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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 86

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2003

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- 1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS**
- Mr Abbott (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry and presented the following papers:
- Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry—
Report—Copy of Volume 2 (Conduct of the Commission) and Volumes 12 to 22 (State findings and administration).
Ministerial Statement, 26 March 2003.
- Mr Abbott moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Time for speech
- Mr Abbott, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Mr McClelland speaking for a period not exceeding 16 minutes.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr McClelland addressed the House.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Barresi), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003**
- Mrs D. S. Vale (Minister representing the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to defence, and for related purposes.
- Bill read a first time.
- Mrs D. S. Vale moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
- Mrs D. S. Vale presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE LEVIES) BILL 2003**
- Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.
- Bill read a first time.
- Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper
- Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

5 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (ACAC REVIEW LEVY) BILL 2003

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy to be known as the ACAC review levy on registered health benefits organizations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

6 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COLLAPSED ORGANIZATION LEVY) BILL 2003

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy to be known as the collapsed organization levy on registered health benefits organizations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

7 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION LEVY) BILL 2003

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy to be known as the Council administration levy on registered health benefits organizations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

8 PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (REINSURANCE TRUST FUND LEVY) BILL 2003

Ms Worth (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy to be known as the Reinsurance Trust Fund levy on registered health benefits organizations, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Worth moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper

Ms Worth presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

9 ENERGY GRANTS (CREDITS) SCHEME BILL 2003

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 McMullan, 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 the Government for its gross mismanagement of fuel tax policy, in particular:

- (1) its failure to deliver measures to promote cleaner fuels, despite its explicit promise to do so in the agreement with the Democrats leading to passage of *A New Tax System* through the Parliament;
- (2) its overall policy paralysis and deception, shown most starkly by its decision to dump all the Fuel Taxation Inquiry recommendations even before the report was released; and
- (3) its inexcusable delay in finalising even the limited set of measures included in this Bill and the Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill, which has left the transport industry with an extremely short timeframe to prepare for the new scheme before it comes into operation on 1 July 2003”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 113, 13 February 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

10 ENERGY GRANTS (CREDITS) SCHEME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2003

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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 118, 13 February 2003, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

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

11 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL (NO. 2) 2002 [NO. 2]

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 by Mr Swan who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading, and

- (1) condemns the Howard Government’s attempt to deny Disability Support Pensions to more than 100,000 Australians living with a disability over the next three years;
- (2) condemns the Government’s attempt to create two classes of people with disabilities by seeking to pay many of those who apply for a Disability Support Pension after 1 July 2003, \$60.20 a fortnight less than people currently receiving the payment;
- (3) endorses the view of the ALP supporting the need for welfare reforms that offer the opportunity for people with disabilities to participate fully in the community, including to work;
- (4) refuses to support Government cost cutting that will discourage people with a disability from seeking employment; and
- (5) calls on the Government to work with the ALP on a bipartisan basis to achieve real welfare reform”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz
Mr Anderson	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Scott
Mr Anthony	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mrs Ley	Mr Slipper
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr Lindsay	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Ticehurst
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tollner
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Dr Nelson	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Ms Panopoulos	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Pearce	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Johnson	Mr Prosser	Dr Washer
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Mr Windsor
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Ms Worth

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Mr Adams	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick*
Mr Albanese	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Ms Burke	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Mossfield	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Crean	Ms Hoare	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby*	Mrs Irwin	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Ms Jackson	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Tanner
Ms Ellis	Mr Jenkins	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Organ	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	Mr Wilkie
Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Mr Kerr, by leave, presented the following papers:

Gulf War Veterans—

Text of question on notice No. 1013—Mr Edwards to Minister for Veterans' Affairs, 21 October 1999—and answer.

Extract from Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee transcript, 21 February 2001.

Health Study—Extracts from report, pages 189, 345 and 346.

Minister accepts findings of Gulf War Veterans' Health Study—Copy of media release by the Hon. Danna Vale MP, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, 25 March 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Papers

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following papers:

British declare Basra military target - CNN—Washington Post on-line news item, 25 March 2003.

Battle may enter the streets of Basra: report—Sydney Morning Herald on-line news item, 25 March 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Trade) presented the following paper:

Trade 2003—A statement of outcomes and objectives—Mark Vaile, Minister for Trade.

Questions without notice continued.

13 MEMBER ORDERED TO WITHDRAW

At 3.12 p.m. the Member for Melbourne (Mr Tanner) was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

14 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT

The Speaker presented the following paper:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 35 of 2002-2003—Performance audit—Fraud control arrangements in the Australian Customs Service.

Ordered to be printed.

15 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Communications, Transport and the Arts—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report—Back on track: Progress in rail reform—Government response.

Department of Health and Ageing—National Blood Agreement.

Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2000-2001.

Landcare Australia Limited—Report for 2001-02.

National Office of Local Government—Report for 2001-02.

16 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Department of Health and Ageing—National Blood Agreement.

National Office of Local Government—Report for 2001-02.

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

17 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—HUMANITARIAN AID

The House was informed that Ms Macklin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The pressing humanitarian needs facing Iraq and surrounding countries and the critical importance of providing both immediate and long-term aid".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Ms Macklin addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

18 INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, an Administrator's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 3, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

19 CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee and agreed to with amendments (*see item No. 4, Minutes of Proceedings of the Main Committee*), and presented a certified copy of the Bill together with a schedule of amendments.

Amendments made by the Main Committee agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002—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 Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

21 CORPORATIONS (REVIEW FEES) BILL 2002—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 Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22 NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY BILL 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Somlyay (Chair) presented the following paper:

Committee of Privileges—Application from Ms Anne and Mr Gerard Henderson for the publication of a response to a reference made in the House of Representatives—Report, March 2003.

24 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Hunt presented the following paper:

Corporations and Financial Services—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Review of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—

Report, March 2003.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

25 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Report relating to proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Bureau of Meteorology, 700 Collins Street, Docklands, Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Moylan and Mr B. P. J. O'Connor, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

26 RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE

Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a Select Committee on the Recent Australian Bushfires be appointed to identify measures that can be implemented by governments, industry and the community to minimise the incidence of, and impact of bushfires on, life, property and the environment.
- (2) That the Committee shall have specific regard to:
 - (a) the extent and impact of the bushfires on the environment, private and public assets and local communities;
 - (b) the causes of and risk factors contributing to the impact and severity of the bushfires, including land management practices and policies in national parks, state forests, other Crown land and private property;
 - (c) the adequacy and economic and environmental impact of hazard reduction and other strategies for bushfire prevention, suppression and control;
 - (d) appropriate land management policies and practices to mitigate the damage caused by bushfires to the environment, property, community facilities and infrastructure and the potential environmental impact of such policies and practices;
 - (e) any alternative or developmental bushfire mitigation and prevention approaches, and the appropriate direction of research into bushfire mitigation;
 - (f) the appropriateness of existing planning and building codes, particularly with respect to urban design and land use planning, in protecting life and property from bushfires;
 - (g) the adequacy of current response arrangements for firefighting;
 - (h) the adequacy of deployment of firefighting resources, including an examination of the efficiency and effectiveness of resource sharing between agencies and jurisdictions;
 - (i) liability, insurance coverage and related matters;
 - (j) the roles and contributions of volunteers, including current management practices and future trends, taking into account changing social and economic factors.
- (3) That the Committee consist of 14 members, 8 members to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips and 6 members to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the Committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (5) That the Committee have leave to report from time to time but that it present its final report no later than 6 November 2003.
- (6) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything in the standing orders.

Question—put and passed.

27 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER BORDER PROTECTION MEASURES) BILL 2002 [NO. 2]

Mr Ruddock (Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper

Mr Ruddock presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION BILL 2002

Message No. 232, 26 March 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), the amendments were agreed to.

29 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2002

Message No. 233, 26 March 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Transport Safety Investigation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Tuckey (Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government), the amendments were agreed to.

30 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 234, 26 March 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002 [No. 2] and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments Nos 1 and 3 to 6 disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

31 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL (NO. 2) 2002 [NO. 2]

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 (*see item 11, page 829*)—

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Anthony (Minister for Children and Youth Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Abbott	Mr Dutton	Dr Kemp	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mrs Elson	Mr P. E. King	Mr Slipper
Mr Anthony	Mr Farmer	Mrs Ley	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr Forrest*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mrs Gallus	Mr McArthur*	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Ms Gambaro	Mr I. E. Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Brough	Mr Hawker	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mr Hockey	Ms Panopoulos	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cameron	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Dr Washer
Mr Causley	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Windsor
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Ms Worth
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Costello	Mrs D. M. Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mr Downer	Jackie Kelly	Mr Scott	

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Mr Adams	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Latham	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Dr Lawrence	Mr Quick*
Mr Andren	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr McClelland	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Ms George	Ms J. S. McFarlane	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Rudd
Mr Brereton	Ms Gillard	Mr McLeay	Mr Sawford
Ms Burke	Ms Grierson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sercombe
Mr Byrne	Mr Griffin	Mr Melham	Mr Sidebottom
Ms Corcoran	Ms Hall	Mr Mossfield	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Cox	Mr Hatton	Mr Murphy	Mr Snowdon
Mr Danby*	Ms Hoare	Ms O'Byrne	Mr Swan
Mr Edwards	Mrs Irwin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Ellis	Ms Jackson	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Emerson	Mr Kerr	Mr Organ	Mr Wilkie
Mr Evans	Ms C. F. King	Ms Plibersek	Mr Zahra

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a third time.

32 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [NO.2]

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.

Ms Plibersek was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed.

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

33 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Bill had been fully considered by the Main Committee, a Governor-General's message recommending an appropriation had been reported, and the Bill had been agreed to without amendment, and presented a certified copy of the Bill.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr McGauran (Minister for Science), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

34 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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9 a.m.



PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 March 2003:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2003 No. 1.

Christmas Island Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 21 September 2002 to 21 March 2003.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 21 September 2002 to 21 March 2003.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Crosio*, Mrs Draper, Ms Livermore*, Mr Lloyd* and Mr Sciacca.

* On leave



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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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No. 86

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.41 a.m.

2 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

Suspension of sitting

At 9.46 a.m., the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 9.51 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Members' statements continued.

3 **INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

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 Emerson, 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 the Government for:*

- (1) failing to implement an effective industry policy for Australian manufacturing; and
- (2) failing to invest adequately in innovation, leaving Australia trailing its main competitors in research and development”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Administrator

Message No. 110, 16 October 2002, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of an amendment to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Jackie Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Jackie Kelly, by leave, Government amendments (1) and (2) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

4 CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, Government amendments (1) to (6) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

5 CORPORATIONS (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2002

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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

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

6 CORPORATIONS (REVIEW FEES) BILL 2002

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 the question on the report to be put forthwith.

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

7 NATIONAL BLOOD AUTHORITY BILL 2002

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

Debate resumed.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 114, 11 December 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

8 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 2002

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.

Suspension of sitting

At 1.29 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting

At 4.00 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 115, 2 December 2002, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill.

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.

9 TERRORISM INSURANCE BILL 2002

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.

Suspension of sitting

At 4.47 p.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of sitting

At 5.01 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

Messages from the Governor-General

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced:

No. 116, 11 December 2002, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Bill; and

No. 117, 18 March 2003, recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to the Bill.

Consideration in detail

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Paper

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration) presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Slipper, by leave, government amendments (1) to (8) were made together.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Question—That the Bill be reported to the House with amendments—put and passed.

10 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), the Main Committee adjourned at 7.38 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed tomorrow at 9.40 a.m. for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee