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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE PAPER

No. 152

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2000

The House meets this day at 9.30 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**Notices**

- *1 **MR SCOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the Defence Force, and for related purposes.
- *2 **MR SCOTT:** To present a Bill for an Act to protect members of the Reserves in their employment and education, to facilitate their return to civilian life, and for related purposes.

Orders of the day

- 1 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 November 2000—Mr I. E. Macfarlane, 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 Lee, 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:

- (a) the cultural and economic value to Australia of its \$3 billion a year education export industry;
- (b) the numerous problems in this industry identified by the Opposition, including dishonest providers, lack of financial integrity in certain sections of the industry, and lack of protection for students against provider collapse; and
- (c) that this Bill does not adequately address the identified problems; and

- (2) condemns the Government for failing to act on these matters for the last two years”.

- 2 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (ASSURANCE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth*

* *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.*

- Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
- 3 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
 - 4 **EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
 - 5 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OVERSEAS STUDENTS) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 30 August 2000—Mr Lee*).
 - *6 **FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
 - 7 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - 8 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2000** (*Minister for Health and Aged Care*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 May 2000—Mr Horne*).
 - 9 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Bevis*).
 - 10 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRIBUNAL (CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Mr Swan*).
 - 11 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 17 August 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - 12 **COAL INDUSTRY REPEAL BILL 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Horne*).
 - 13 **MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 31 August 2000—Mr McClelland*).
 - 14 **TREASURY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000** (*Minister for Financial Services and Regulation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 - 15 **POSTAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Minister for Arts and the Centenary of Federation*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 6 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
 - 16 **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST BILL 2000** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*).

- 17 **AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 April 2000—Mr Horne*).
- 18 **FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr Smith*).
- 19 **MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000** (*Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 14 March 2000—Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
- 20 **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*).
- 21 **HUMAN RIGHTS (MANDATORY SENTENCING OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS) BILL 1999** (*from Senate*): Second reading (*from 15 March 2000*).
- *22 **CHILD SUPPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 November 2000*).
- 23 **FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 2 November 2000*).
- 24 **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION (TARGETED ASSISTANCE) BILL 2000**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 2 November 2000*).
- 25 **HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 473 (*from 1 November 2000*).
- 26 **IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendment (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 27 **CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (WAREHOUSES) BILL 1999**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 28 **NAVIGATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS) BILL 1998**: Consideration of Senate's amendments (*from 8 March 2000*).
- 29 **PETROL PRICING**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 443 (*from 16 August 2000*).
- 30 **INDIGENOUS CHILDREN**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 340 (*from 4 April 2000*).
- 31 **ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 309 (*from 7 March 2000*).
- 32 **CENSURE OF MINISTER FOR FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 183 (*from 24 August 1999*).
- 33 **GEELONG ROAD**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 171 (*from 12 August 1999*).
- 34 **CENTRELINK—LEVEL OF SERVICE**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 45 (*from 10 March 1999*).
- 35 **CENTRELINK**: Consideration of Senate's message No. 2 (*from 12 November 1998*).

- *36 **SERVICE CHARTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 37 **CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 38 **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 1 November 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 39 **NORTHERN LAND COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 40 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 41 **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 42 **ANINDILYAKWA LAND COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 43 **NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA ADVISORY COUNCIL—REPORTS FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 44 **AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 45 **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 46 **DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 47 **AUSTRALIA COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 48 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr McGauran—That the House take note of the paper.
- 49 **PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 11 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 50 **HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 10 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 51 **ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 October 2000—Dr Martin*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 52 **ABORIGINALS BENEFIT TRUST ACCOUNT—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 53 **BARROW CREEK (KAYTETYE) LAND CLAIM NO. 161—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the papers.
- 54 **AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 55 **TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 56 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—STRATEGIC PLAN 2000-2003—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 57 **INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD—REPORT FOR 1999-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 58 **AGREEMENT MAKING UNDER THE WORKPLACE RELATIONS ACT—REPORTS 1998 AND 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 59 **CO-REGULATORY SCHEME FOR INTERNET CONTENT REGULATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 September 2000—Mr Beazley*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 60 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT—IMPACT OF COMPETITION POLICY REFORMS ON RURAL AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 August 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 61 **ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 JULY TO 15 DECEMBER 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 August 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 62 **JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL—REPORT FOR 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 15 August 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 63 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 64 **RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 June 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 65 **FEDERAL OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY—HEAVY TRUCK INVESTIGATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 May 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 66 **PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON PROGRESS IN RAIL REFORM—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 67 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 13 April 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 68 **UN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 March 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 69 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN 1997-2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 February 2000—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.

- 70 **SEATTLE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION MEETING AND LAUSANNE INFORMAL TRADE MINISTERS MEETING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 8 December 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr M. A. J. Vaile—That the House take note of the paper.
- 71 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 25 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 72 **SEAFARERS SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 73 **ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 74 **AUSTRALIAN HEARING SERVICES—REPORT FOR 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 23 November 1999—Mr McMullan*) on the motion of Mr Reith—That the House take note of the paper.
- 75 **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.
- 76 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Williams):**
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 7 (1999)—*moved 8 December 1999*—Resumption of debate (*Mr McClelland*).
- 77 **TARIFF PROPOSALS (Mr Slipper):**
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000)—*moved 9 March 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Dr Martin*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 4 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (2000)—*moved 30 August 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr Smith*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 1 (2000)—*moved 6 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 2 (2000)—*moved 21 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr K. J. Thomson*).
 Excise Tariff Proposal No. 3 (2000)—*moved 29 June 2000*—Resumption of debate (*Mr M. J. Ferguson*).

78 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,
27 NOVEMBER 2000, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 331**

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Presentation and statements

- 1 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 21ST AIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Report. (*Statements to conclude by 12.40 p.m.*)
- 2 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** Report on freedom of religion and belief. (*Statements to conclude by 1.10 p.m.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR BEAZLEY:** To present a bill for an Act to establish the office of Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements, and for related purposes. (*Notice given 31 October 2000. Time allowed—15 minutes.*)
- †2 **MRS GALLUS:** To move—That this House:
 - (1) recognises the contribution to Australia's export earnings of the Australian horticultural industry and its potential for future growth;
 - (2) notes that recent shortfalls in horticultural labour has caused delays in harvesting crops and, in some cases, spoilage of the harvest;
 - (3) acknowledges the need for the horticultural industry to have access to an adequate labour force;

- (4) promotes recognition of the National Harvest Trail to encourage Australians to take on harvest work in different regions throughout the year;
 - (5) facilitates promotion of the Harvest Trail in domestic and international publications;
 - (6) commends the report by the National Harvest Trail Working Group entitled “Harvesting Australian”; and
 - (7) calls on the Government to take up the recommendations of the report. (*Notice given 31 October 2000. Time allowed—private Members’ business time prior to 1.45 p.m.*)
- †3 **MR SAWFORD:** To move—That this House acknowledges the grave dangers inherent in the dramatic rise of precarious casual employment in Australia. (*Notice given 6 November 2000. Time allowed—30 minutes.*)
- †4 **MR ST CLAIR:** To move—That this House:
- (1) recognises the importance of an efficient and well networked rail system to the Australian economy;
 - (2) urges private and government capital investment to ensure more freight is carried by rail to reduce the extent of road transport as an issue of public road safety; and
 - (3) applauds the initiative of the Government in the abolition of diesel fuel excise for rail use as a significant element in the reduction of rail freight cost thereby encouraging greater use of rail. (*Notice given 2 November 2000. Time allowed—remaining private Members’ business time.*)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—*continued*

Orders of the day

- 1 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH ITALY AND NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE EXCHANGE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 2 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN MANAGEMENT REPORTS AND CONTROL STRUCTURES OF MAJOR COMMONWEALTH AGENCIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 7 June 2000—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Kerr, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Kerr—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 27 November 2000.)

- 4 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM, CANBERRA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Somlyay, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Somlyay—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 5 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL REPORT 1998-99—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—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 2 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 6 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON CONDUCT OF 1998 FEDERAL ELECTION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Nairn, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nairn—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 7 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REGIONAL RADIO RACING SERVICES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr Neville, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Neville—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 8 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT ON THE PRIVACY AMENDMENT (PRIVATE SECTOR) BILL 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 9 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT ON THE CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (THEFT, FRAUD, BRIBERY AND RELATED OFFENCES) BILL 1999—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2000—Mr K. J. Andrews, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr K. J. Andrews—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 10 **NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—CERD AND THE NATIVE TITLE AMENDMENT ACT 1998—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 June 2000—Mr Snowdon, in*

continuation) on the motion of Mr Snowden—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 27 November 2000.*)

- 11 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON SIX TREATIES TABLED ON 6 JUNE 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000—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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 12 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF THE ANOA REPORT NO. 37 1998-99 ON THE MANAGEMENT OF TAX FILE NUMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000—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 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 13 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—FROM PHANTOM TO FORCE: TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ARMY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 14 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AMERICA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—Mr Prosser, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Prosser—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 15 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE NATURE, SCOPE AND APPROPRIATENESS OF ASIO'S PUBLIC REPORTING ACTIVITIES—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 16 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—NOT THE HILTON—IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRES: INSPECTION REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000—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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 17 **CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—'SHADOW LEDGERS' AND THE PROVISION OF BANK STATEMENTS TO CUSTOMERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 3 October 2000—Mr Sercombe, in continuation*) on

the motion of Mr Sercombe—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 27 November 2000.*)

- 18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 October 2000—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 5 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 19 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SHARED ENDEAVOURS: EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP IN AUSTRALIA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000—Dr Nelson, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 20 **MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000—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 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 21 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—35TH REPORT—AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000—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 27 November 2000.*)
- 22 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2000—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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 23 **TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—36TH REPORT—TWO TREATIES TABLED ON 15 AUGUST 2000—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2000—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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 24 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—DEFENCE ACQUISITION PROJECTS; DEBT MANAGEMENT; PLASMA FRACTIONATION: REVIEW OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS 1999-2000—SECOND QUARTER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**

Resumption of debate (*from 1 November 2000—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 7 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

- 25 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—CONTRACT MANAGEMENT IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2000—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 8 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 26 **ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—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 27 November 2000.*)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—*continued*

Notices—*continued*

- 1 **MR ALBANESE:** To move—That this House:
- (1) declares that it is crucial for our democratic system of Government that measures be pursued and implemented to improve the standing and integrity of politicians with the community;
 - (2) notes the comments of the Member for Cowper referring to the application of the GST to permanent residents of mobile and manufactured home parks who said “what affects me personally is that my integrity and honour is impugned, as is John Anderson and Larry’s and Mark Vaile and the rest of us. Everybody. Because we went to the people of Australia at the last election and we said there’d be no GST on rents. It has an impact on John Howard’s integrity and honour, and that of the Liberal Party as well”;
 - (3) notes that permanent residents of caravan parks and boarding houses were identified as being at high risk of homelessness in the Government’s National Homelessness Strategy; and
 - (4) calls upon the Government to remove the discriminatory application of the GST against these Australians. (*Notice given 19 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 27 November 2000.*)
- 2 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To move—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Australian Democrat, Liberal and National Senators for not proceeding with or supporting the following terms of reference for the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services proposed by Democrat Senator Lyn Allison on 9 March 1999:

That the Committee inquire into and report on:

- (a) the adequacy of the tax system and related policy to address the retirement income and health care needs of Australians into the new millennium;
 - (b) strategies for building more effective national retirement income and long-term saving outcomes;
 - (c) reforms that could be implemented following completion of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge phase-in to 9 per cent; and
 - (d) the taxation of superannuation, particularly the Superannuation High Income Earners Tax Surcharge legislation and alternative payment mechanism; and
- (2) believes these to be important areas of inquiry for the Senate Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services. (*Notice given 19 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on the next sitting Monday after 27 November 2000.*)

3 MR PRICE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the Report by the Committee of Sydney Inc “Sydney’s Gateways In The 21st Century - Part 1: The Airports”, prepared by Access Economics and Maunsell McIntyre Maunsell, dated June 2000 which states amongst other things:
 - (a) on a neutral set of assumptions, operations could commence at Badgerys Creek Airport (BCA) in 2020. To achieve this relies on a subsidy in the first two years and no interim measures to prolong Kingsford-Smith Airport (KSA) and, in the absence of other interim measures to prolong KSA (like Bankstown or speed rail), 2020 is the optimal start date for BCA;
 - (b) the earlier BCA commences the greater the economic negatives. If a private owner of Sydney airports is required to commence operations at BCA before it is economically viable, potential bidders will deduct an amount reflecting the cost of the subsidy from their bid price. For example, to commence BCA in 2015, the operational subsidy costs \$160m in the first year, gradually reducing to zero as BCA becomes viable in its own right. The total subsidy outlay from 2015 to 2019 is \$570m. To commence in 2010 the cost rapidly escalates to \$270m in the first year and \$1,700m in total from 2010 to 2019 (in 1997 dollars); and
 - (c) a \$1,700m subsidy to commence operations at BCA in 2010 will cause little reduction in KSA noise while accelerating the introduction of noise over Western Sydney. Reducing noise over inner Sydney would require an even larger subsidy; and
- (2) urges the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to have an Independent Commission of Inquiry into Sydney’s Transport Needs and examine all options including Speed Rail, Interim measures to extend KSA, BCA and other alternative sights for Sydney’s Second Airport. (*Notice given 27 June 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

4 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 14 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

5 MR WILKIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) congratulates Iran regarding the completion of acknowledged democratic elections and the work of the new Majlis;
- (2) nevertheless regrets that Iran's reputation continues to be marred by questions of human rights and denial of religious freedom, most particularly the persecution of Baha'is and the renewal of the death sentences of Mr Hedayat Kashefi Najafabadi and Mr Sirius Zabihi-Moghaddam, and the inception of another against Mr Manuchehr Khulusi;
- (3) furthermore notes the persistent gaoling of numerous Baha'is for their religious beliefs and widespread discrimination in property, education, employment, civil and political rights;
- (4) acknowledges grave concern for the fate of 13 members of the Jewish community presently in custody in Iranian prisons and facing charges of espionage; and
- (5) urges Australia's continued vigilance and activity regarding human rights issues in Iran. (*Notice given 28 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

6 MS O'BYRNE: To move—That this House:

- (1) recognises the valuable role played by the Australian civilian ships in supporting the Interfet Force deployment in East Timor without which, as

Commander Peter Cosgrove stated in his letter to the Maritime Union of Australia of 15 October 1999, the deployed Forces' logistics build up would have been severely hampered;

- (2) recognises that the role played by Australian civilian ships in East Timor continues the enormous role the Australian Merchant Navy has played historically in our ever expanding peacetime carriage of trade both domestically and internationally and through its service in two World Wars at cruel cost, with one seafarer in every eight dying and many more disappearing unrecorded in the ships of many nations;
- (3) supports the International Maritime Organisation's recognition of maritime workers and the importance of merchant shipping, including Australian coastal shipping through the celebrations of Maritime Day on September 24; and
- (4) believes that World Maritime Day should be regarded as a day of maritime pride and history and that the Australian Government should promote the flying of the Australian Flag rather than Flags of Convenience. (*Notice given 28 August 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

7 MR PRICE: To move—

- (1) That a Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) proposals for the annual estimates and the additional estimates for the House of Representatives;
 - (b) proposals to vary the staff structure of the House of Representatives, and staffing and recruitment policies; and
 - (c) such other matters as are referred to it by the House;
- (2) That the committee shall:
 - (a) in relation to estimates—
 - (i) determine the amounts for inclusion in the parliamentary appropriation bills for the annual and the additional appropriations; and
 - (ii) report to the House upon its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill; and
 - (b) in relation to staffing—
 - (i) make recommendations to the Speaker; and
 - (ii) report to the House on its determinations prior to the consideration by the House of the relevant parliamentary appropriation bill;
- (3) That the committee consist of the Speaker and 11 other members, 6 members to be nominated by the Chief Government Whip or Whips and 5 members to be nominated by the Chief Opposition Whip or Whips or any independent Member;
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair;

- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting;
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine;
- (7) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting;
- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee;
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum;
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place;
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House;
- (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time; and
- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

8 MR PRICE: To move—

- (1) That standing order 28B be amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):
 - (ba) annual and additional estimates contained in the appropriation bills presented to the House shall stand referred for consideration by Members of the relevant committee (as determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) for the consideration of annual reports), and, for the purposes of this consideration:
 - (i) six Members of each committee, determined by the committee in each case, shall consider the estimates;
 - (ii) the Members of the committee selected to consider the estimates shall meet with Members of the relevant Senate legislation committee so that the Members and Senators may meet together for the purposes of considering the estimates;

- (iii) members of the relevant House and Senate committees, when meeting together to consider estimates, shall choose a Member or a Senator to chair the joint meetings;
 - (iv) the provisions of Senate standing order 26 shall, to the extent that they are applicable, apply to the consideration of estimates under this paragraph, and
 - (v) that, upon the completion of joint meetings at which evidence is received or written answers or additional information considered, it shall then be a matter for the Members of the relevant committee to consider the terms of any report to the House on the estimates.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 9 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by amending standing order 94 to read as follows:

Closure of Member

94 A motion may be made that a Member who is speaking, except a Member giving a notice of motion or formally moving the terms of a motion allowed under the standing orders or speaking to a motion of dissent (from any ruling of the Speaker under standing order 100), “be not further heard”, and such question shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

- 10 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 129 be omitted and the following standing order substituted:

Presentation of petitions

129 At the time provided for the presentation of petitions, the following arrangements shall apply to the presentation of petitions certified to be in conformity with the standing orders:

- (a) in respect of each petition, the petitioner, or one of the petitioners, may present the petition to the House by standing at the Bar of the House and reading to the House the prayer of the petition, and
 - (b) where a petitioner is not able to present the petition in accordance with paragraph (a) of this standing order, the Member who has lodged the petition may present it to the House by reading to the House the prayer of the petition. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 11 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 143:

Questions to committee chairs

143A Questions may be put to a Member in his or her capacity as Chair of a committee of the House, or of a joint committee, in connection with the work or

duties of the committee in question. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

- 12 **MR PRICE:** To move—That the standing orders be amended by inserting the following standing order after standing order 145:

Questions without notice—Time limits

145A During question time:

- (a) the asking of each question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each question may not exceed 4 minutes;
 - (b) the asking of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute and the answering of each supplementary question may not exceed 1 minute; and
 - (c) the time taken to make and determine points of order is not to be regarded as part of the time for questions and answers. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 13 **MR PRICE:** To move—That standing order 275A be omitted and the following standing order be substituted:

Statements by Members

275A Notwithstanding standing order 275, when the Main Committee meets on a Thursday, the business before the Committee shall be interrupted at 1 p.m. and the Chair shall call for statements by Members. A Member, other than a Minister, may be called by the Chair to make a statement for a period not exceeding 3 minutes. The period for Members' statements may continue for a maximum of 1 hour. Any business under discussion at 1 p.m. and interrupted under the provisions of this standing order shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting. (*Notice given 9 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

- 14 **MR PYNE:** To move—That this House:

- (1) expresses its dismay at the ongoing violence and incitement to violence in the Middle East and calls on both sides to immediately stop all violent acts and for the restoration of calm to the region;
- (2) takes note of the far-reaching and courageous proposals made by Israel's Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, at Camp David and its disappointment that this historic opportunity was not successfully seized by all parties to the peace process;
- (3) calls on all partners to resume negotiations without the threat of violence and without the premature announcement of unilateral declarations;
- (4) expresses its grief for the innocent lives lost on both sides and condemns the unacceptable inclusion of children in violent activities on the front line and expresses the hope that violence will be stopped in accordance with the Sharm el-Sheik agreement;
- (5) hopes that the conflict will be resolved in the framework of agreement and compromise;

- (6) calls on the leadership of the Israeli and Palestinian people to restore trust and confidence in order to pave the way for the resumption of peace negotiations;
- (7) calls on all countries surrounding the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian territories to ensure their sovereign territory not be used to promote aggression into an already turbulent area; and
- (8) believes that peaceful coexistence is the only option for both Israelis and Palestinians now and into the future. (*Notice given 30 October 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

15 **MR K. J. ANDREWS:** To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that stroke is the second highest cause of death in Australia;
- (2) notes that there has been a slowing down of the decline in stroke death rates in recent years;
- (3) notes that the number of people dying from stroke and those surviving with a permanent disability is likely to increase in the future;
- (4) notes that the risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, tobacco smoking, heavy alcohol consumption, high blood cholesterol, being overweight, and insufficient physical activity;
- (5) notes that the length of stay in hospital for stroke is twice as long as that for other cardiovascular conditions;
- (6) notes that while more women are affected by stroke, the proportion of men who suffer a stroke is 30 per cent higher than for women, and that for people aged 25-64, those from the lowest socio-economic group are twice as likely to die from stroke as those in the highest socioeconomic group with indigenous death rates from stroke in the same age group being eight times the rate in the rest of the population; and
- (7) urges the Government to continue to support public awareness about the high risk factors associated with stroke. (*Notice given 6 November 2000. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

Orders of the day

- 1 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (UNCONSCIONABLE CONDUCT—SAVING OF STATE AND TERRITORY LAWS) BILL 2000** (*Mr Fitzgibbon*): Second reading (*from 5 June 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 27 November 2000.*)
- 2 **MILITARY HISTORY AND HERITAGE:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000*) on the motion of Dr Lawrence—That this House:
 - (1) recognises the importance of preserving our military history and heritage for future generations;
 - (2) applauds the work of the volunteers and returned service men and women in promoting and preserving our military heritage; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to retain in public ownership sites of significance for our military heritage and history, for example, the Fremantle Artillery

Barracks and associated Army Museum. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 27 November 2000.*)

- 3 **ZIMBABWE:** Resumption of debate (*from 5 June 2000—Ms Roxon, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Moylan—That this House:
- (1) condemns the Zimbabwe Government for allowing the current grave situation to continue in which:
 - (a) serious economic difficulties are leading to considerable unrest; and
 - (b) agricultural production has been jeopardised by the invasion of commercial farms by squatters and the squatters' actions have been ruled as illegal by the High Court of Zimbabwe;
 - (2) supports the Australian and British Governments' strongly expressed concerns about events in Zimbabwe; and
 - (3) calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to restore the rule of law and hold free and fair elections at the earliest possible date. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on 27 November 2000.*)
- 4 **ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000*) on the motion of Mr Hardgrave—That this House:
- (1) expresses its concern for the return of hostilities between Ethiopia and the State of Eritrea;
 - (2) acknowledges attempts by the Organisation of African Unity, the United States, various African heads of state and the United Nations to restore peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea;
 - (3) expresses great concern for the reported deaths of thousands of people in the past eighteen months and for the suffering of tens of thousands more;
 - (4) acknowledges the need expressed by the Eritrean Government for the return of foreign humanitarian NGO groups to provide relief; and
 - (5) highlights the past efforts of Australians, such as Fred Hollows, to help the people of Eritrea. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 27 November 2000.*)
- 5 **TELSTRA:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000*) on the motion of Mr A. P. Thomson—That this House:
- (1) urges Telstra to pursue its obligations to Australia's rural and regional dwellers with full vigour; and
 - (2) acknowledges that full privatisation of Telstra would:
 - (a) allow Telstra to pursue more valuable commercial opportunities to the benefit of its shareholders;
 - (b) deliver to the Government sufficient funds to pay off entirely Australia's federal sovereign debt; and
 - (c) ease upward pressure on interest rates in a climate of rising oil prices. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 27 November 2000.*)

- 6 **FIJI:** Resumption of debate (*from 19 June 2000*) on the motion of Mr Price—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the fact that a legitimate government, democratically elected, has been detained at gun point and thereafter removed from office by illegal means, in Fiji by a small band of armed terrorists;
 - (2) notes that the ethnic Indian communities in Fiji are being deprived from exercising their fundamental political and human rights;
 - (3) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) recall Australia's High Commissioner from Suva;
 - (b) suspend all Ministerial and high level official contacts;
 - (c) seek Fiji's immediate suspension from the Commonwealth;
 - (d) suspend all non-humanitarian elements of Australia's \$22.3 million aid program;
 - (e) cancel all defence cooperation with Fiji's armed forces;
 - (f) suspend the extension of the Import Credit Scheme in its application to Fiji;
 - (g) urge Australian tourists to favour other destinations instead of Fiji; and
 - (h) encourage other countries to adopt similar sanctions; and
 - (4) urges the Government to review the measures taken only upon full democratic rights being restored to each and every citizen of Fiji and a constitutional government being restored. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on the next sitting Monday after 27 November 2000.*)
- 7 **GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING (OBJECTIVITY, FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY) BILL 2000** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 8 **WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2000 [NO. 2]** (*Mr Beazley*): Second reading (*from 26 June 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 2 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 9 **MARKETISATION OF EDUCATION:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Sawford—That this House acknowledges the dangers of the marketisation of education in Australia and its potential to normalise inequality for families in rural Australia, for families with disabled children, for families with children with behavioural difficulties and for families of children in depressed socio-economic areas. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 10 **TIBETAN PEOPLE'S HEALTH:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000—Mr Danby, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Nehl—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the great need to help the Tibetan people cope with the devastating impact of Iodine Deficiency Disorders; and

- (2) applauds the AusAID program launched in Lhasa on 18 May 2000 which will transform the health profile of the Tibetan people. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 11 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS AND ETHICS:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Horne—That a Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Ethics be appointed to inquire into whether to permit human surrogacy in Australia and, if so,:
- (1) under what terms and conditions surrogacy should be legalised; and
 - (2) the legal, ethical, moral and religious framework by which legal agreements could be drawn up to allow human surrogacy to take place giving maximum legal safeguards to all people involved. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 12 PARALYMPIC GAMES:** Resumption of debate (*from 14 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Cameron—That this House:
- (1) acknowledges the significance of the Paralympic Games as the second largest sporting event in the world in 2000;
 - (2) applauds the example of our elite Paralympic athletes in keeping alive the best sporting traditions of honour, excellence and competition; and
 - (3) records its appreciation to the people of the ACT and NSW for their generous support of the Paralympics throughout the 2000 Pollie Pedal bike ride from Parliament House, Canberra, to the Sydney Town Hall. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 3 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 13 AUSTRALIAN TOURIST COMMISSION:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Baird—That this House:
- (1) commends the Australian Tourist Commission (ATC) in its recognition of the benefit of the Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games for Australian tourism and for the \$12 million four year program it has put in place to maximise the tourist potential of Australia; and
 - (2) notes the ATC's plans to:
 - (a) generate additional publicity for Australia by hosting additional media;
 - (b) work with major Olympic sponsors on joint promotional programs;
 - (c) assist with National Olympic Committees' official tour operators; and
 - (d) work with international broadcasters who have rights to the Games. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 14 POST POLIO SYNDROME:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000*) on the motion of Mr Adams—That this House:
- (1) recognises Post Polio Syndrome, as thousands of Australians are now experiencing the late effects of contracting polio some 30 to 40 years after the initial infection;

- (2) notes that it is estimated that a minimum of 20 000 to 40 000 people had paralytic polio in Australia between the 1930s and the 1960s and it has only been recently that this syndrome has been diagnosed;
 - (3) gives support to the Post Polio Network set up around Australia;
 - (4) helps the establishment of assessment clinics for those that suffer from this disorder;
 - (5) helps educate medical professionals to recognise this syndrome and encourage further research; and
 - (6) legislates to recognise the need for post polio sufferers to retire early because of chronic ill health due to past polio infection. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 15 **NEEDLE SUPPLY AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS:** Resumption of debate (*from 28 August 2000—Mrs May, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Billson—That this House:
- (1) recognises the:
 - (a) positive contribution needle supply and exchange programs have made to curbing the spread of infectious diseases through injecting drug use; and
 - (b) cost to the community of needle stick injury;
 - (2) encourages State and Territory Governments to:
 - (a) extend the principle of reducing harm by needle supply and exchange programs to include reducing the risk to the broader community of needle stick injury from syringes discarded improperly; and
 - (b) embrace retractable syringe technology across the health sector to reduce the risk and cost of needle stick injury to health professionals and health service consumers; and
 - (3) calls on the Federal Government to:
 - (a) initiate trials of retractable syringes for Government-funded needle supply and exchange programs to determine the practicality, clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of supplying retractable syringes; and
 - (b) embrace the use of retractable syringes in the Commonwealth's own medical and allied health activities, for example Defence. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 4 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 16 **AVIATION NOISE OMBUDSMAN BILL 2000** (*Mr Albanese*): Second reading (*from 4 September 2000*). (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 17 **WATER:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000*) on the motion of Mr Lawler—That this House:
- (1) notes the crucial importance of water to the ongoing growth of the Australian economy and to the environment of rivers and wetlands;

- (2) acknowledges the many initiatives implemented over the past decade to achieve more efficient use of water;
 - (3) commends the Government for the directions created by the Natural Heritage Trust National Rivercare Program initiatives, particularly in regard to the Murray Darling Basin and the upper reaches of the Snowy River;
 - (4) calls for all future water allocations to be used for environmental purposes to be only taken from savings from the NSW and Victorian distribution system and only after satisfying a test of the national interest; and
 - (5) calls for proper financial compensation to be awarded to those who have their right to water taken away. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 18 **CHILD ABUSE:** Resumption of debate (*from 4 September 2000*) on the motion of Mrs Irwin—That this House:
- (1) recognises the protection of children from abuse is fundamental in a civilised society;
 - (2) is alarmed by the apparent rise in child abuse and neglect despite the efforts of the National Child Protection Council; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to urgently focus more resources in implementing a national approach to the prevention, repair, intervention and research into child abuse. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 5 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 19 **BURMA:** Resumption of debate (*from 9 October 2000*) on the motion of Mr Edwards—That this House calls on the Government of Burma to cease infringing the right of Aung San Suu Kyi to conduct her democratic activities with freedom and in safety and further calls on the Burmese Government to involve itself in a substantive political dialogue with her National League for Democracy. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 20 **SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2000** (*Mr K. J. Thomson*): Second reading (*from 30 October 2000*). (*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 November 2000.*)
- 21 **JOB NETWORK MONITORING AUTHORITY BILL 2000** (*Ms Kernot*): Second reading (*from 30 October 2000*). (*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 November 2000.*)
- 22 **PARALLEL IMPORTING:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2000*) on the motion of Mr Pyne—That this House:
- (1) recognises that easing restrictions on parallel importing will result in cheaper prices for Australian consumers;
 - (2) acknowledges that easing restrictions on parallel importing will allow Australian consumers to enjoy a greater range of products; and

- (3) confirms that easing restrictions on parallel importing improves product innovation and development. (*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 November 2000.*)
- 23 **JOHN SIMPSON KIRKPATRICK:** Resumption of debate (*from 30 October 2000*) on the motion of Ms Hall—That this House:
- (1) remembers the extraordinary deeds of John Simpson Kirkpatrick who, with his donkeys, rescued injured above and beyond the call of duty until he was himself killed; and
 - (2) implores the Government to award a posthumous Victoria Cross of Australia to “Simpson” in accordance with the wishes of his WWI commanding officers and overwhelming public demand. (*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 November 2000.*)
- 24 **RESTAURANT AND CAFÉ INDUSTRY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—Mr Gibbons, in continuation*) on the motion of Ms Gambaro—That this House:
- (1) recognises that the restaurant and café industry makes a significant contribution to the Australian economy, having an estimated gross profit of \$3.3 billion and employing over 188 000 Australians;
 - (2) acknowledges the contribution the restaurant and café industry makes to Australia’s tourism income, with visitors spending an average \$328 on food during their stay in Australia; and
 - (3) recognises the importance placed on the apprenticeship scheme by the Government, increasing the positions available in traineeships, and noting its beneficial impact for training in the restaurant industry. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 25 **INTERNET VOTING:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—Mr C. P. Thompson, in continuation*) on the motion of Mr Ripoll—That this House:
- (1) recognises the potential of Internet democracy as a way of fostering greater public participation in politics and rebuilding public trust in democratic processes;
 - (2) notes the US experience in conducting elections through Internet voting, plus the development of mass participation in Internet polls;
 - (3) notes the strong interest of the Australian Electoral Commission in the development of Internet voting; and
 - (4) recognises the need to reform representative democracy and create a charter of issues and governmental responsibilities determined by direct democracy. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)
- 26 **HYDROGEN ECONOMY:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000*) on the motion of Mr Charles—That this House encourages the Australian research and development community, both public and private, and the motor vehicle manufacturing industry to move as rapidly as possible to embrace the emerging

hydrogen economy and to place Australia at the forefront of the development of hydrogen as an energy carrier to replace carbon and commends General Motors for its “HydroGen 1” hydrogen fuel electric car. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

27 OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN: Resumption of debate (*from 6 November 2000—Mrs D. M. Kelly, in continuation*) on the motion of Mrs Crosio—That this House:

- (1) congratulates the countries of Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Namibia, The Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, The Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uruguay and Venezuela for being signatories to the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- (2) recognises the CEDAW as the only woman specific human rights mechanism at the international level;
- (3) recognises that the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW is a major step forward in realising Governments’ commitments with regard to women’s human rights;
- (4) recognises that the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW creates procedures for the United Nations to promote the enjoyment of human rights to all women and the world-wide elimination of discrimination against women;
- (5) recognises that signatories to the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW reject all forms of injustice and systemic discrimination suffered by women world-wide;
- (6) recognises that the Optional Protocol provides a significant opportunity for women who have suffered from discrimination to seek justice through the United Nations;
- (7) expresses concern at the significantly diminished role Australia is playing in the negotiations of the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW and the low priority given to the Optional Protocol by the Howard Government;
- (8) calls on the Howard Government to take an active role in the negotiation process and to promote a speedy ratification of the Optional Protocol; and
- (9) calls on the Howard Government to have Australia become a signatory to the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW. (*Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays after 27 November 2000.*)

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, 27 November 2000". 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

Thursday, 9 November 2000

The Main Committee meets at 9.40 a.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 **JURISDICTION OF COURTS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 2000** (*Attorney-General*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 8 November 2000—Ms Worth*).
- 2 **INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000** (*Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Mr Swan*).

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS

Orders of the day

- 1 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL SERVICES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PRIMARY PRODUCER ACCESS TO GENE TECHNOLOGY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 2 November 2000—Fran Bailey*) on the motion of Fran Bailey—That the House take note of the report.
 - 2 **COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—BEYOND THE MIDNIGHT OIL: AN INQUIRY INTO MANAGING FATIGUE IN TRANSPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2000—Mrs Elson*) on the motion of Mr Neville—That the House take note of the report.
 - 3 **EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—AGE COUNTS: ISSUES SPECIFIC TO MATURE-AGE WORKERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 6 September 2000—Ms Kernot, in continuation*) on the motion of Dr Nelson—That the House take note of the report.
 - 4 **PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—SECOND CHAMBER: ENHANCING THE MAIN COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 16 August 2000—Mr Sercombe*) on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the report.
 - 5 **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON INDIGENOUS HEALTH—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Resumption of debate (*from 29 June 2000—Mr Neville*) on the motion of Mr Wakelin—That the House take note of the report.
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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 404, 460, 461, 1041, 1125, 1134, 1208, 1218, 1222, 1256, 1283, 1290, 1415, 1431, 1449, 1473, 1476, 1494, 1513, 1514, 1517-1521, 1524, 1558, 1559, 1563, 1600, 1620, 1633, 1635, 1640, 1646, 1657, 1658, 1681, 1692, 1702, 1710, 1715, 1722, 1734, 1737, 1750-1752, 1754, 1755, 1758, 1759, 1763, 1777, 1787, 1788, 1791, 1795, 1802-1804, 1809, 1810, 1812, 1819, 1849, 1852, 1859-1862, 1875, 1878-1882, 1887, 1889, 1890, 1893, 1894, 1906, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1926, 1927, 1940-1942, 1945, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1964, 1966-1968, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977-1980, 1985, 1986, 1989-1998, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2009-2027, 2029, 2031, 2033, 2034, 2036-2042, 2044-2047, 2049-2063, 2065, 2067, 2068, 2070-2072, 2074-2082, 2084-2088, 2090-2128.

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2129 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) How many persons in each federal electoral division in Victoria have been awarded the Australian Sports Medal 2000.
- (2) What are the names of recipients in the electoral division of Scullin.

2130 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Minister for Financial Services and Regulation—

- (1) What is the Government's position with regard to bank account fees (a) in general and (b) charged on accounts held by pensioners.
- (2) Will the Government legislate to prevent banks from charging fees on bank accounts; if not, why not.
- (3) Is he aware that in order to receive their fortnightly Centrelink payments, pensioners are required to have an account with a financial institution and that these commonly attract fees.
- (4) Is he aware of any financial institutions offering fee-free accounts for pensioners, if so, can he identify these.
- (5) Given the Government requires pensioners to have accounts with financial institutions in order to receive government payments, will it legislate to prohibit the charging of fees on these accounts; if not, why not.

2131 **MR SMITH:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1723 (*Hansard*, 16 August 2000, page 17532), has the Minister considered the report presented to him by Mr Peter Marks; if so, what is the result of the Minister's consideration of the report.
- (2) When will the Minister make a declaration of protection referred to in the answer to the question.

- 2132 **MR SMITH:** To ask the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
- (1) Has there been communication between the Government and the WA Government over the possibility of part of the Pyrton site at Eden Hill in Perth being used as a detention centre for illegal immigrants.
 - (2) Has there been communication between the Government and the WA Government about the use of that site, other than for a women's prison.
 - (3) Does he have, or is he considering, proposals for the site, other than as a women's prison.
- 2133 **MR McCLELLAND:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
Further to the answer to question No. 1746, what do the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau or Air Services Australia regard as an acceptable safety hazard in respect to weather conditions applying to the landing and take off of aircraft.

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- 2134 **MR JENKINS:** To ask the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs—
- (1) What sums were provided to (a) government and (b) non-government schools in (i) 1998-99 and (ii) 1999-2000 in the postcode areas of (A) 3074, (B) 3075, (C) 3076, (D) 3082, (E) 3083, (F) 3087, (G) 3088, (H) 3089, (I) 3090 and (J) 3752 and what was the (I) expenditure on, (II) location of, and (III) purpose of, each grant.
 - (2) Using the criteria referred to in part (1), what are the allocations for 2000-2001.
- 2135 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—
- (1) What proportion of Australia's small businesses are (a) connected to the Internet and (b) trading online through electronic commerce.
 - (2) How do the figures in part (1) compare to other member nations of the OECD.
- 2136 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources—
- (1) What proportion of business expenditure on research and development in Australia is spent within Australia's higher education sector.
 - (2) How does the statistic in part (1) compare to other member nations of the OECD.
- 2137 **MR LATHAM:** To ask the Minister for Health and Aged Care—
- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1924 (*Hansard*, 2 November 2000, page 19584), has his Department advised him of expected savings for public hospitals from the 30% private health insurance rebate; if so, what does the advice reveal.
 - (2) What cost: benefit outcome for public hospitals does the Government expect to achieve from the 30% rebate.

2138 **MRS CROSIO:** To ask the Minister for Veterans' Affairs—

- (1) Has his attention been drawn to a recommendation from Major General Mohr in an independent report stating that Australian civilian surgical and medical teams operating in Vietnam during the Vietnam War be deemed as performing qualifying service for repatriation benefits.
- (2) How many Australian civilian surgical and medical teams who served in Vietnam were awarded the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM).
- (3) Were Australian civilian surgical and medical officers who served in Vietnam awarded an AASM on the basis that they were integrated with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and performed like functions with their ADF counterparts.
- (4) Will he amend the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000 to allow Australian civilian surgical and medical teams access to repatriation benefits; if not, why not.

8 November 2000

2139 **MR BEVIS:** To ask the Minister for Community Services—

- (1) Is it a fact that the 1995-1996 Labor Government Budget allocated funds to the Commonwealth Financial Counselling Programme in Queensland of \$477 429, and in the 1996-1997 Coalition Budget this was cut to \$416 840.
- (2) Is it a fact that the Coalition Budgets of 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 allocated to the Commonwealth Financial Counselling Programme in Queensland \$414 800, \$415 590, \$416 190 and \$459 640, respectively.
- (3) While there was an increase in the allocation to Queensland from 1999-2000 to 2000-2001, is the current budget allocation still below that of 1995-1996 in dollar terms and real dollar terms.
- (4) Did Network Australia undertake a cost benefit analysis of the Programme in 1998 which showed that the Programme's measurable benefits exceed its costs.
- (5) Did Network Australia also indicate that it would be next to impossible for a commercial provider to provide the same level and quality of service as the existing non-profit agencies.
- (6) What steps are being taken to ensure that agencies are adequately funded and viable.
- (7) What administrative support is the Government giving to agencies.
- (8) Is the Government using the information obtained by the agencies to inform public policy on issues such as bankruptcy and related consumer credit issues, if so, how.
- (9) Is the Government working cooperatively with the agencies to assist them to develop viable funding models.

2140 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to claims that paragraph (2)(c)(iii) of section 75AU of the Trade Practices Act significantly reduces the prospects of a successful action against GST price exploitation; if so, what is the Government's reaction to the claims.

2141 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) In accordance with the terms of the Airports Act, when will the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) commence its five year Regulatory Review of the airport privatisation process.
- (2) Has his attention been drawn to the concern from airport owners that the ACCC does not have the depth or intricate knowledge of the day to day dynamics of running an airport, nor the ability to foresee the impact of operational and technological advances in the industry; if so, is it appropriate that the ACCC review its own continuing role in regulating the industry.
- (3) Does the Government accept that there is a fundamental contradictory flaw in having a regulator such as the ACCC conduct a review of its own continuing role in regulating the industry, rather than an alternative body such as the Productivity Commission.
- (4) Will the airport owners be consulted about the Regulatory Review and the terms of reference of the review.
- (5) Will the Civil Aviation Safety Authority or the Australian Transport Safety Bureau play any role in the Regulatory Review.
- (6) Will the terms of reference be publicly available.
- (7) Will any party be open to make submissions to the review.

2142 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—

- (1) Further to the release of the Interim Factual Report 200002157 into the accident involving the Piper Chieftain VH-MZK near the Whyalla Aerodrome on 31 May 2000, will draft copies of that report be circulated to any parties; if so, (a) to whom and (b) what authority do these parties have to make changes to that report.
- (2) Who will sign off on the report before it is released.
- (3) Will the report be released to the families of those who died in the accident before it is released publicly.
- (4) When does he expect a final report into this accident to be released.

2143 **MR K. J. THOMSON:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) In relation to the announcement on 31 October of the sale process of the Essendon Airport, what are the guidelines and parameters to the development of the site referred to in objective (iv).
- (2) Are majority foreign owned companies precluded from purchasing the airport.
- (3) Will extra land around the airport be included in the sale process to make it safer.
- (4) Are discussions being held with the Victorian Government in relation to possible changes in the alignment of the Tullamarine/Calder inter-change.
- (5) Will the Government ensure that the new operator has emergency services on site 24 hours a day.

- (6) Has the Government considered what impact a developed Essendon Airport will have on Tullamarine; if so, what will be that impact..
- (7) How will possible purchasers demonstrate an awareness of environmental and local issues as required in objective (v).
- (8) Is there a reserve price, or a price below which the Government will not accept a bid for the airport.

2144 **MR HOLLIS:** To ask the Prime Minister—

- (1) Which heads of state and government have visited Australia since the answer to question No. 878 (*Hansard*, 22 August 1991, page 465).
- (2) Which of the persons referred to in part (1) have been honoured by an award in the Order of Australia.

2145 **MR MURPHY:** To ask the Attorney-General—

- (1) Further to the answer to question No. 1925 (*Hansard*, 2 November 2000, page 19584), were the last medical reports provided to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) about the state of health of former Senator Malcolm Arthur Colston provided on 7 April 1999; if not, (a) how many medical reports have been submitted to the DPP since 7 April 1999 and (b) what are the dates of these medical reports.
- (2) Since the Media Statement titled “Prosecution of Malcolm Colston”, dated 5 July 1999 which declared that there is no prospect that former Senator Colston will be fit to stand trial in the future, has the DPP’s attention been drawn to reports that former Senator Colston has been observed (a) sitting in the audience of the television show “The New Price is Right”, (b) dining out in Brisbane restaurants, (c) shopping in Brisbane, (d) travelling within and outside Queensland, (e) providing an interview to the media and (f) engaging in correspondence with the print media.
- (3) In light of the above reports on the activities of former Senator Colston since 5 July 1999 and further to the answer to question No. 1925 that, if there was evidence contrary to the earlier advice that former Senator Colston was not fit to stand trial and there was no prospect that he would be fit to stand trial in the future, will the DPP obtain fresh medical opinions on the current state of health of Mr Colston.
- (4) Are the current DPP Prosecution Policies based on the UK Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, chaired by Sir Cyril Philips, dated January 1981.
- (5) Does he accept the view put forward in paragraph 6.10 at page 128 of the report referred to in part (4) that it is a material consideration of a criminal justice system that the proper objective of a fair prosecution system is not simply to prosecute the guilty and avoid prosecuting the innocent but rather to ensure that prosecutions are initiated only in those cases in which there is adequate evidence and where prosecution is justified in the public interest.
- (6) Does the report further note at paragraph 6.11 at page 129 that the ability of any prosecution system to take account of these considerations of humanity (viz. age, sex, physical and mental condition (of the defendant)) and of other elements of public interest is a hallmark of fairness, provided that such criteria are applied consistently.

- (7) Does the application of the Information Privacy Principles in the way they have been applied to this matter and in the matter of Christopher Skase in the prosecution of justice, combine to produce inconsistency in procedural decision making.
 - (8) Is leaving sole responsibility in the hands of the DPP in deciding whether to continue or discontinue proceedings precisely the kind of “lacking effective machinery for achieving conformity in prosecution policies” referred to at paragraph 6.46 on page 138 in the UK report.
 - (9) Are the standards applied in weighing these considerations inconsistent with weight to such factors given by the DPP’s pursuit of the prosecution of Mr Christopher Skase.
 - (10) Further to the answers to parts (4) and (10) of question No. 1925, are both the policy considerations of adequacy of evidence and justification in the public interest satisfied.
 - (11) Is the last available medical evidence now some nineteen months old; if so, does the weight of policy considerations in obtaining further evidence in determining whether to direct the DPP to resume prosecution now outweigh policy considerations that medically preclude former Senator Colston from standing trial.
 - (12) Have the compassionate grounds upon which this prosecution was terminated now been exhausted and should fresh evidence be called.
- 2146 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Transport and Regional Services—
- (1) On what date was the decision to keep Essendon Airport open made.
 - (2) Who was informed of the decision prior to its announcement in Parliament on 31 October 2000.
 - (3) Was the Victorian Government informed of the decision prior to its announcement in Parliament on 31 October 2000; if so, (a) on what date and at what time was the Victorian Government informed, (b) who made the contact with the Victorian Government and (c) who was contacted.
 - (4) Was the Victorian Opposition informed of the decision prior to its announcement in Parliament on 31 October 2000; if so, (a) on what date and at what time was the Victorian Opposition informed, (b) who made the contact with the Victorian Opposition and (c) who was contacted.
 - (5) Prior to making the decision to keep Essendon Airport open, was a study undertaken of Victoria’s aviation needs; if so, (a) what was the nature of the study, (b) by whom was the study conducted, (c) what consultation process was used and (d) what were the results of the study.
 - (6) Was he aware of any similar study being undertaken by the Victorian Government; if so, (a) on what date was he advised such a study was to be undertaken, (b) was the study completed prior to making the decision to keep Essendon Airport open and (c) what were the results of the study.
 - (7) When and by what process will the Commonwealth’s shares in Essendon Airport Ltd be sold.
 - (8) What mechanism will be used to ensure the purchaser of the shares continues to operate Essendon Airport as an airport.

- (9) In the event that Essendon Airport Ltd is liquidated, placed in receivership, placed under administration or otherwise faces financial difficulties, how will the Commonwealth ensure that Essendon Airport continues to function as an airport.
- (10) What control will the Commonwealth Government have on the level of aeronautical charges after the sale of the Commonwealth's shares in Essendon Airport Ltd.

2147 **MS GILLARD:** To ask the Minister for Finance and Administration—

- (1) On what date did he write to the Premier of Victoria seeking the Victorian Government's views about the future of Essendon Airport and RAAF Base Williams at Point Cook.
- (2) What reply was received to the letter to the Premier of Victoria.
- (3) Was an asset sales team or teams formed within his Department to oversee the Commonwealth's disposal of the Essendon Airport and RAAF Base Williams; if so, (a) who comprised the teams, (b) with whom did the teams meet and on what dates and (c) have the teams been disbanded; if so, on what date.
- (4) Did he personally inspect Essendon Airport and RAAF Base Williams in preparation for the disposal of these sites by the Commonwealth; if so, on what date did the inspection occur and who attended the inspection.
- (5) On what date was the decision to keep Essendon Airport open made.
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*2148 **MR M. J. FERGUSON:** To ask the Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—

- (1) Further to his answer to question No. 2032 concerning discussions between himself, his staff and his Department, with the Office of the Employment Advocate about the Commonwealth Bank's decision to offer Australian Workplace Agreements to employees, (a) who attended the meetings on 28

August 2000, 12 September 2000, and 26 September 2000 for the bank and (b) who is the bank's consultant.

- (2) What assistance did his staff, his Department or the Office of the Employment Advocate offer the Commonwealth Bank in its campaign to offer Australian Workplace Agreements to bank employees.
- (3) Did the bank and its consultant initiate the discussions with the Office of the Employment Advocate; if so, (a) when was the initial contact made, (b) by whom was it made and (c) who was contacted.
- (4) Following the interlocutory Federal Court decision of 29 August 2000, (a) who initiated discussions between his Department and the bank and (b) what assistance did his Department offer to the bank at this meeting.
- (5) Has his Department prepared or had prepared any legal advice on the Federal Court decision of 29 September 2000; if so, (a) who prepared the opinion and (b) has it been given to the bank and its consultants.

*2149 **MR FITZGIBBON:** To ask the Minister for Sport and Tourism—

- (1) Has the Sydney-based Wine Society applied to her Department for a regional tourism grant to establish the Sydney Wine Society Centre in The Rocks, Sydney; if so, what (a) decision was made on the application and (b) what were the reasons for the decision.
- (2) Has her attention been drawn to reports that (a) the Wine Society was formed by a group of wine-lovers to create purchasing power for its members so that they could enjoy fine wines at more affordable prices and (b) the NSW Government declined to offer the project funding under its Regional Business Development Scheme on the basis that it was unconvinced it would deliver any benefits to regional areas.

*2150 **MR ANDREN:** To ask the Treasurer—Has his attention been drawn to concerns expressed by financial planners that the *New Business Tax System (Alienation of Personal Service Income) Act 2000* unintentionally applies to their activities when they operate similar business structures to other professions such as accountants and lawyers; if so, (a) does the Government view the concerns as justified and (b) what steps will be taken to address the concerns.

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.

Current inquiry:

Needs of Urban Dwelling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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

Current inquiries:

Adequacy of radio services in regional Australia.

Art Indemnity Australia.

Progress in rail reform.

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

Current inquiries:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission annual report 1998-99.

International financial market effects on government policy.

Reserve Bank of Australia annual report 1999-2000.

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

Current inquiry:

Education of boys.

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

Current inquiries:

Catchment management.

Public good conservation - the impact of conservation measures imposed on landholders.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Mr Wakelin (*Chair*), Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Edwards, Ms Ellis, Mrs Gash Ms Hall, Mr Lawler, Mr Quick, Mr Schultz, Dr Washer. (Mr Jenkins and Mr Nugent to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into indigenous health and Ms J. I. Bishop and Mrs Irwin to serve as supplementary members for the purpose of the inquiry into drugs.)

Current inquiry:

Social and economic costs of substance abuse.

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

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES: Mr Prosser (*Chair*), Mr Hatton, Mr Lloyd, Mr I. E. Macfarlane, Mr Morris, Mr Nairn, Ms Roxon, Mr C. P. Thompson, Dr Washer, Mr Zahra.

Current inquiry:

Adding value to Australian raw materials.

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

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.

Current inquiry:

Development of high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting.

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

Current inquiries:

Possible interference with a witness: Mr Peter Osborne.

Status of records held by Members of the House of Representatives.

PROCEDURE: Mr Cameron, Mr M. J. Ferguson, Mr Forrest, Mrs Gash, Ms Gerick, Mr Nairn, Mr Price.

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 ORGANISATION: Mr Jull (*Presiding Member*), Mr Forrest, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Senator Calvert, Senator S. Macdonald, 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.

Current inquiry:

Provisions of the Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000 (*To report by 31 March 2001*).

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

Current inquiry:

Law enforcement implications of new technology.

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 Cox, Mr Georgiou, Ms Gillard, Mr Lindsay, Mr St Clair, Mr Somlyay, Mr Tanner, Mr K. J. Thomson, Senator Coonan, Senator Crowley, Senator Gibson, Senator Hogg, Senator Murray, Senator Watson.

Current inquiries:

Auditor-General's Reports.

Auditor-General's audit report No. 9, 2000-2001, First Quarter.

Coastwatch.

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

Current inquiries:

Delamere Range and RAAF Base Tindal, NT—Development of Range Support Facilities.

Perth—Proposed ABC Perth Accommodation Project.

Stirling, ACT—Construction of mixed residential dwellings.

Sydney—

Proposed Reserve Bank of Australia Head Office building works.
Remediation of Defence land at Neutral Bay.

Joint Standing

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

Current inquiries:

Electoral funding and disclosure.

Integrity of the Electoral roll.

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

Current inquiries:

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

Australia's relations with the Middle East.

Australia's relations with the United Nations.

Review of the Department of Defence Annual Report 1998-99.

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 Lightfoot (*Chair*), Mr Cameron, Ms Ellis, Mr Nehl, Mr Neville, Mr Snowdon, Mr Somlyay, Senator Crossin, Senator Greig, Senator Lundy, Senator Watson, Senator West.

Current inquiry:

Provision of health services on Norfolk Island.

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

Current inquiries:

- Australia's Extradition Law, Policy and Practice.
- Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation.
- Kyoto Protocol.
- Statute for the International Criminal Court.
- Treaties tabled on 10 October.

Joint Select

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM (*Formed 31 May 1999*): Mr Adams, Mr Baird, Ms J. I. Bishop, Mr Charles, Mr Causley, Mr Danby, Ms Hall, Mr Hawker, Mr McClelland, Mr Price, Mr Pyne, Ms Roxon, Senator Abetz, Senator Bolkus, Senator Boswell, Senator Payne, Senator Schacht, Senator Stott Despoja. (*Report brought up 9 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

RETAILING SECTOR (*Formed 10 December 1998*): Mr Baird (*Chair*), Mrs Elson, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Jenkins, Mr Nairn, Senator Boswell, Senator Ferris, Senator Forshaw, Senator Murray, Senator Schacht. (*Report brought up 30 August 1999; Committee dissolved.*)

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*).