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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 139

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 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 **ASIO LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2003**
Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, 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 Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **SUPERANNUATION SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2003**
Mr McGauran (Minister for Science), for Mr Cameron (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, 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 Cox), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES — STATEMENT BY SPEAKER**
The Speaker made a statement concerning the appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services.
- 5 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS) BILL 2003**
Message No. 361, 25 November 2003, from the Senate was reported returning the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003 and acquainting the House that the Senate had considered message No. 433 of the House relating to the bill. The Senate had resolved to press its requests for amendments and again requests the House to make the amendments.
Ordered—That consideration of the message be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **NEW MAIN ENTRANCE AT THE LUCAS HEIGHTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, LUCAS HEIGHTS, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK**
Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is

expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: New main entrance at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre, Lucas Heights, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

7 REDEVELOPMENT OF RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL BUILDING NO. 23 AT LUCAS HEIGHTS, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Redevelopment of Radiopharmaceutical Production Building No. 23 at Lucas Heights, NSW.

Question—put and passed.

8 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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—

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 Brough (Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

9 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (MEMBERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES) 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.

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 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) 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.

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.

11 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Papers

Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training) presented the following papers:

Backing Australia's Future—Letter from Professor Terence J. Lovat, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Newcastle, to all Senators, 6 November 2003.

Higher Education Support Bill 2003—Letter from Professor Roger S. Holmes, Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Newcastle, to all Senators, 7 November 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr K. J. Thomson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Protection of native vegetation—Letter from Mr Peter Beattie, Premier of Queensland, to Mr Kelvin Thomson, Shadow Minister for Environment and Heritage, 26 November 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

Paper

Mr Latham, by leave, presented the following paper:

Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs (MCCA) Meeting—Draft record of meeting, 1 August 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

12 PAPERS

Mr Costello (Treasurer), during a personal explanation, presented the following papers:

OECD Economic Outlook—Preliminary edition—

Annex background statistics.

Australia.

13 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Defence Housing Authority—Report for 2002-03.

Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2002-03.

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—The law enforcement implications of new technology—Government response.

National Institute of Clinical Studies Limited—Report for 2002-03.

Productivity Commission—Report No. 26—Review of TCF assistance, 31 July 2003.

Public Service Commission—State of the service—Report for 2002-03.

Screenrights—Report for 2002-03.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WORKING CONDITIONS OF AUSTRALIANS

The House was informed that Mr Emerson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s relentless attacks on the pay and conditions of vulnerable working Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Emerson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 365, 26 November 2003, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the following resolution agreed to by the Senate:

That the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties for inquiry and report by 23 March 2004.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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

27 November 2003—Message No. 366—International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003.

17 ABORIGINAL LAND GRANT (JERVIS BAY TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2003—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 Jackie Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

18 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) 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—

Mr Andren addressing the House—

19 ADJOURNMENT

It being 4.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 5 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 12.30 p.m.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 November 2003:

Aged Care Act—Principles under section 96-1—2003—

Information Amendment (No. 1).

Quality of Care Amendment (No. 1).

National Health Act—Declaration—2003 No. PB 17.

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Statements under subsection 230A(1)—

Alenko Superannuation Fund.

Financial assistance for small APRA funds exposed to the Enhanced Cash Management Trust—Oak Breeze Pty Ltd.

Financial assistance for small APRA funds—Subsequent applications.

Miden Group Superannuation Fund.

Network Superannuation Fund.

Therapeutic Goods Act—Instruments of approval under section 23AA, 7 October 2003.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Ellis, Ms Hoare, Ms C. F. King, Dr Lawrence, Mr Schultz, Mr Snowdon* and Mr M. A. J. Vaile.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2003

1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements were made.

3 ABORIGINAL LAND GRANT (JERVIS BAY TERRITORY) AMENDMENT 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—

Debate resumed.

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 SECTION 57 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Abbott (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 8 October 2003*), viz.:

Resolving Deadlocks: A discussion paper on section 57 of the Australian Constitution—

Debate resumed.

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

5 RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES—SELECT COMMITTEE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Nairn—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 5 November 2003*), viz.:

Select Committee on Recent Australian Bushfires—Report—A nation charred: Inquiry into the recent Australian bushfires, November 2003—

Debate resumed.

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

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

6 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1.01 p.m. the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 9.40 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 December 2003.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee