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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 88

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1999



1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2 ABSENCE OF SPEAKER

The Clerk having informed the House that the Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) was absent until later this day, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Nehl) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.

3 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 1999

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to implement the New Business Tax System by amending the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Costello presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:
New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) 1999; and
New Business Tax System (Venture Capital Deficit Tax) 1999.

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

4 NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (VENTURE CAPITAL DEFICIT TAX) BILL 1999

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax in respect of venture capital sub-account deficits of companies, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

5 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SERVICE STANDARDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Numbering Charges) Act 1997*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999

Mr McGauran (Minister representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr McGauran presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

8 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 11) 1999

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

9 MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT (CPI INDEXATION) BILL 1999

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a Bill for an Act to index thresholds for Medicare levy and Medicare levy surcharge, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

10 MINISTERS OF STATE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952* and other legislation in relation to Parliamentary Secretaries, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Slipper presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

11 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES

Ordered—That notices Nos 4 and 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

12 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 1998—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

Debate resumed on the motion by Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation)—That the amendment made by the Senate to the additional amendment made by the House be disagreed to.

Question put and passed.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey, the House insisted on disagreeing to amendments Nos 1 to 15 insisted on by the Senate, after debate.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey, the Bill was laid aside, after debate.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1999 [NO. 2]

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

8 December 1999—Message No. 272—Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment 1999 [No. 2].

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

14 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Dr Wooldridge presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Health Legislation Amendment (No. 4) 1999; and

Health Insurance (Approved Pathology Specimen Collection Centres) Tax 1999.

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

15 HEALTH INSURANCE (APPROVED PATHOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION CENTRES) TAX BILL 1999

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on the grant of an approval for a specimen collection centre under the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Wooldridge moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION BILL 1998

Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage moving amendments to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Bill 1998 during the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

17 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION BILL 1998—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the amendments made by the Senate—

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge (Minister for Health and Aged Care), amendments Nos 4 to 6, 43, 45, 47, 50, 55, 61, 62, 89, 102, 106, 114, 121, 125, 126, 160, 173 and 178 were agreed to, after debate.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge, amendments Nos 1 to 3, 7 to 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 51 to 54, 56 to 60, 63 to 88, 90 to 101, 103 to 105, 107 to 113, 115 to 120, 122 to 124, 127 to 159, 161 to 172, 174 to 177 and 179 were disagreed to, after debate.

Dr Wooldridge, presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate Amendments Nos 1-3 and 7-11

These amendments propose changes to key definitions and the objects of the Bill. They include creating extra objects for the Bill involving regulation of the purchase, sale and exhibition of all indigenous objects and promotion of the development of indigenous culture and heritage.

The additional objects amendment is misleading as to the contents of the rest of the amendments, given the absence of any further reference to those objects in the balance of the proposed amended Bill. The alteration to the objects of the Bill to regulate the purchase, sale and exhibition of all indigenous objects is inappropriate, given the existence of Commonwealth and State legislation in this field. Amendments to the key definitions would significantly change the scope and outcome of the Bill. For example, the proposed 'national interest' definition would potentially allow all applications to raise legitimate national interest considerations and would potentially result in the Commonwealth being involved in nearly all heritage protection applications, which is inconsistent with the scheme of the Bill.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

Senate Amendments Nos 12-42

These amendments would establish a new statutory authority, the Indigenous Heritage Protection Agency, to undertake the work envisaged in the Bill for the Director of Indigenous Heritage Protection. A Heritage Registrar is also proposed to undertake the day-to-day functions of the Agency. The Agency and Registrar would handle the current workload of about 10 cases a year administered by less than 2 staff. As such, the structures proposed in the amendments are unnecessarily elaborate and needlessly expensive. The proposed establishment of the Agency also suggests an inappropriate expansion of Commonwealth activity in this field.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives rejects these amendments.

Senate Amendments Nos 44, 46, 48-49, 51-54 and 56-59

These amendments propose significant additions to and modifications of the standards in the Bill for accreditation of State/Territory regimes. They include a provision for protection to be removed only if it is in the State/Territory interest, the establishment of independent heritage bodies and a requirement that States/Territories provide indigenous people with access to areas of significance. They would also require States/Territories to seek the approval of the Commonwealth Minister for all proposed amendments to their accredited regimes.

The proposals are highly prescriptive and therefore difficult to apply across all States/Territories. Certain proposals, such as requiring States/Territories to provide access, would be impractical to implement and would complicate land administration in the States/Territories. Some of the changes proposed would require relatively subjective decisions about whether the standards are met, increasing the potential for litigation about accreditation processes. Commonwealth approval of every change to State/Territory legislation would be inefficient and is unnecessary as the Commonwealth Minister is required to revoke accreditation where changes to a regime mean that it no longer meets the standards.

Therefore, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

Senate Amendments Nos 60, 63-88, 90-101, 103-105 and 107-113

These amendments involve the making of significant modifications to the system of application for Commonwealth protection and the making of protection orders. They include removing the 'national interest' test for Commonwealth consideration of cases from accredited State/Territory regimes, and requiring the Commonwealth Minister to make a protection order unless it is in the national interest not to do so. They would require that long-term protection orders be made for a minimum of 10 years. The amendments also propose to remove the requirement that applicants exhaust State/Territory processes in unaccredited regimes.

The proposals would result in potentially all applications for protection being considered under the Commonwealth regime. They would also significantly reduce the discretion available to the Commonwealth Minister under the existing legislation in relation to deciding whether to make a protection order and reduce flexibility in the content of such protection orders. The amendments would also reduce the prospect of matters being dealt with at the State level without the need for Commonwealth involvement.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives rejects these amendments.

Senate Amendments Nos 115-120, 122-124, 127-159 and 161-66

These amendments cover mediation, the making of reports, emergency and interim protection orders and multiple applications.

While many of the amendments concerning mediation are minor in scope, they do little to enhance the operation of those provisions. In particular, effectively compelling the parties to participate in mediation for 3 months and removing

the Minister's discretion to terminate mediation will needlessly lengthen the process.

The proposed amendments to the reporting process would impede the making of reports in a timely manner, thereby prolonging the uncertainty for all parties involved. For example, as the amendments delete provision for the adoption of an unaccredited regime's findings, the Commonwealth reporting body would be required to duplicate the work of a State/Territory body in relation to every case emanating from an unaccredited regime. Applications from accredited regimes are also likely to experience delays as a result of a proposed amendment which would enable parties who have given evidence to a State body to make submissions to the Commonwealth before it decides whether the State/Territory findings should be adopted.

The powers of the Commonwealth Minister are also significantly impaired by these amendments. This diminished role is evidenced in those provisions binding the Minister to the findings of the proposed Agency on the effects of a protection order upon the pecuniary and proprietary interest of other parties, removing the Minister from the Interim Protection Order and Emergency Protection Order determination process, and eliminating the Minister's power to make one order covering multiple applications. These amendments would establish an inefficient process that unnecessarily fetters government decision making.

Accordingly, these amendments are rejected by the House of Representatives.

Senate Amendments Nos 167-172, 174-177 and 179

These amendments cover a range of miscellaneous issues.

Amendments 167-168 replace the Director with the Indigenous Heritage Protection Agency in relation to the discovery and disposal of indigenous human remains. These amendments are dependent upon the establishment of an unnecessary body.

Amendments 169-171 propose increasing maximum fines and changing defences for protection order offences. Fines are not prescribed in the Bill because there are automatic penalty guidelines laid down in the Crimes Act. Supporting these amendments would promote inconsistency in sentencing. The proposed amendment changing defences for protection order offences would actually make it harder to bring a successful prosecution for contravention. The defendant would only need to prove they could not reasonably have known of the protection order for the defence to be successfully raised.

Amendment 172 replaces the Minister with the Indigenous Heritage Protection Agency as the applicant to the Federal Court for an injunction. This amendment is opposed as it is consequential to the establishment of an unnecessary body.

Amendments 174-175 would make any amendment of a State/Territory regime following accreditation disallowable. To make every proposed amendment of a State/Territory regime a disallowable instrument is burdensome as even minor changes will require approval. As amendments are required to be consistent with the standards there is no need for such a cumbersome mechanism.

Amendment 176 would remove the making of a protection order as a disallowable instrument but retain the revocation of a protection order as a disallowable instrument. The reasons for this are unclear - under the current Act the making of protection orders is a disallowable instrument, as is revocation. The amendment appears to establish an unbalanced scheme of parliamentary review in this area.

Amendment 177 prescribes those persons to whom the Principal Member of the Indigenous Heritage Protection Agency may delegate powers and those powers that cannot be delegated by the Minister. This amendment is opposed as it is consequential to the establishment of an unnecessary body.

Amendment 179 would establish an Indigenous Cultural Heritage Advisory Council. Such a Council would cause delays in decision-making and be cumbersome and expensive to maintain given the small number of cases dealt with by the Commonwealth.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives rejects these amendments.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge, the reasons were adopted.

On the motion of Dr Wooldridge, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together, after debate.

Dr Wooldridge moved—That in the message returning the Bill to the Senate, the Senate be requested to reconsider the Bill in respect of the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 1999

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

8 December 1999—Message No. 273—Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No. 4) 1999.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

19 A NEW TAX SYSTEM (TAX ADMINISTRATION) BILL (NO. 2) 1999

Mr Hockey (Minister for Financial Services and Regulation) presented a Bill for an Act to implement A New Tax System by amending the law about taxation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Hockey presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

20 ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS (EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS) BILL 1999

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.

21 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member ordered to withdraw

At 3.22 p.m. the Member for Hunter (Mr Fitzgibbon) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for disorderly behaviour, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

22 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 21 of 1999-2000—Financial Statement Audit—Audits of the Financial Statements of Commonwealth Entities for the period ended 30 June 1999.

Ordered to be printed.

23 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

The House was informed that the Chief Opposition Whip had nominated Mrs Crosio to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mrs Crosio be appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Question—put and passed.

24 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Administrative Review Council—Report for 1998-99.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1998-99—Corrigenda.

Audio-Visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1998-99.

Australian River Company Limited—Report for 1998.

Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 1998-99.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for period January to June 1999.

- Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—
A new agenda for multicultural Australia.
Access and equity report for 1999.
- Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Energy use in Commonwealth Operations—Report for 1998-99.
- Family and Community Affairs—House of Representatives Standing Committee—What Price Competition? Report on the Competitive Tendering of Welfare Service Delivery, June 1998—Government response.
- Family Court of Australia—Report for 1998-99—Erratum.
- Federal Court of Australia—Report for 1998-99.
- Finance—Consolidated financial statements for the year ending 30 June 1999.
- Freedom of Information Act—Report for 1998-99.
- Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee—Report for 1998-99.
- Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 1998-99.
- National Crime Authority—Report for 1998-99.
- Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1998-99.
- Sydney Airports Corporation Limited—Statement of corporate intent, 1999-2004.
- Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99—Corrigendum.
- Treaties—Multilateral—National interest analysis for treaty previously tabled—Convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, done at Paris on 17 June 1994.

25 PAPER

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) presented the following paper:

Petition not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House—Concerning GST treatment of certain therapeutic goods (Mr Griffin, 6538 petitioners).

26 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 29 June 1999 to 8 December 1999.

27 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM BILL 1999

Message No. 150, 29 November 1999, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purpose of requests by the Senate for amendments of a Bill for an Act about the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program, and for other purposes.

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM BILL 1999

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with requests for amendments:

9 December 1999—Message No. 280—Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program 1999.

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

On the motion of Jackie Kelly (Minister for Sport and Tourism), the requested amendments were made, after debate.

29 AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Mr Downer (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on Australia's Development Cooperation Program and presented the following paper:

Australia's Development Cooperation Program—9th annual statement to Parliament—Ministerial statement, 9 December 1999.

Mr Brereton, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

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

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

30 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The House was informed that Mr Crean (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to keep its pledge that battling Australians will not be losers as a result of the GST package".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Crean addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Sidebottom addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived

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

Mr Anthony (Minister for Community Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

31 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 39th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 30 June to 8 December 1999.

32 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 1999—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill 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 (Minister for Employment Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

33 WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill 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 (Minister for Employment Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

34 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate was reported returning the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 1999 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments Nos 2, 4, 6 and 7 disagreed to by the House and has agreed to the amendments made by the House in place of amendments Nos 4 and 6—Message No. 274, 9 December 1999.

35 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 9 December 1999, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 276—Appropriation (East Timor) 1999-2000.

No. 277—Farm Household Support Amendment 1999.

No. 278—Broadcasting Services Amendment (No. 1) 1999.

No. 279—Broadcasting Services Amendment (No. 3) 1999.

No. 281—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 1) 1999.

No. 282—Tradex Scheme 1999 [No. 2].

No. 283—Tradex Duty Imposition (Customs) 1999 (*without requests*).

No. 284—Tradex Duty Imposition (Excise) 1999 (*without requests*).

No. 285—Tradex Duty Imposition (General) 1999 (*without requests*).

No. 286—Customs Tariff Amendment (Tradex) 1999 [No. 2].

36 UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the 30th Session of the UNESCO General Conference and presented the following paper:

30th Session of the UNESCO General Conference—Ministerial statement, 9 December 1999.

Mr Brereton, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Ms Worth moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

37 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—11TH REPORT

Mr Lieberman (Chair) presented the following paper:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 11TH REPORT

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

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 22 October 1999, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1998-99.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1998-99.

Aged Care Act—Report—1 October 1997 to 30 June 1999.

Airservices Australia—Report for 1998-99.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 1998-99.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Dried Fruits Board—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Hearing Services—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Horticultural Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report—Australia's Welfare 1999: Services and Assistance.

Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Land Transport Development Program—Progress reports—1995-96.

1996-97.

1997-98.

Australian National Railways Commission (Australian National)—Report for 1998-99.

Australian National Residue Survey Program—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Wheat Board—Report for 1998-99.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1998-99.

Central Land Council—Report for 1998-99.

Centrelink—Data-matching program—Report for 1998-99.

Christmas Island Casino Surveillance Authority and Casino Controller—Report for 1998-99.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 1998-99.

Corporations and Securities Panel—Report for 1998-99.

Defence Housing Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 1998-99.

Department of Industry, Science and Resources—Report for 1998-99

Department of the House of Representatives—Report for 1998-99

Director of National Parks and Wildlife—Report for 1998-99.

Employment Services Regulatory Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Energy Research and Development Corporation—Report for 1998-99.

Family Law Council—Report for 1998-99.

Health Services Australia—Report for 1998-99.

High Court of Australia—Report for 1998-99.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 1998-99.

Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1998-99.

Joint Coal Board—Report for 1998-99.

Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 1998-99.

Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Reports on consultants engaged under section 4, 1998-99.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1998-99.

National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 1998-99.

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 1998-99.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 1998-99.

Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1998-99.

Pooled Development Funds Registration Board—Report for 1998-99.

Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Reports on the operations of the registered health benefits organisations, 1998-99.

Productivity Commission—Reports—
1998-99.

No. 7: International Telecommunications Market Regulation.

Professional Services Review—Report for 1998-99.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Reports on the Act and National Cultural Heritage Fund for 1998-99.

Royal Australian Mint—Report for 1998-99.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1998-99.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 1998-99.

Tiwi Land Council—Report for 1998-99.

Australian Sports Drug Agency—Report for 1998-99—Erratum.

Centrelink—Report for 1998-99—Erratum.

Department of Defence—Report for 1998-99—Corrigendum.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 1998-99—Corrigenda.

Department of Veterans' Affairs—Data-matching program—Report for 1998-99—Corrigendum.

National Capital Authority—Report for 1998-99—Errata.

Report on Committee activities

The Publications Committee presented a report on the future of the Parliamentary Papers Series (PPS) in December 1997. In accordance with undertakings given in this report, the Committee wishes to provide an update to the House on two of the recommendations contained in that report.

Parliamentary Papers series

In relation to the provision of reports for the Parliamentary Papers series, the Committee undertook to provide to the House a list of those agencies in default of their obligation to Parliament.

At this time no agencies are in default of their Parliamentary Papers series obligations for the papers presented in the years 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Electronic provision of government and parliamentary information

The Committee is pleased to observe that there has been a significant increase in government and parliamentary information available for the public to access through the internet since the Committee's report on the Parliamentary Papers series was presented in 1997.

LOU LIEBERMAN

Chair

9 October 1999

On the motion of Mr Lieberman, by leave, the report was agreed to.

Mr Lieberman, by leave, made a statement concerning the activities of the Committee.

38 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Ms Macklin moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Jagajaga moving forthwith:

- (1) That the Minister for Health and Aged Care return to the Chamber forthwith to correct his misleading of the House earlier today when he said he had tabled legal advice from the Attorney-General's Department regarding the MRI scam, when in fact he has not; and
- (2) That the Minister immediately table this advice.

Closure of Member

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Forestry and Conservation) moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Scott	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Secker	

NOES, 59

Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mrs Crosio	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby	Mr Hollis	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Dr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Prosser	Ms Kernot
Mr Lloyd	Mr Mossfield

Mr Albanese (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Tuckey moved—That the Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

NOES, 60

Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
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Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
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Mr Danby	Mr Hollis	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Mr Edwards	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
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Dr Emerson	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Prosser	Ms Kernot
Mr Lloyd	Mr Mossfield

Closure

Mr Tuckey moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
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Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
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Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
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* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Prosser	Ms Kernot
Mr Lloyd	Mr Mossfield

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 60

Mr Albanese	Ms Gerick	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
Mr Breton	Ms Gillard	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
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Mr M. J. Evans	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
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Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
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Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
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Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mrs Draper	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Prosser	Ms Kernot
Mr Lloyd	Mr Mossfield

39 STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That—

- (1) sessional order 104A (Private Members' business—procedure) be amended by omitting the following words:

“Upon the respective notice being called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands shall present the bill and may speak for a period not exceeding five minutes in support of it.”

and substituting the following words:

“Upon the respective notice being called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands shall present the bill and may speak for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes in support of it.”;

- (2) sessional order 104A (as amended by part (1)) continue in operation until the end of the session;
- (3) sessional orders 101 (Routine of business) and 102C (Precedence to motions regarding committee and delegation reports) be adopted as standing orders; and
- (4) the resolution of the House relating to the disclosure of in camera committee evidence adopted on 3 December 1998 remain effective until the end of the session.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

40 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGED CARE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND SMALL BUSINESS—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT FOR 1998-99—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION AND AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

CSIRO—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AFTA-CER MINISTERIAL MEETING AND VISITS TO SINGAPORE AND JAPAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—NATIONAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM 1998-2001—REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUNDING) CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMCARE—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

OPERATION OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) ACT—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

REPATRIATION MEDICAL AUTHORITY—REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT FOR 1998-99—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

EAST TIMOR—UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL—RESOLUTION, 15 SEPTEMBER 1999—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—2ND QUARTERLY REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 1998-99—PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

REPORT ON VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA AND MEETING OF CAIRNS GROUP AND APEC AND AUSTRALIA'S APEC INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN 1999—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA—CORPORATE PLAN—JULY 1998-JUNE 2003—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AGED CARE STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION AGENCY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—1999 GRANTS BOOK—CORRIGENDA—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE—SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FLIGHTS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

BUDGET PAPER NO. 1 1999-2000—CORRIGENDUM—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

BUDGET PAPER NO. 2 1999-2000—CORRIGENDUM—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

SECOND SYDNEY AIRPORT PROPOSAL—SUPPLEMENT TO DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT—PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION—REPORT ON JUNIOR RATES OF PAY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ASPECTS OF FAMILY SERVICES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AGENCY—FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—44TH AND 45TH QUARTERLY REPORTS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

BANKING, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF 1993-94 ANNUAL REPORTS OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA AND INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON REVIEW OF 1995-96 ANNUAL REPORTS OF RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION AND INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, MARCH 1999—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, MARCH 1999—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

SYDNEY HAILSTORM OF 14 APRIL 1999—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, FEBRUARY 1999—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PARLIAMENTARIANS' TRAVEL PAID BY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: JANUARY TO JUNE 1998—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1998—REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ELSEY LAND CLAIM NO. 132—REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVISORY PANEL ON THE MARKETING IN AUSTRALIA OF INFANT FORMULA—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

VISIT TO SANDAKAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DIGITAL BROADCASTING INDUSTRY—ACTION AGENDA—PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

SAFETY OF FIRE DOORS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO BURNS PHILP AND COMPANY LIMITED—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION—REPORT ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION INTO SPEDLEY SECURITIES LIMITED—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PLANS—PROGRESS REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, DECEMBER 1998 AND JANUARY 1999—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIA AND THE IMF—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIA AND THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK—REPORT FOR 1997-98—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD BANK—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take
note of paper: Resumption of debate.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING
COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND
CONSUMER COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996-97—GOVERNMENT
RESPONSE—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

**CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY—REGULATION OF AQUATIC AIR
PTY LTD—PAPERS—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

**BUREAU OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATION—CESSNA 185E FLOATPLANE, VH-
HTS, CALABASH BAY, NSW—REPORT—**Motion to take note of paper:
Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN HEARING—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper:
Resumption of debate.

**HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—EQUITY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM—
REPORT FOR 1997-98—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, NOVEMBER 1998—PAPERS—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MID-YEAR ECONOMIC AND FISCAL OUTLOOK 1998-99—PAPER—Motion to
take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

**DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—ATO'S INTERACTION WITH IN 1995-96, 1996-
97 AND 1997-98—PAPER—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

GUIDE ON KEY ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY—PAPER—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note
of paper: Resumption of debate.

NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of
paper: Resumption of debate.

**POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS REGISTRATION BOARD—REPORT FOR
1997-98—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

**COMPANIES AND SECURITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT FOR 1997-
98—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES PANEL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to
take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

**AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION—REPORT FOR
1997-98—**Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

WITNESS PROTECTION ACT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of
paper: Resumption of debate.

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of
paper: Resumption of debate.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE—CONVENTIONS CONCERNING HOME WORK—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

OPERATION OF THE BANKRUPTCY ACT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

CSIRO—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MEDICAL TRAINING REVIEW PANEL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—CORRIGENDA—PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NATIONAL RAIL CORPORATION LTD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU—42ND QUARTERLY REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

CONTROLLED OPERATIONS—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

OPERATIONS OF THE REGISTERED HEALTH BENEFIT ORGANISATIONS—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MEDIBANK PRIVATE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MEDIBANK PRIVATE—STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT—PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

LAND AND WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JULY 1998—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

FINAL BUDGET OUTCOME 1997-98—PAPER—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

WOOL INTERNATIONAL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PUBLIC SECTOR SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MILITARY SUPERANNUATION AND BENEFITS BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEFENCE FORCE RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS AUTHORITY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TOURISM—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

OFFICE OF ASSET SALES AND IT OUTSOURCING—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

CENTRELINK—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

MARITIME INDUSTRY FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAM ON TAXATION REFORM—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

JOINT COAL BOARD—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

ADVANCE TO THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, JUNE 1998—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

PROVISION FOR RUNNING COSTS BORROWINGS, JUNE 1998—PAPERS—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

NATIONAL COMPETITION COUNCIL—REPORT FOR 1997-98—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

41 **ORDERS OF THE DAY RETURNED TO THE HOUSE**

On the motion of Mr Reith (Leader of the House), Main Committee orders of the day No. 3, government business, and orders of the day Nos 2 to 10, committee and delegation reports, were returned to the House.

42 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Mr Reith (Minister for Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day returned to the House from the Main Committee in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day, be discharged:

Government business

COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND MICROECONOMIC REFORM—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1996-97—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Committee and delegation reports

MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON IMMIGRATION ENTRY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES—That the House take note of the report.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON A VISIT TO THE NORTHERN DEFENCE BASES:—That the House take note of the report.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON BOUGAINVILLE PEACE PROCESS:—That the House take note of the report.

TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT 26—AGREEMENT TO EXTEND PERIOD OF OPERATION OF JOINT DEFENCE FACILITY AT PINE GAP:—That the House take note of the report.

INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFECT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S R&D—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate—That the House take note of the report.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REVIEW OF REEVES REPORT ON ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate—That the House take note of the report.

RETAILING SECTOR—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate—That the House take note of the report.

REPUBLIC REFERENDUM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—ADVISORY REPORT—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate—That the House take note of the report.

Question—put and passed.

43 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS

Mr Reith (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

44 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Mr Anderson (Deputy Prime Minister) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 15 February 2000, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Slipper—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

45 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 8) 1999

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

9 December 1999—Message No. 275—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 8) 1999.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), amendments Nos 1 to 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16 were agreed to, after debate.

Mr Slipper moved—That amendments Nos 8, 11 to 14, 17 and 18 be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Gash, in the Chair)—

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Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Fahey	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mrs May	Dr Stone
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Baird	Ms Gambaro	Mrs Moylan	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mr Nairn	Mr A. P. Thomson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mr Nugent	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cadman	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Washer
Mr Cameron	Mr Katter	Mr Ronaldson	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mr Downer	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Draper	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	
Mrs Elson	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker	

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Mr Adams	Mr Gibbons	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford*
Mr Albanese	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Andren	Mr Griffin	Mr Martin	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Bevis	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Smith
Mr Breerton	Mr Hatton	Mr Morris	Mr Snowdon
Ms Burke	Mr Hollis	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Byrne	Mr Horne	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Cox	Mrs Irwin	Mr O'Connor	Dr Theophanous
Mr Danby	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Dr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Wilton
Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick	Mr Zahra
Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll	
Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Ms Roxon	
Ms Gerick	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Mr Rudd	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pairs

Mr Howard	Mr Beazley
Mr Prosser	Ms Kernot
Mr Lloyd	Mr Mossfield

Mr Slipper presented reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendments of the Senate

Senate Amendments Nos 8, 11-13 and 17

These amendments propose significant additions to measures contained in the Bill that will provide taxation incentives for personal and corporate philanthropy in Australia. Broadly, the amendments provide that where a property owner covenants a property for conservation purposes and that results in a reduction in the value of the property then any reduction in the value of the property should be treated as a tax deduction. The amendments also extend the ability to deduct amounts over five years to such donations and also where property is donated a capital gains tax exemption should apply.

Substantial changes like these need to be considered in depth in the context of their cost as well as their effectiveness. Any decisions need to be taken within the budgetary constraints of government but also with the objective of getting the most effective outcome in terms of conservation.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

Senate Amendments Nos 14 and 18

The amendments propose changes to the measure that will allow tax deductibility for donations to what will be known as prescribed private funds. Broadly, prescribed private funds will have to operate in the same way as public ancillary funds but will not have to seek and receive funds from the public. The purpose of the amendments is to preclude a fund that provides funds to political parties from being a prescribed private fund.

Item 6 of Schedule 5 of the Bill will amend the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 such that a fund can only be a prescribed private fund if it is established solely for the purpose of providing money to a fund or institution that is listed under Subdivision 30-B of that Act. If a fund is established to provide funds to any non-listed institutions it cannot be a prescribed private fund. Political parties are not listed in Subdivision 30. The amendment is unnecessary.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives does not accept these amendments.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, the reasons were adopted.

46 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr Anderson (Deputy Prime Minister)—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 15 February 2000, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Deputy Speaker, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

47 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM BILL 1999

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

9 December 1999—Message No. 287—Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program 1999.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

48 ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED

Mr McGauran (Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

49 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 9 December 1999, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 288—A New Tax System (Pay As You Go) 1999.

No. 289—A New Tax System (Tax Administration) 1999.

No. 290—A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) 1999.

No. 292—National Crime Authority Amendment 1999.

50 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—A NEW TAX SYSTEM (INDIRECT TAX AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1999

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill with amendments:

9 December 1999—Message No. 291—A New Tax System (Indirect Tax and Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) 1999.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

51 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.06 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 15 February 2000, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this sitting.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 December 1999:

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B 1999 Nos 54, 55.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs D. M. Kelly, Ms Kernot, Ms Livermore, Mr Lloyd, Mr Mossfield and Mr Prosser*.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 88

MAIN COMMITTEE**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER 1999

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

Suspension of sitting

At 10 a.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 10.05 a.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

3 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 1999

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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.

4 WAR CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1999

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

Paper

Dr Stone presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr Neville moved—That the Main Committee do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

At 12.50 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee