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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 157

WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2004

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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 **SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (TEACHING PROFESSION) BILL 2004**  
Mr Ruddock (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, 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 (Ms Roxon), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **GREATER SUNRISE UNITISATION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION BILL 2004**  
Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* and other legislation to give effect to the Greater Sunrise unitisation agreement, and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr I. E. Macfarlane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper*  
Mr I. E. Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Fitzgibbon), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 4 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (GREATER SUNRISE) BILL 2004**  
Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr I. E. Macfarlane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper*  
Mr I. E. Macfarlane presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Fitzgibbon), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 5 **GREATER SUNRISE UNITISATION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION BILL 2004**  
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.

The House divided and only Mr Andren, Mr Katter, Mr Organ and Mr Windsor voting “No”, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Scott) declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

#### 6 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (GREATER SUNRISE) BILL 2004

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.

*Consideration in detail*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Consideration in detail concluded.

On the motion of Mr I. E. Macfarlane (Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

#### 7 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2004

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 Ruddock (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

#### 8 TELSTRA (TRANSITION TO FULL PRIVATE OWNERSHIP) BILL 2003 [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.

#### 9 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr McGauran (Minister for Science), Dr Nelson (Minister for Education, Science and Training) would answer questions on his behalf.

#### 10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper*

Mr Costello (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Research proposal on income tax reform and other matters—Copy of letter from Geoff Carmody, Director, Access Economics Pty Limited, to Mr Latham, Shadow Treasurer, 22 September 2003.

Questions without notice continuing—

*Paper*

Mr Tanner, by leave, presented the following paper:

Performance issues—Telstra in confidence document, Business and Commercial Operations, Infrastructure Services, December 2003.

Questions without notice continued.

**11 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Australian Communications Authority—National Relay Service—Performance report for 2002-03.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner—Reports for 2003—

Native title.

Social justice.

**12 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**

The House was informed that Mr Tanner had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The state of telecommunications services in regional Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tanner addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

*Member ordered to withdraw*

At 3.53 p.m. the Member for Rankin (Mr Emerson) 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.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

**13 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE MODERNISATION AND OTHER MEASURES) 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 Ms J. I. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**14 IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES (AMENDMENT AND REPEAL) 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 Ms J. I. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**15 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS DRUG AGENCY AMENDMENT BILL 2004—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 Ms J. I. Bishop (Minister for Ageing), by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**16 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

Mrs Moylan (Chair) presented the following paper:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—67th annual report of the Committee, March 2004, pursuant to the Public Works Committee Act.

Ordered to be printed.

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

**17 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages from the Senate, 9 March 2004, were reported:

- (a) acquainting the House that Senator Bartlett had been discharged from attendance on the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters and that, having been duly nominated in accordance with the resolution agreed to by both Houses, Senator Faulkner had been appointed a member of the committee—Message No. 431; and
- (b) returning the following Bills without amendment:
  - No. 432—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment 2004; and
  - No. 433—A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Amendment 2003.

**18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SUPERANNUATION SAFETY AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

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

10 March 2004—Message No. 434—Superannuation Safety Amendment 2003.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered at the next sitting.

**19 TELSTRA (TRANSITION TO FULL PRIVATE OWNERSHIP) BILL 2003 [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.

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**20 ADJOURNMENT**

It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 March 2004:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement—2004 No. 1.

Family Law (Superannuation) Regulations—

Approval—2004 Family Law (Superannuation) (Methods and factors for valuing particular superannuation interests) Amendment (No. 2).

Determinations—2004—

Family Law (Superannuation) (Provision of information—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme).

Family Law (Superannuation) (Provision of information—Public Sector Superannuation Scheme).

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Advice under paragraph 18(a), 8 March 2004.

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Notice—2004 No. 1.

Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Act—Determination under paragraph 15(1)(b)—2004 No. 1.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms Ellis\*, Mrs Hull, Mrs Irwin and Mr McGauran.

\* On leave

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**I. C. HARRIS**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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No. 157

**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2004**

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1 The Main Committee met at 9.40 a.m.

**2 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' statements were made.

**3 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE MODERNISATION AND OTHER MEASURES) 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 IMPORT PROCESSING CHARGES (AMENDMENT AND REPEAL) AMENDMENT BILL 2003**

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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.

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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.

**6 ASIO, ASIS AND DSD—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT 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 Jull—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 1 March 2004*), viz.:

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—Intelligence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction—December 2003—

Debate resumed.

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*Suspension of sitting*

At 11.10 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

*Resumption of sitting*

At 11.18 a.m., the proceedings were resumed.

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Debate continued.

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

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr Barresi, the Main Committee adjourned at 12.56 p.m.

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

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