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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 74

WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE 1994

1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1994-95—BUDGET DEBATE

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr Ferguson addressing the House—

It being 3 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

3 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Reid, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs)—

Mr Bilney presented the following paper:

Official Development Assistance—

Statistical Annex A: The ODA/GNP ratio—Copy of table.

Questions without notice continued.

4 PAPER

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 17 August 1993 to 12 May 1994, and reports presented to which responses are outstanding, 1 June 1994.

5 PAPERS

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

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

Family Law Act (Mr Chynoweth, 3950 petitioners).

International Women's Day being declared a national day in Australia (Mr Keating, 29 petitioners).

Veterans' Affairs disability pensions (Mr Crean, 65 petitioners).

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The House was informed that Mr Costello (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threats to a sustained economic recovery in Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Costello addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 1 June 1994, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 273—Human Services and Health Legislation Amendment 1994.

No. 274—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Fees 1994.

No. 276—Employment, Education and Training Legislation Amendment 1994.

8 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 2 (1994).

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

9 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ROUTINE OF BUSINESS FOR 2 JUNE 1994

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the routine of business for Thursday, 2 June 1994, being as follows, unless otherwise ordered:

1. Notices and orders of the day.
2. Questions without notice (at 2 p.m.).
3. Presentation of papers.
4. Ministerial statements, by leave.
5. Matter of public importance.
6. Notices and orders of the day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1994

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), for Mr Beazley (Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation.

Bill read a first time.

Paper: Mr Bilney presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1994-95—BUDGET DEBATE

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Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Kerr—Minister for Justice), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 June 1994:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order No. M70/94.

Charter of the United Nations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 131.

Corporations Act—Accounting standards—AASB 1028 (3/94), AASB 1029 (3/94).

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 143.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B 1994 Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21.

Disability Services Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 140.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 Nos. 137, 138.

Immigration (Education) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 142.

Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 144.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 141.

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 139.

Ozone Protection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 136.

Public Service Act—Determinations 1994 Nos. 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, LES 8, LES 9.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 134.

Superannuation Act 1976—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 133.

Superannuation Act 1990—Declaration—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 132.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1994 No. 135.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Crean, Ms Fatin, Mr Free, Dr Hewson, Mr Howe, Mr Keating, Dr Lawrence, Mr Punch, Mr Snowdon and Mr Tickner.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives