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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 130

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2003



1 The House met, at 11.15 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) and the President of the Senate (Senator the Honourable Paul Calvert) were announced. The Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Speaker extended a welcome to the President of the Senate and Senators. The President of the United States of America, the Honourable George W. Bush, was announced.

The Speaker extended a welcome to President Bush.

The Speaker also welcomed Mrs Laura Bush, Dr Condoleezza Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and other senior officials from the United States present in the gallery.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) welcomed President Bush.

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.

The Speaker invited President Bush to address the meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

President Bush then addressed the meeting.

Senator ordered to withdraw

At 11.38 a.m. Senator Brown was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject. Senator Brown refusing to withdraw from the Chamber, the Speaker ordered the Serjeant-at-Arms to direct Senator Brown to leave the Chamber, but Senator Brown refused to do so.

President Bush continuing to address the meeting—

Senator ordered to withdraw

At 11.48 a.m. Senator Nettle was ordered, under standing order 304A, to withdraw from the House for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given. Senator Nettle refusing to withdraw from the Chamber, the Speaker ordered the Serjeant-at-Arms to direct Senator Nettle to leave the Chamber but Senator Nettle refused to do so.

President Bush continued to address the meeting.

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and Senators, expressed thanks to President Bush.

President Bush then left the Chamber.

3 SENATORS NAMED AND SUSPENDED

The Speaker named Senators Brown and Nettle for continuing to defy the Chair.

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That Senators Brown and Nettle be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put and passed by Members and Senators present.

Senators Brown and Nettle were, therefore, suspended at 11.55 a.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305.

4 ADJOURNMENT

At 11.55 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 16 October 2003, the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow, 24 October 2003, at 10 a.m., and declared the meeting concluded.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 October 2003:

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 260.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 253.

Family Law (Superannuation) Regulations—Approval—2003 Methods and factors for valuing particular superannuation interests—Amendment (No. 1).

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 254, 255, 256.

Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 263.

Income Tax Assessment Act 1936—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 262.

Medical Indemnity Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 264.

National Health Act—Determinations under subsection 5D(1)—2003 Nos PHS 20, PHS 21.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notices—2003 Nos 21, 22.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 No. 261.

Taxation Administration Act—

Bulletins—

2000 No. GSTB 2 (Addendum).

2003 No. GSTB 1 (Addendum).

Determination—2003 No. GSTD 3.

Rulings—

1999 No. GSTR 1 (Addendum).

2000 No. GSTR 30 (Addendum).

2001 Nos GSTR 1 (Addendum), GSTR 8 (Addendum).

2003 Nos CR 90, PR 60, PR 61, PR 62, PR 63.

Telecommunications Act 1997—Declaration—2003 Telecommunications (Types of cabling work) Amendment (No. 1).

Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 2003 Nos 257, 258, 259.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gallus, Mr Katter, Ms May, Mr McLeay, Dr Nelson, Mr Slipper, Mr Snowdon* and Ms Worth.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives