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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 174

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 1995

1 The House met, at 12.30 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, dated 23 October 1995, were reported:

(a) acquainting the House that:

(i) Senator Crichton-Browne had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and Senator MacGibbon had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 562; and

(ii) Senator Crichton-Browne had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories and Senator Ferguson had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 563; and

(b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

Ozone Protection Amendment 1995—Message No. 564.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) (*without requests*)—Message No. 565.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) 1995 (*without requests*)—Message No. 566.

**3 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—NATIONAL FILM AND SOUND ARCHIVE HEADQUARTERS ACCOMMODATION, CANBERRA**

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 works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: National Film and Sound Archive headquarters accommodation, Canberra.

Question—put and passed.

**4 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following papers:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Development of 1 Field Hospital at Holsworthy, NSW (22nd report of 1995).

Development of Ready Reserve (49th Battalion, Royal Queensland Regiment and 6th Brigade Administrative Support Battalion) working accommodation at Enoggera, Qld (23rd report of 1995).

Provision of living-in accommodation at HMAS *Harman*, ACT (24th report of 1995).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr B. M. Smyth, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

**5 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 326, dated 28 September 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

**6 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND ABOLITION) BILL 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Nehl 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.

**7 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**8 PAPERS**

The Speaker presented the following papers:

Public Service Act—

Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for 1994-95.

Joint House Department—Report for 1994-95.

**9 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1994-95.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1994 to 31 May 1995.

Airports (Transitional) Bill 1995—Supplementary explanatory memorandum.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Film Commission Act—

Australian Film Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Film Australia Limited—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Film Finance Corporation Limited—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1994-95.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1994.

Australian Political Exchange Council—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Postal Corporation Act—Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Securities Commission Act—

Australian Accounting Standards Board—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Securities Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1994-95.

Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—14th report, for 1994-95.

Broadcasting Services Act—Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Act—Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1994-95.

Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1994-95.

Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Commission—Report for 1994-95.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1994-95.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Family Law Act—Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1994-95.

Family Law Council—Magistrates in Family Law: An evaluation of the exercise of summary jurisdiction to improve access to the family law, July 1995.

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Higher Education Funding Act—Report detailing determinations made in 1994.

Industrial Relations Act—Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 1994-95.

Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

National Gallery Act—National Gallery of Australia—Report for 1994-95.

National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1994-95.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Worksafe Australia)—Report for 1994-95.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1994-95.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report for 1994-95.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Sugar Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Public Lending Right Act—Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 1994-95.

Public Service Act—

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Report, including a report on the Adult Migrant English Program under the Immigration (Education) Act and a return under the Australian Citizenship Act, for 1994-95.

Department of Industry, Science and Technology—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Primary Industries and Energy—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Transport—Report for 1994-95.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs—Reports for 1994-95.

**10 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1994-95.

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1994 to 31 May 1995.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 1994-95.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1994-95.

Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1994-95.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1994-95.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Industrial Relations Act—Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 1994-95.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (Worksafe Australia)—Report for 1994-95.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1994-95.

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Department of Industry, Science and Technology—Report for 1994-95.

Department of Transport—Report for 1994-95.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1994-95.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs—Reports for 1994-95.

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

**11 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House authorises the publication of the annual report for 1994-95 of the Affirmative Action Agency.

Question—put and passed.

**12 PAPER**

Mr Kerr (Minister for Justice), by leave, presented the following paper:  
Doctors charges—Denison electorate, September 1995.

**13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RETIREMENT INCOMES**

The House was informed that Mr Connolly had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Prime Minister to consider and protect the retirement incomes of Australian workers”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Connolly addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**14 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT**

Mr Jenkins (Chair) presented the following paper:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 20 November 1995.

**15 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**16 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Elliott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), for Mr McLeay (Chief Government Whip), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following Bills be referred to the Main Committee for consideration:

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1995; and

Bounty Legislation Amendment 1995.

Question—put and passed.

**17 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION (TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND ABOLITION) 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 327, dated 29 September 1995, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

**18 DECLARATION OF BILLS AS COGNATE BILLS**

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), by leave, declared that the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1995, the Income Tax (Franking Deficit) Amendment Bill 1995 and the Income Tax (Deficit Deferral) Amendment Bill 1995 were cognate Bills.

**19 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1995**

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr J. N. Andrew addressing the House—

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**20 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

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**PAPER**

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 24 October 1995:  
National Health Act—Determination 1995 No. 24SH 2/95.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baldwin, Mr Bilney, Mr Brereton, Mr Crean, Mr Free, Mr Haviland, Mr Hicks, Mr Howe, Mr Johns, Mr Jones, Mr Jull\*, Mr Keating, Mr Langmore, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Sciacca, Mr Sharp, Mr Sinclair, Mr Thomson and Mr Tuckey.

\*On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives