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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 139

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 1995

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 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS**

A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

29 May 1995—Message No. 268—

Child Support Legislation Amendment 1995.

Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy 1995.

Health Legislation (Private Health Insurance Reform) Amendment 1995.

**3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1995-96—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 Price 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.

**4 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 28 of 1994-95—Efficiency audit—Insurance and Superannuation Commission: Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Administrative arrangements.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:

- (1) this House authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit report No. 28 of 1994-95; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

## 6 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Nursing home and hostel standards—List of monitoring statements published between 1 July and 31 December 1994.

Royal Australian Air Force—Accident involving No. 76 Squadron Macchi aircraft A7-38 and A7-88 near Markwell, NSW, on 24 October 1994—Summary of investigation, May 1995.

## 7 NURSING HOME AND HOSTELS STANDARDS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Nursing home and hostel standards—List of monitoring statements published between 1 July and 31 December 1994.

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

## 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LABOUR MARKET REFORM

The House was informed that Mr Reith had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to undertake genuine labour market reform as evidenced by the impediments to productivity and disincentives to employment which have been imposed on battling workers and employers of Australia by the Government's restrictive and unfair Industrial Relations Reform Act".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

## 9 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Human Services and Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 1995 had been fully considered the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Bevis (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1995-96—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.

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**11 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Papers:* Mrs Sullivan, by leave, presented the following papers:

Takumi Enterprises Pty Ltd—

Australian Securities Commission—Historical company extracts—

19 May 1993.

31 May 1995.

Gold Coast City Council property details.

Debate continued.

*Debate extended:* It being 8 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 8.03 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 May 1995:

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal and site plan for a disabled access ramp and handrails on West Block offices, Parkes, ACT.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments 1995 Nos. 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Mr Gibson, Mr Grace, Mr Holding, Mr Howe, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Lavarch, Mr Moore, Mr Punch, Mr Tickner and Mr Willis.

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 1995**

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1 The Main Committee met at 10 a.m.

**2 HUMAN SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Human Services and Health) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered—That Dr Theophanous be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 269, dated 5 April 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for the motion for the Bill to be reported to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous, Bill to be reported to the House without amendment.

**3 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

**4 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Main Committee adjourned at 12.58 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 10 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.



**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the Main Committee