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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 160

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 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 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr L. J. Scott (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 338—Accrual accounting: A cultural change, August 1995.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr L. J. Scott, Mr Vaile and Mr Brown, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr L. J. Scott, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Mr L. J. Scott was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

3 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR THE ARTILLERY CENTRE, PUCKAPUNYAL, VIC.

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), for Mr Walker (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of facilities for the Artillery Centre, Puckapunyal, Vic.

Question—put and passed.

4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 1995

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 523

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to migration*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 30 August 1995

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 2, page 2, subclause (5), lines 13 and 14, omit "*(No. 4) 1995* receives the Royal Assent, item 19 of Schedule 1 to this Act is", substitute "*(No. 3) 1994* receives the Royal Assent, items 19 and 20 of Schedule 1 to this Act are".

No. 2—Schedule 1, page 5, after item 16 insert the following item:

"16A. Application of amendment of section 475:

The amendment made by item 13 applies to decisions whether made before or after the commencement of this item."

No. 3—Schedule 1, page 6, heading to amendment of the *Migration Legislation Amendment Act (No. 4) 1995*, omit "*(No. 4) 1995*", substitute "*(No. 3) 1994*".

No. 4—Schedule 1, page 6, item 19, omit the item, substitute the following items:

"19. Section 17:

Repeal the section.

20. Section 18:

Repeal the section."

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995

Message No. 302, dated 24 August 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of a request by the Senate for an amendment to a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to social security, and for related purposes.

6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 1995

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 521

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend legislation relating to social security, and for related purposes*", and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the bill.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 30 August 1995

Ordered—That the amendment requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT

After clause 2, page 3, insert the following clause:

Operation of Schedule 3 of the *Social Security Act 1991*

"**2A.(1)** Despite subsection 2(1) of, Part 10 of and Schedule 3 to the *Social Security Legislation Amendment Act 1994* (the **1994 Act**):

- (a) Schedule 3 of the *Social Security Act 1991*, as in force immediately before the commencement of Part 10 of the 1994 Act, continues in force; and
- (b) Schedule 3 of the *Social Security Act 1991*, as substituted by the 1994 Act, does not come into force;

until the Agreement on Social Security between Australia and the Republic of Italy, set out in Schedule 3 to the 1994 Act, enters into force in accordance with Article 23 of that Agreement.

"(2) If:

- (a) before the commencement of this section, a person received from the Commonwealth a payment that purported to be made under the *Social Security Act 1991*; and
- (b) the payment was not a valid payment; and
- (c) had subsection (1) been in force when the payment was made, it would have been a valid payment under the *Social Security Act 1991*;

any right of the Commonwealth to recover the payment is, by force of this subsection, extinguished."

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), the requested amendment was made, after debate.

7 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SOCIAL SECURITY (NON-BUDGET MEASURES) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Message No. 303, dated 24 August 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of a request by the Senate for an amendment to a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY (NON-BUDGET MEASURES) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 522

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes*", and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the amendments indicated by schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the bill.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 30 August 1995

Ordered—That the amendment requested by the Senate be considered forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT

Clause 2, page 2, after subclause (2) insert the following subclause:

"(2A) Sections 8 and 9 are taken to have commenced on 1 July 1995."

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), the requested amendment was made, after debate.

9 RACIAL HATRED BILL 1994—SENATE'S AMENDMENT

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Senate, viz.:

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Part 2, line 1 (page 2) to line 18 (page 3), omit the Part—

On the motion of Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

10 RESUMPTION OF LAPSED BUSINESS—INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

Mr Lee (Minister for Communications and the Arts), by leave, moved—That the proceedings on the Industrial Relations and other Legislation Amendment Bill 1995, which lapsed on Wednesday, 30 August 1995, be resumed forthwith at the point where they were interrupted.

Debate ensued.

Mr McGauran addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr McLeay moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Second Deputy Speaker, Mr Rocher, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Jones	Mr Quick
Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Knott	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Langmore	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Latham	Mr Simmons
Mr Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Gibson	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mr Grace*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffin	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Crean	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Mr Haviland	Mr Melham	Mr Tanner
Mr Cunningham	Ms Henzell	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Ms Deahm	Mr Holding	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mr Dodd	Mr Horne	Mr Newell	Mr Walker
Mr Duffy	Mr Howe	Mr O'Connor	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Woods
Mrs Easson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	
Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Punch	

NOES, 59

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Aldred	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Anderson	Mr Filing	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Moore	Mr B. M. Smyth
Mr Atkinson	Mrs Gallus	Mrs Moylan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Beale	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Neville	Mr Taylor
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker*	Mr Nugent	Mr Thomson
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Truss
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cleary	Mr Katter	Mr Reid	Mr Vaile
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Mr Wakelin
Mr Connolly	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure: Mr Lee moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

11 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Reith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill and whilst recognising that this Bill provides some improvement to the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act, the House is of the opinion that, even as amended, the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act remain a disincentive to job creation, that they impose a very heavy burden on business, particularly on small business, and that they were enacted without proper prior consultation”—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Vaile), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 NON-GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS—CODE OF CONDUCT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on a code of conduct for non-government development organisations, and presented the following paper:

Non-government development organisations—Code of conduct—Ministerial statement, 31 August 1995.

Mr Bilney moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

13 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

Dr Lawrence (Minister for Human Services and Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Government's response to the report on the Home and Community Care Program by the Standing Committee on Community Affairs, and presented the following papers:

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on the Home and Community Care Program—Home but not alone, 26 July 1995—

Government response, 21 August 1995.

Ministerial statement.

Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Crosio—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1994

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 524

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Migration Act 1958', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

MICHAEL BEAHAN
President

The Senate

Canberra, 30 August 1995

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 2, page 2, at end of clause add the following subclause:

Sections 13 to 18

"(4) Sections 13 to 18 commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent."

No. 2—At end of bill, page 6, add the following clause:

Valid visa application

"13. Section 46 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (1)(d) '48A (protection visa), 91E (CPA and safe third countries),' before '161'."

No. 3—At end of bill, page 6, add the following clause:

Insertion of sections

"14. After section 48 of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted:

Non-citizen refused a protection visa may not make further application for protection visa

'48A.(1) Subject to section 48B, a non-citizen who, while in the migration zone, has made:

- (a) an application for a protection visa, where the grant of the visa has been refused (whether or not the application has been finally determined); or
- (b) applications for protection visas, where the grants of the visas have been refused (whether or not the applications have been finally determined);

may not make a further application for a protection visa while in the migration zone.

'(2) In this section:

"**application for a protection visa**" includes:

- (a) an application for a visa, or entry permit (within the meaning of this Act as in force immediately before 1 September 1994), a criterion for which is that the applicant is a non-citizen who has been determined to be a refugee under the Refugees Convention as amended by the Refugees Protocol; and
- (b) an application for a decision that a non-citizen is a refugee under the Refugees Convention as amended by the Refugees Protocol; and

- (c) an application covered by paragraph (a) or (b) that is also covered by section 39 of the *Migration Reform Act 1992*.

Minister may determine that section 48A does not apply to non-citizen

‘48B.(1) If the Minister thinks that it is in the public interest to do so, the Minister may, by written notice given to a particular non-citizen, determine that section 48A does not apply to prevent an application for a protection visa made by the non-citizen in the period starting when the notice is given and ending at the end of the seventh working day after the day on which the notice is given.

‘(2) The power under subsection (1) may only be exercised by the Minister personally.

‘(3) If the Minister makes a determination under subsection (1), he or she is to cause to be laid before each House of the Parliament a statement that:

- (a) sets out the determination; and
- (b) sets out the reasons for the determination, referring in particular to the Minister’s reasons for thinking that his or her actions are in the public interest.

‘(4) A statement under subsection (3) is not to include:

- (a) the name of the non-citizen; or
- (b) any information that may identify the non-citizen; or
- (c) if the Minister thinks that it would not be in the public interest to publish the name of another person connected in any way with the matter concerned—the name of that other person or any information that may identify that other person.

‘(5) A statement under subsection (3) is to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after:

- (a) if the determination is made between 1 January and 30 June (inclusive) in a year—1 July in that year; or
- (b) if the determination is made between 1 July and 31 December (inclusive) in a year—1 January in the following year.

‘(6) The Minister does not have a duty to consider whether to exercise the power under subsection (1) in respect of any non-citizen, whether he or she is requested to do so by the non-citizen or by any other person, or in any other circumstances.’”.

No. 4—At end of bill, page 6, add the following clause:

Withdrawal of visa application

“15. Section 49 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (3) ‘section 48’ and substituting ‘sections 48 and 48A’.”.

No. 5—At end of bill, page 6, add the following clause:

Only new information to be considered in later protection visa applications

“16. Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end:

‘Note: Section 48A prevents repeat applications for protection visas in most circumstances where the applicant is in the migration zone.’”.

No. 6—At end of bill, page 6, add the following clause:

Decisions reviewable by Federal Court

“17. Section 475 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (2)(e) ‘48B, 91F’ after ‘section’.”.

No. 7—At end of bill, page 6, add the following clause:

Application of amendment of section 475

“18. The amendment made by section 17 applies to decisions whether made before or after the commencement of this section.”

On the motion of Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

15 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1995

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Reith, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill and whilst recognising that this Bill provides some improvement to the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act, the House is of the opinion that, even as amended, the unfair dismissal provisions of the Industrial Relations Act remain a disincentive to job creation, that they impose a very heavy burden on business, particularly on small business, and that they were enacted without proper prior consultation”—

Debate resumed.

Mr R. D. C. Evans 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.

16 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Mr Keating (Prime Minister) answering a question without notice and having passed papers across the Table—

Point of order: Mr Reid raised a point of order that the Speaker should require the Prime Minister to withdraw from the Chamber under standing order 304A as he did earlier this week in respect of Mr Costello (Deputy Leader of the Opposition).

Speaker's ruling: The Speaker ruled that the circumstances were different.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Reith moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

AYES, 57

Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Aldred	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Anderson	Mr Filing	Mr McLachlan	Mr Slipper
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr B. M. Smyth
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Atkinson	Mrs Gallus	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Beale	Mr Georgiou	Mr Neville	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Nugent	Mr Thomson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker*	Mr Prosser	Mr Truss
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Reid	Mr Vaile
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Connolly	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 76

Mr Adams	Mrs Easson	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Baldwin	Mr Elliott	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Quick
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mr Knott	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Langmore	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brown	Mr Free	Mr Latham	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Gibson	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cleary	Mr Grace*	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffin	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Crean	Mr Haviland	Mr Mack	Mr Swan
Mrs Crosio	Ms Henzell	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mr Cunningham	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Ms Deahm	Mr Horne*	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mr Dodd	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Walker
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Mr Woods

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice continuing—

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the Member for Indi (Mr Lieberman) for not resuming his seat when requested to do so by the Speaker.

Mr Beazley moved—That the Member for Indi be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

AYES, 77

Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Keating	Mr Quick
Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Rocher
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mr Knott	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beddall	Mr Filing	Mr Langmore	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Latham	Mr Simmons
Mr Breerton	Mr Free	Mr Lavarch	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Gear	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Campbell	Mr Gibson	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Grace*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffin	Mr Mack	Mr Staples
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Swan
Mr Crean	Mr Haviland	Mr McLeay	Mr Tanner
Mrs Crosio	Ms Henzell	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cunningham	Mr Holding	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Ms Deahm	Mr Horne*	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Walker
Mr Dodd	Mr Howe	Mr Newell	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr O'Connor	Mr Woods
Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	
Mrs Easson	Mr Johns	Mr Price	
Mr Elliott	Mr Jones	Mr Punch	

NOES, 55

Mr Abbott	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr R. D. C. Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Fischer	Mr McLachlan	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Forrest	Mr Miles	Mr B. M. Smyth
Mr Atkinson	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Beale	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Neville	Mr Taylor
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker*	Mr Nugent	Mr Thomson
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Truss
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr Pyne	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Vaile
Mr Connolly	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 5.21 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continuing—

Adjournment negated: It being 5.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Beazley requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Questions without notice continued.

17 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Telecommunications Authority (AUSTEL)—Fourth quarterly report on progress of Telstra's implementation of recommendations of AUSTEL's COT cases report, 16 June 1995.

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Aspects of youth homelessness, 11 May 1995—Interim government response.

Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response, 31 August 1995, to the list tabled in the House of Representatives on 1 February 1995.

Final budget outcome 1994-95.

Industrial Relations Act—Enterprise bargaining in Australia—Report for period 30 March to 31 December 1994—Errata.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 46—Computer hardware, software and related service industries, 30 June 1995.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 74—Designs.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—King George V Memorial, May 1995—Government response.

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Investigating complaints made against the National Crime Authority, October 1994—Government response.

18 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Aspects of youth homelessness, 11 May 1995—Interim government response.

Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response, 31 August 1995, to the list tabled in the House of Representatives on 1 February 1995.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 46—Computer hardware, software and related service industries, 30 June 1995.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 74—Designs.

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Investigating complaints made against the National Crime Authority, October 1994—Government response.

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

19 TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT

Mr P. F. Morris (Chair) presented the following paper:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Sydney Airport Curfew (Air Navigation Amendment) Bill 1995—Advisory report, 31 August 1995.

Ordered to be printed.

20 PAPER

Mr Keating (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Royal Commission into the Use of Executive Power (Western Australia)—Copy of extract of transcript of proceedings, 30 August 1995.

21 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INEQUALITY

The House was informed that Mr Georgiou had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The increase in inequality under the Keating Government and the Government’s failure to admit the facts to the Australian people”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Georgiou rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

22 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—25TH REPORT

Mr Horne (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 25TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 27 June 1995, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory, relating to Ngaliwurru/Nungli (Fitzroy Pastoral Lease) land claim and Victoria River (Bed and Banks) land claim (Report No. 47).

Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report for 1994-95.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1994.

Housing Assistance Act—Report on operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1993-94.

Industrial Relations Act—Enterprise Bargaining in Australia—Report for period 30 March to 31 December 1994.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report—New and advanced materials, 8 March 1995 (No. 42).

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1994-95.

Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1993-94.

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Mr Horne, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 6 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

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

The debate continuing until 6.10 p.m., the Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 18 September 1995, at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Rules—Regional Council Election (Amendment 1995 No. 1).

Civil Aviation Act—Instrument 1995 No. M93/95.

Sales Tax Assessment Act—Determination 1995 No. STD 95/8.

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations 1995 Nos. TD 95/46, TD 95/47, TD 95/48.

Rulings 1995 Nos. TR 95/28 (addendum), TR 95/29, TR 95/30, TR 95/31.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bevis, Mrs Bishop, Mr Cadman, Mr Hollis and Mr Williams.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives