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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 161

MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2007

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

2 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

The Speaker presented the following document:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the fifteenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum, Moscow, 21-26 January 2007—Report, March 2007—

and made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr B. P. O'Connor also made a statement in connection with the report.

3 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Kerr (Deputy Chair) presented the following documents:

Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia—

Report, February 2007.

Evidence received by the committee.

Report ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

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

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

Mr Kerr moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

4 NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Causley presented the following document:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Review of the Griffin Legacy Amendments—Report, March 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

5 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Dr Southcott (Chair) presented the following document:

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 83: Treaties tabled on 20 June (2), 17 October, 28 November (2) 2006 and CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations—Report, February 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

Dr Southcott moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT—REFERENCE TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Jull presented the following document:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Review of Australia's relationship with Malaysia—Report, March 2007.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

Statements in connection with the report were made.

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

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

In accordance with standing order 39, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

Mr Jull moved—That the order of the day be referred to the Main Committee for debate.

Question—put and passed.

7 CLOUD SEEDING

Mr Forrest, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes the renewed interest being taken in the potential for cloud seeding to enhance precipitation across Australia;
- (2) acknowledges that Snowy Hydro has rolled out an extensive cloud seeding operation over the past two winters for snow fall enhancement and that Hydro Tasmania has been undertaking cloud seeding precipitation enhancement operations for several decades;
- (3) notes that many countries around the world continue to invest heavily in cloud seeding research, whilst in Australia it has not been enthusiastically embraced by the scientific community; and
- (4) calls for the establishment of an Australian Cooperative Research Centre for weather modification to follow similar models in other countries.

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.

8 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' statements being made—

Document

Mr Hardgrave, by leave, presented the following document:

Scott Rush and five other Australian citizens facing the death penalty in Indonesia—Out of order petition.

Members' statements continued and a petition was presented.

9 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Lloyd (Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads), Mr M. A. J. Vaile (Minister for Transport and Regional Services) would answer questions on his behalf.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

11 PETITIONS

Petitions lodged for presentation were announced.

12 HUMAN RIGHTS IN ZIMBABWE

Ms George, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) condemns the Mugabe Government in Zimbabwe for the brutal bashings in police custody of Morgan Tsvangirai and other leaders and supporters of the Opposition Party, the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC);
- (2) expresses concern at the ongoing threat of violence as evidenced by the additional vicious beating of MP Nelson Chamisa in recent days;
- (3) notes that the Mugabe Government has clearly abandoned the rule of law and tolerates no dissent;
- (4) expresses its concern for the safety of former Australian passport holder Mrs Sekai Holland and her Australian husband Jim Holland, and urges the Australian Government to use its best endeavours to intervene to have Mrs Holland released from custody and safely transported out of Zimbabwe for urgent medical attention; and
- (5) calls on the Australian Government to have the Mugabe regime's actions brought before the UN Security Council and if appropriate, the International Criminal Court, and calls on Zimbabwe's neighbours, particularly South Africa, to take action in support of human rights in Zimbabwe.

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.

13 QUEENSLAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Mr Hardgrave, pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) acknowledges that South East Queensland has the highest growth in traffic congestion of any region in Australia;
- (2) also acknowledges that the Australian Government has allocated to Queensland authorities over \$3 billion in funding under AusLink Round 1 and \$18 billion through other road related programs since 1996;
- (3) expresses its concern for the lack of commitment by Queensland authorities in progressing the work financed by the Australian Government and the redirection of funds away from the authorised projects;
- (4) further expresses its concern at the unreliable project costing provided by the Queensland Government for infrastructure projects and the failure of the Queensland Government to follow the example of other State governments to value-add to the Commonwealth contribution to national highway projects with state contributions; and
- (5) notes the Australian Labor Party plan to only widen the existing Ipswich Motorway to six lanes and keep trucks on the Brisbane Urban Corridor while the Liberals want a solution to interstate transport needs, which will take trucks off the Brisbane Urban Corridor and provide ten lanes of traffic between Brisbane and Ipswich.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for private Members' business having expired, the debate was interrupted, Mr Emerson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting.

14 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 44, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 23 March 2007, were reported:

(1) returning the following bills without amendment or requests—Message—
 No. 489—Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) 2006 (*without requests*);
 No. 490—Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Amendment 2006 (*without requests*);
 No. 491—Private Health Insurance Complaints Levy Amendment 2006 (*without requests*);
 No. 492—Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Amendment 2006; and
 No. 494—Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment 2007; and

(2) Message No. 486 informing the House that:

- (a) Senator Nash had been discharged from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and Senator Chapman had been appointed a member of the committee; and
- (b) Senators Fierravanti-Wells and Parry had been appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity; and
- (c) Senator Johnston had been discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and Senator Trood had been appointed a member of the committee; and
- (d) Senator McGauran had been appointed a member of the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Library; and
- (e) Senator Mason had been discharged from the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties and Senator Ian Macdonald had been appointed a member of the committee.

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AGED CARE AMENDMENT (SECURITY AND PROTECTION) BILL 2007

Message No. 485, 22 March 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 with an amendment.

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

17 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE BILL 2006

Message No. 487, 23 March 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 with amendments.

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

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006

Message No. 488, 23 March 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 with amendments.

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

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (REINSURANCE TRUST FUND LEVY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

Message No. 493, 23 March 2007, from the Senate was reported returning the Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment 2006 Bill with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered at the next sitting.

20 MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (INFORMATION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2007

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 immediately.

On the motion of Ms Gambaro (Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship), the bill was read a third time.

21 MIGRATION AMENDMENT (BORDER INTEGRITY) BILL 2006

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 Haase addressing the House—

22 ADJOURNMENT

It being past 9 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 9.30 p.m.—The Speaker adjourned the House until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 26 March 2007:

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Exemptions—2007 Nos CASA EX11, CASA EX12 [F2007L00714], [F2007L00756].

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—
Part 39-105—2007—

5 February [F2007L00754].

21 February [F2007L00694].

23 (2) February [F2007L00697], [F2007L00698].

26 (2) February [F2007L00699], [F2007L00747].

28 (7) February [F2007L00700], [F2007L00701], [F2007L00744], [F2007L00748], [F2007L00749], [F2007L00751], [F2007L00752].

1 (3) March [F2007L00745], [F2007L00746], [F2007L00753].

2 March [F2007L00750].

16 March [F2007L00725].

22 March [F2007L00797].

Part 39-106—21 February 2007 [F2007L00693].

Part 39-107—21 (2) February 2007 [F2007L00695], [F2007L00696].

Corporations Act—Variations under—

Paragraph 601QA(1)(b)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 07/166 [F2007L00779].

Paragraph 1020F(1)(c)—Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Class Order CO 07/123 [F2007L00668].

Crimes Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 38 [F2007L00755].

Criminal Code Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 39 [F2007L00577].

Customs Act—Orders—

Tariff Concession—2007—

2 (14) March [F2007L00672], [F2007L00673], [F2007L00674], [F2007L00675], [F2007L00676], [F2007L00677], [F2007L00678], [F2007L00679], [F2007L00680], [F2007L00681], [F2007L00682], [F2007L00683], [F2007L00684], [F2007L00685].

9 (13) March [F2007L00727], [F2007L00728], [F2007L00729], [F2007L00730], [F2007L00731], [F2007L00732], [F2007L00733], [F2007L00734], [F2007L00735], [F2007L00736], [F2007L00737], [F2007L00738], [F2007L00739].

Tariff Concession Revocation—2007—

6 March [F2007L00687].

8 March [F2007L00686].

9 March [F2007L00688].

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—2007 No. 10.

Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 43 [F2007L00664].

Income Tax Assessment Act 1997—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 44 [F2007L00581].

Intellectual Property Legislation—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 40 [F2007L00650].

Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 42 [F2007L00726].

Migration Act—Statement under subsection 33(2)(b)— 16 March 2007.

Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 35 [F2007L00741].

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 36 [F2007L00740].

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act—Regulations—Select Legislative Instrument—2007 No. 37 [F2007L00742].

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations—

1995—No. TD 52 (Withdrawal).

2007—No. TD 5.

Rulings—

2006—No. PR 122 (Addendum).

2007—

Nos PR 21, PR 22, PR 23.

Nos ST 2174 (Withdrawal), ST 2175 (Withdrawal), ST 2176 (Withdrawal), ST 2177 (Withdrawal), ST 2179 (Withdrawal), ST 2180 (Withdrawal), ST 2181 (Withdrawal), ST 2183 (Withdrawal), ST 2184 (Withdrawal), ST 2185 (Withdrawal), ST 2186 (Withdrawal), ST 2187 (Withdrawal), ST 2188 (Withdrawal), ST 2189 (Withdrawal), ST 2192 (Withdrawal), ST 2193 (Withdrawal), ST 2194 (Withdrawal), ST 2195 (Withdrawal), ST 2196 (Withdrawal), ST 2197 (Withdrawal).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms A. E. Burke, Mr Johnson, Mr Lloyd and Mr Sercombe.

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 161

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2007

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Kerr—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 26 March 2007*), viz.—

Australian Crime Commission—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Inquiry into the manufacture, importation and use of amphetamines and other synthetic drugs (AOSD) in Australia—Report, March 2007—

Debate resumed.

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

3 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Robb (Minister for Vocational and Further Education)—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 14 February 2007*), viz.—

Procedure—Standing Committee—Media coverage of House proceedings, including the Chamber, Main Committee and committees [Final report], October 2005—Speaker's response—

Debate resumed.

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

4 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Neville, the Main Committee adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 March 2007 for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee