

1996

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 1996

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

2 WOOL INTERNATIONAL AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr Anderson (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool International Act 1993*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Anderson moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Numbering Fees) Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr W. L. Smith presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

4 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Mr W. L. Smith (Minister representing the Minister for Communications and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr W. L. Smith moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr W. L. Smith presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 STUDENT AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT (WAITING PERIOD) BILL 1996

Mr Abbott (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student and Youth Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Abbott moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

6 NATIONAL HEALTH (BUDGET MEASURES) AMENDMENT BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the Bill—

Clause 2—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr Lee, viz.:

That the clause be omitted and the following clause be substituted:

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 1 January 1997.

Question—That the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule 1 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 86

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| Mr Abbott | Mr Elson | Mr Lieberman | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr Anderson | Mr Entsch | Mr Lindsay | Mr Scott |
| Mr J. N. Andrew | Mr R. D. C. Evans | Mr Lloyd | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr K. J. Andrews | Mr Fahey | Mr McArthur* | Mr Slipper |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Forrest | Mr McDougall | Mr A. C. Smith |
| Mrs Bailey | Mrs Gallus | Mr McGauran | Mr W. L. Smith |
| Mr Barresi | Ms Gambaro | Mr McLachlan | Mr Somlyay |
| Mr Bartlett | Mrs Gash | Mr Marek | Mrs Stone |
| Mr Billson | Mr Georgiou | Mr Miles | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mrs Bishop | Mrs E. J. Grace | Mr Moore | Mr Taylor |
| Mr Bradford | Ms Hanson | Mrs Moylan | Mr Truss |
| Mr Broadbent | Mr Hardgrave | Mr Mutch | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr Brough | Mr Hawker | Mr Nairn | Mr M. A. J. Vaile |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hicks* | Mr Nehl | Ms D. S. Vale |
| Mr R. A. Cameron | Mr Hockey | Dr Nelson | Mr Wakelin |
| Mr Causley | Ms Jeanes | Mr Neville | Mrs West |
| Mr Charles | Mrs Johnston | Mr Nugent | Mr Williams |
| Mr Cobb | Mr Jull | Mr Prosser | Dr Wooldridge |
| Mr Costello | Mr Katter | Mr Pyne | Ms Worth |
| Mr Dondas | Mrs D. M. Kelly | Mr Randall | Mr Zammit |
| Mr Downer | Miss J. M. Kelly | Mr Reith | |
| Mrs Draper | Dr Kemp | Mr Ronaldson | |

NOES, 41

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| Mr Adams | Mr L. D. T. Ferguson | Mr Latham | Mr Quick |
| Mr Albanese | Mr M. J. Ferguson | Dr Lawrence | Mr Sawford* |
| Mr Andren | Mr Fitzgibbon | Mr Lee | Mr Sercombe |
| Mr P. J. Baldwin | Mr E. L. Grace* | Mr McClelland | Mr S. F. Smith |
| Mr Beddall | Mr Griffin | Ms Macklin | Mr Tanner |
| Mr Brown | Mr Hatton | Mr McMullan | Dr Theophanous |
| Mr Crean | Mr Holding | Mr Melham | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mrs Crosio | Mr Hollis | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr Wilton |
| Ms Ellis | Mr Jones | Mr P. F. Morris | |
| Mr G. J. Evans | Mr Kerr | Mr Mossfield | |
| Mr M. J. Evans | Mr Langmore | Mr O'Connor | |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule 2 debated.

Question—That the schedule be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 78

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| Mr Abbott | Mrs Draper | Miss J. M. Kelly | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr J. N. Andrew | Mrs Elson | Dr Kemp | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr K. J. Andrews | Mr Entsch | Mr Lieberman | Mr Slipper |
| Mr Anthony | Mr R. D. C. Evans | Mr Lindsay | Mr A. C. Smith |
| Mrs Bailey | Mr Fahey | Mr Lloyd | Mr W. L. Smith |
| Mr Barresi | Mr Forrest | Mr McArthur* | Mr Somlyay |
| Mr Bartlett | Mrs Gallus | Mr McDougall | Mrs Stone |
| Mr Billson | Ms Gambaro | Mr McLachlan | Mrs Sullivan |
| Mrs Bishop | Mrs Gash | Mr Marek | Mr Taylor |
| Mr Bradford | Mr Georgiou | Mr Miles | Mr Truss |
| Mr Broadbent | Mrs E. J. Grace | Mrs Moylan | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr Brough | Mr Hardgrave | Mr Mutch | Mr M. A. J. Vaile |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Hawker | Mr Nairn | Ms D. S. Vale |
| Mr R. A. Cameron | Mr Hicks* | Dr Nelson | Mr Wakelin |
| Mr Causley | Mr Hockey | Mr Neville | Mrs West |
| Mr Charles | Ms Jeanes | Mr Nugent | Mr Williams |
| Mr Cobb | Mrs Johnston | Mr Prosser | Ms Worth |
| Mr Costello | Mr Jull | Mr Pyne | Mr Zammit |
| Mr Dondas | Mr Katter | Mr Randall | |
| Mr Downer | Mrs D. M. Kelly | Mr Ronaldson | |

NOES, 41

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| Mr Adams | Mr M. J. Ferguson | Mr Latham | Mr Quick |
| Mr Albanese | Mr Fitzgibbon | Dr Lawrence | Mr Sawford* |
| Mr P. J. Baldwin | Mr E. L. Grace* | Mr Lee | Mr Sercombe |
| Mr Beddall | Mr Griffin | Mr McClelland | Mr S. F. Smith |
| Mr Brereton | Mr Hatton | Ms Macklin | Mr Tanner |
| Mr Brown | Mr Holding | Mr Melham | Dr Theophanous |
| Mr Crean | Mr Hollis | Mr A. A. Morris | Mr K. J. Thomson |
| Mrs Crosio | Mr Jenkins | Mr P. F. Morris | Mr Wilton |
| Mr G. J. Evans | Mr Jones | Mr Mossfield | |
| Mr M. J. Evans | Mr Kerr | Mr O'Connor | |
| Mr L. D. T. Ferguson | Mr Langmore | Mr Price | |

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr Jull (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

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.

It being 2 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.

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

9 RACIAL TOLERANCE

Mr Howard (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That this House:

- (1) reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect regardless of race, colour, creed or origin;
- (2) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining an immigration policy wholly non-discriminatory on grounds of race, colour, creed or origin;
- (3) reaffirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic disadvantage;
- (4) reaffirms its commitment to maintaining Australia as a culturally diverse, tolerant and open society, united by an over-riding commitment to our nation, and its democratic institutions and values; and
- (5) denounces racial intolerance in any form as incompatible with the kind of society we are and want to be.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account—Report for 1995-96.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—20th report, for 1995-96.

Air Services Act—Airservices Australia—Report for period 6 July 1995 to 30 June 1996.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 1995-96.

Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1995-96.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1995-96.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for period 6 July 1995 to 30 June 1996.

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Report for 1995-96.

Coal Industry Act—Joint Coal Board—49th report, for 1995-96.

Commonwealth Law Enforcement Board—Report for 1995-96.

- Copyright Act—Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1995-96.
- Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Act—Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Report for 1995-96.
- Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—24th reports, for 1995-96.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1995-96.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1995-96.
- Horticultural Research and Development Corporation Act—Horticultural Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1995-96.
- Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Military Superannuation and Benefits Board of Trustees No.1—Report for 1995-96.
- National Food Authority Act—National Food Authority—Report for 1995-96.
- National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1995-96.
- Public Service Act—
- Department of Administrative Services—Report for 1995-96.
- Department of Defence—Report for 1995-96.
- Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs—Report for 1995-96.
- Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report, including a report on the Adult Migrant English Program under the Immigration (Education) Act and a statement under the Australian Citizenship Act, for 1995-96.
- Department of Primary Industries and Energy—Report for 1995-96.
- Repatriation Medical Authority—2nd report, for 1995-96.
- War Crimes Act—Report for 1995-96.
- Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act—Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 1995-96.

11 DEFENCE—REPORT FOR 1995-96—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

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

Public Service Act—Department of Defence—Report for 1995-96.

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

12 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 83, dated 29 October 1996, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the following resolution agreed to by the Senate:

That the Senate:

- (a) invites the President of the United States of America to address the Senate, on Wednesday, 20 November 1996, at a time to be fixed by the President of the Senate and notified to all senators;
- (b) accepts the invitation of the House of Representatives to meet with that House for that purpose; and
- (c) concurs in the provisions of the resolution of the House relating to the conduct of that meeting.

13 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1996—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Health Insurance Amendment Bill 1996 had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

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

14 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996

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.

Dr Lawrence addressing the House—

15 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.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 October 1996: Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act—Guidelines for the classification of films and videotapes, July 1996.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders 1996 No. 5.

Health Insurance Act—Declarations 1996 Nos. QAA 2/1996, QAA 3/1996, QAA 4/1996.

Ozone Protection Act—Exemption under section 40, 4 October 1996.

3 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY

Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

4 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1996

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mrs Moylan, by leave, presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put forthwith.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs Moylan (Minister for Family Services), the Main Committee adjourned at 1 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