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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 190

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2001



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

**2 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Pyne (Chair) presented the following paper:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—User friendly, not abuser friendly: Inquiry into the integrity of the electoral roll—Report, incorporating a supplementary and a dissenting report, May 2001.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Pyne, Mr McClelland, Mr St Clair and Mr L. D. T. Ferguson made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Pyne moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Pyne was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**3 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mrs May (Chair) presented the following papers:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—2001 review of Migration Regulation 4.31B—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, June 2001.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mrs May made a statement in connection with the report.

Mrs May, by leave, again addressed the House.

Mr Ripoll also made a statement in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mrs May moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mrs May was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Hollis presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Visits to immigration detention centres—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, June 2001.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr Baird made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Hollis moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Hollis was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**5 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Nairn (Chair) presented the following papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Promoting community involvement in the work of committees: Conference of committee chairs, deputy chairs and secretaries 6 March 2001—

Report, May 2001.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Nairn and Mr Price made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Nairn moved—That the House take note of the report.

Mr Nairn was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

In accordance with standing order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**7 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Papers*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following papers:

Budget, tax cuts and Labor's plan—Letter from Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) to constituents, 28 May 2001.

Better Business Taxes—Copy of advertisement in *The Australian Financial Review*, 7 May 2001.

Questions without notice continued.

**8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent:

- (1) the Leader of the Opposition from presenting forthwith a Bill to require government advertising to meet minimum standards with respect to objectivity, fairness and accountability, and to prohibit the expenditure of taxpayers' money to advertising which promotes party political interests, the Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2001; and
- (2) the Bill being debated and passed through all stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr J. N. Andrew, in the Chair)—

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Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Evans	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick
Mr Albanese	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Lee	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Ms Livermore	Ms Roxon
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Rudd
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sciacca
Ms Burke	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe*
Mr Byrne	Ms Hall	Dr Martin	Ms Short
Ms Corcoran	Mr Hatton	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Ms Hoare	Mr Morris	Mr Smith
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr Mossfield	Mr Snowdon
Mrs Crosio	Mr Horne	Mr Murphy	Mr Swan
Mr Danby	Mr Jenkins	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Tanner
Mr Edwards	Ms Kernot	Mr O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Mr Kerr	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilkie
Mr Emerson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

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Mr Abbott	Mrs Elson	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Entsch	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Anthony	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Fran Bailey	Mrs Gallus	Mrs May	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 Prosser	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 Causley	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Dr Kemp	Mr St Clair	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Lawler	Mr Schultz	
Mr Downer	Mr Lieberman	Mr Scott	
Mr Draper	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker	

\* Tellers

*Pairs*

Mr Fahey                      Ms Gerick

And so it was negatived.

**9 PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH**

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson raised a matter of privilege in connection with newspaper articles published over the weekend in the *Adelaide Advertiser* and today in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* which he said appeared to reveal a number of recommendations of a report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters before today's tabling of the report.

*Papers*

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson produced the following papers:

Coalition to roll out ID test for election—Copy of article by Michelle Grattan, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 18 June 2001.

Photo ID plan to stamp out voting rorts—Copy of article by Sue Dunlevy, *Daily Telegraph*, 18 June 2001.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House at a later time.

**10 PETITIONS**

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

**11 PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE ON REFORM OF THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT**

Mr McLeay, pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) a Select Committee on Reform of the Opening of the Parliament be appointed;
- (2) the Committee's report include recommendations on the:
  - (a) procedures by which the person who had last held office as Speaker of the House could be appointed as a Deputy of the Governor-General for the purposes of the swearing in or the making of affirmations by Members of the House;
  - (b) arrangements necessary to enable the Governor-General's opening Speech to be made in the Parliament's Great Hall; and
  - (c) terms of a bill to alter the Constitution to require Members of the House to swear an oath or make an affirmation of allegiance to the people of Australia instead of the Queen; and
- (3) the Committee be required to report on or before the last sitting of the House in September 2001.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**12 BANKING SERVICES**

Mr Barresi, pursuant to notice, moved—That, in light of the Howard Government's internationally acknowledged reforms to the Australian financial system, including centralised prudential regulation, and the payments systems, and Australia's historically secure banking sector, this House:

- (1) welcomes the Australian Bankers' Association's announcement in March to guarantee minimum standards for 'safety net' accounts, changes to overcome access barriers to electronic banking and the adoption of protocols for face to face banking services in rural and remote areas;
- (2) notes the recommendations of the Issues Paper of the Viney Review into the Banking Industry Code of Practice released in March 2001;
- (3) condemns Labor's record on banking policy in both Government and Opposition; and
- (4) calls on Australia's financial institutions to continuously work with local communities towards meeting the banking needs of Australians living in urban and regional areas.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**13 GRIEVANCE DEBATE**

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired—

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

**14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

18 June 2001—Message No. 614—Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Amendment 2001.

**15 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2001**

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

**16 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2001**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Bill was read a third time.

**17 PAPER—PRIVILEGE**

Mr L. D. T. Ferguson referred to the matter he had raised earlier today (*see item No. 9*) and produced the following paper:

Force Voters to show ID, report urges—Copy of article by Samantha Maiden, *Adelaide Advertiser*, 16 June 2001.

**18 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION (SIMPLIFICATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2001**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr Morris addressing the House—

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19 **ADJOURNMENT**

It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Paper*

Mrs Elson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Centenary of Federation Essay Competition—Australia: It's what we make it—  
A collection of views and ideas about our past and our future from local school children.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 June 2001:

Aged Care Act—Principles under section 96-1—2001 Classification Amendment (No. 1).

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals—2001 Nos 7, 8.

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan Amendment—No. 32.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—  
Airworthiness Directives—

Part 39-105—2001 18(6), 21(3), 22, 28(3), 29(2), 30(4) May, 1(11) June.

Part 39-106—2001 28, 30 May, 1 June.

Civil Aviation Amendment Orders—2001 Nos 7, 8, 9.

Instruments—2001 Nos CASA 180, CASA 181, CASA 186, CASA 213, CASA 214, CASA 215.

Defence Act—

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—2001 Nos 9, 10.

Determinations under section 58B—2001 Nos 15, 16.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Determination—2001 No. 1.

Murray-Darling Basin Act—Schedule D to Murray-Darling Basin Agreement—  
Application of Agreement to Queensland.

*Superannuation Act 1976—*

Declarations—Statutory Rules 2001 No. 128.

Determination under section 241—Superannuation (CSS) Deferred Transfer Value Payment (AvSuper) No. 2.

Superannuation Contributions Tax (Assessment and Collection) Act—  
Determinations—2001 Nos SCD 1, SCD 2, SCD 3, SCD 4.

Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act—Determination—2001 No.  
SGD 1.

Taxation Administration Act—  
Determinations—2001—  
Nos TD 2, TD 11, TD 12, TD 13, TD 14.

Rulings—

1998 No. PR 5 (Addendum).

1999 Nos PR 11 (Addendum), PR 77 (Addendum).

2000 Nos PR 7 (Addendum), PR 31 (Addendum), PR 41 (Addendum), PR 59  
(Addendum), PR 92 (Addendum), PR 98 (Addendum), PR 100 (Addendum).

2001 Nos CR 17, CR 18, CR 19, CR 20, CR 21, CR 22, PR 15 (Addendum), PR  
21 (Addendum), PR 25 (Addendum), PR 28 (Addendum), PR 31 (Addendum),  
PR 48 (Addendum), PR 71 (Addendum), PR 77, PR 78, PR 79, PR 80, PR 81,  
PR 82, PR 83, PR 84, PR 85, PR 86.



#### **ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Gerick\*, Mrs  
Irwin, Jackie Kelly and Ms J. S. McFarlane.

\* On leave



**I. C. HARRIS**

Clerk of the House of Representatives



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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 190

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

MONDAY, 18 JUNE 2001

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1 Due to a division having been called in the House, the Main Committee met at 4.13 p.m.

**2 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2001-2002—BUDGET DEBATE**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tanner, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns this Government for its:

- (1) reduction in the projected Budget cash surplus from \$14.6 billion when the 2001-02 Budget year first appeared in the 1998-99 Budget Papers to a surplus of \$1.5 billion and an accrual deficit of \$0.8 billion in this Budget;
- (2) failure to address the significant investment needs in the areas of education and health provision;
- (3) string of policy backflips and wasteful, panic driven spending across almost all program areas;
- (4) commitment to sell the rest of Telstra if re-elected;
- (5) failure to provide relief for Australian families under financial pressure;
- (6) failure to address the hardship, and red tape nightmare faced by small business arising from the introduction of the GST;
- (7) deception of self-funded retirees and pensioners through misleading taxation claims;
- (8) failure to provide a comprehensive retirement incomes policy which addresses the needs of the new century;
- (9) lax approach to corporate governance issues which has contributed to the recent spate of corporate failures;
- (10) lack of an ongoing commitment to the protection of employee entitlements;

- (11) misuse of taxpayers' money on its politically partisan GST advertising campaign;
- (12) provision of complex, confusing and uninformative budget documents;
- (13) failure to identify in the Budget papers the true cost of GST collection and implementation; and
- (14) failure to deliver its guarantee that no Australian will be worse off as a result of the GST package"—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 6.26 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 8 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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Debate continued.

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

### 3 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Hawker, the Main Committee adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 4 p.m., or such later time as the Deputy Speaker takes the Main Committee Chair, for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

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**B. C. WRIGHT**  
Clerk of the Main Committee