composite Anti Aircraft Regiment eligible for a service pension and Gold Card; if not, why not.
- (2) Were these servicemen accepted for active service in 1943 and was their war-service in an area that had been subject to enemy attack; if so, is their war service regarded as active service; if not, why not.
- (3) Was northern Australia, particularly the Northern Territory, an enemy target throughout World War II.
- (4) Will the Government reconsider service pension entitlements to the 55th Australian Composite Anti Aircraft Regiment; if not, why not.

*947 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—

- (1) Does the Government recognise the Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara.
- (2) Will the Government review its policy with regard to establishing official contacts with the independence movement in Western Sahara, the Polisario.
- (3) Has the Government's attention been drawn to allegations of Moroccan violations of human rights in Western Sahara.
- (4) Will the Government send independent observers to monitor the UN referendum in the Territory scheduled for July 2000.

*948 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Aged Care—

- (1) Was a budget devoted by her Department to the promotion of the Commonwealth Recognition Awards for Senior Australians; if so, what was the total sum allocated.
- (2) Were allocations devoted to promotional activities in individual electorates; if so, (a) which electorates received allocations and (b) how were the target electorates determined.
- (3) Were template advertisements prepared for use by Government Members; if so, what was the cost of doing so.

*949 **MR L. D. T. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) Was a budget devoted by her Department to the promotion of the Australian Sports Medal; if so, what was the total allocation.
- (2) Were allocations devoted to individual electorates; if so, (a) which electorates received allocations and (b) how were the target electorates determined.
- (3) Were template advertisements prepared for use by Government Members; if so, what was the cost of doing so.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

SPEAKER'S PANEL

Mr Adams, Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Causley, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Gash, Mr Hawker,
Mr Hollis, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Mossfield, Mr Quick.

COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 39th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS: Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mrs Draper, Mr Haase, Ms Hoare, Mr Katter, Mr Lloyd, Mr Melham, Mr Quick, Mr Snowdon, Mr Wakelin.

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS: Mr Neville (*Chair*), Mr Gibbons, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mr Lindsay, Mr McArthur, Mr Mossfield, Mr Murphy, Mr St Clair.

Current inquiries:

Impact of the decision by ABC Radio to discontinue its radio racing service.

Managing fatigue in transport.

ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: Mr Hawker (*Chair*), Mr Albanese, Ms Burke, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Hull, Mr Latham, Mr Pyne, Mr Somlyay, Dr Southcott, Mr Wilton.

Current inquiries:

ANAO audit report No. 37 1998-99 on the management of Tax File Numbers.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's supervision and prudential regulation of those areas of the financial services sector for which it is responsible.

International financial market effects on government policy.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Dr Nelson (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Dr Emerson, Ms Gambaro, Mrs Gash, Ms Gillard, Mr Katter, Mr Sawford, Mr Wilkie.

Current inquiries:

Employee share ownership in Australian enterprises.

Issues specific to older workers seeking employment, or establishing a business, following unemployment.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE: Mr Causley (*Chair*), Mr Barresi, Mr Bartlett, Mr Billson, Mrs Gallus, Ms Gerick, Mrs Irwin, Mr Jenkins, Dr Lawrence, Mrs D. S. Vale.

Current inquiry:

Catchment management.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Mrs Elson, Ms Hall, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Dr Nelson, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz. (Mr Jenkins and Mr Nugent to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into indigenous health.)

Current inquiry:

Indigenous health.

HOUSE: The Speaker, Mr Charles, Mr Hollis, Mr McLeay, Mr Nehl, Mr Sawford, Mr Somlyay.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES: Mr Lloyd (*Chair*), Mr Brough, Mr Hatton, Mr Lawler, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Mr Prosser, Ms Roxon, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra.

Current inquiry:

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: Mr K. J. Andrews (*Chair*), Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Kerr, Ms Livermore, Mr Murphy, Mr Ronaldson, Ms Roxon, Mr St Clair, Mrs D. S. Vale.

Bill referred:

Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 1999. (*To report by 9 December 1999.*)

Current inquiries:

Enforcement of copyright.

Scientific, ethical and regulatory aspects of human cloning.

LIBRARY: The Speaker, Mr Adams, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Ms Hoare, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Dr Washer.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mrs Crosio, Mr Jenkins, Mr Neville, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES: Fran Bailey (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Andren, Mr Horne, Mr Katter, Mr Lawler, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Mr McLeay, Mr Nairn, Mr Secker, Mr Sidebottom, Mr C. P. Thompson. (Mr Griffin and Dr Washer to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into primary producer access to gene technology.)

Current inquiries:

Infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas.

Primary producer access to gene technology.

PRIVILEGES: Mr Somlyay (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Danby, Mr Jull, Mr McLeay, Mr McClelland (nominee of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Mrs May, Mr Neville, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott (nominee of the Leader of the House).

Current inquiry:

The status of records held by Members of the House of Representatives.

PROCEDURE: Mr Pyne (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Ms Gerick, Mr Price.

Current inquiry:

Community involvement in the procedures and practices of the House of Representatives and its committees.

PUBLICATIONS: Mr Lieberman (*Chair*), Mr Hardgrave, Mrs Hull, Mr Lloyd, Ms J. S. McFarlane, Mr Rudd, Mr Sidebottom.

SELECTION: Mr Nehl (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Hollis, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Neville, Mr Ronaldson, Mr Sawford, Mr Sercombe.

Joint Statutory

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION: Mr Jull (*Presiding Member*), Mr Forrest, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Boswell, Senator Calvert, Senator Ray.

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Mr Adams, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Mr Lindsay, Mr Morris, Senator Knowles, Senator West.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES: Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Cameron, Mr Rudd, Mr Sercombe, Dr Southcott, Senator Chapman, Senator Conroy, Senator Cooney, Senator Gibson, Senator Murray.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY: Mr Nugent (*Chair*), Mr Edwards, Mr Hardgrave, Mr Kerr, Mr Somlyay, Senator George Campbell, Senator Denman, Senator Ferris, Senator McGauran, Senator Stott Despoja.

NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND: Senator Ferris (*Chair*), Mr Causley, Mr Haase, Mr Melham, Mr Secker, Mr Snowdon, Senator Abetz, Senator Crossin, Senator McLucas, Senator Woodley.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Mr Charles (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Brough, Mr Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Ms Plibersek, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Senator Coonan, Senator Faulkner, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Community Education and Information Programme.

Corporate governance and accountability arrangements for Commonwealth government business enterprises.

Review of Auditor-General's audit reports—

1997-98—Fourth quarter.

1998-99—

First and second quarters.

Third and fourth quarters.

Review of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs Moylan (*Chair*), Mrs Crosio, Mr Forrest, Mr Hollis, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ripoll, Senator Calvert, Senator Ferguson, Senator Murphy.

Current inquiries:

Clayton, Vic.—CSIRO Clayton (Eastern Precinct) Development Works.

Darwin—

Development of 90 apartments.

Housing Development at Parap Grove.

Melbourne—Refurbishment of 4 Treasury Place.

North Ryde, NSW—CSIRO Riverside Corporate Park:

Division of Building Construction and Engineering Development Works.

Joint Research Complex for CSIRO Molecular Science and Food Science Australia.

St Lucia, Qld—CSIRO/University of Queensland joint building project.

Weston Creek, ACT—Staff Colleges Collocation Project.

Joint Standing

ELECTORAL MATTERS (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr Nairn (*Chair*), Mr Danby, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bartlett, Senator Boswell, Senator Faulkner, Senator Mason, Senator Murray.

Current inquiry:

Conduct of the 1998 federal election.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Ferguson, (*Chair*), Fran Bailey, Mr Baird, Mr Brereton, Mr G. J. Evans, Mr L. D. T. Ferguson, Mr Hawker, Mr Hollis, Mr Jull, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Lieberman, Mr Martin, Mrs Moylan, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Price, Mr Prosser, Mr Pyne, Mr Snowden, Dr Southcott, Mr A. P. Thomson, Senator Bourne, Senator Brownhill, Senator Calvert, Senator Chapman, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Harradine, Senator O'Brien, Senator Payne, Senator Quirke, Senator Schacht.

Current inquiries:

Australia's efforts to promote and protect freedom of religion and belief.

Australia's trade and investment relationship with South America.

Suitability of the Australian Army for peacetime, peacekeeping and war.

MIGRATION (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mrs Gallus (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mrs Irwin, Mrs May, Mr Ripoll, Senator Bartlett, Senator Eggleston, Senator McKiernan, Senator Tierney.

Current inquiry:

Review of State-specific migration mechanisms.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Senator Watson (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowden, Mr Somlyay, Senator Bourne, Senator Crossin, Senator Lightfoot, Senator Lundy.

TREATIES (*Formed 7 December 1998*): Mr A. P. Thomson (*Chair*), Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Mr Bartlett, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Elson, Mr Hardgrave, Mrs D. M. Kelly, Mr Wilkie, Senator Bourne, Senator Coonan, Senator Cooney, Senator Ludwig, Senator Mason, Senator Schacht, Senator Tchen.

Current inquiries:

Agreement with the USA to further extend the Agreement relating to the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap.

Review of the proposal to terminate the Social Security Agreement with the United Kingdom.

Review of the new [second] revised text of the International Plant Protection Convention.

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: Mr Somlyay (*appointed 2 December 1998, for a period of 3 years*).

COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA: Mr M. J. Ferguson (*elected 12 August 1999, for a period of 3 years*).

PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Charles (*appointed 24 June 1996*) and Mr McLeay (*appointed 23 November 1998*).