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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 109

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2006

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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Mr Turnbull (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), for Mr Abbott (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended to enable the following to occur during the periods set aside in standing order 34 for government business on Tuesday 20 June 2006:

- (1) in relation to proceedings on the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006 at the conclusion of the second reading debate, not including a Minister speaking in reply, or at 6pm, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate and any Government amendments that have been circulated for at least two hours shall be treated as if they have been moved together;
- (2) in relation to proceedings on the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Subscription Television Drama and Community Broadcasting Licences) Bill 2006 at the conclusion of second reading debate, not including a Minister speaking in reply, or at 8.30pm, whichever is the earlier, a Minister to be called to sum up (for a period not exceeding 5 minutes) the second reading debate and thereafter, without delay, the immediate question before the House to be put, then any question or questions necessary to complete the remaining stages of the bill to be put without amendment or debate; and
- (3) any variation to this arrangement to be made only by a motion moved by a Minister.

Mr Albanese addressing the House—

Closure

Mr Turnbull moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Draper	Mr Laming	Mr Scott	
Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker	

NOES, 54

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Katter	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms King	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Dr Lawrence	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr Wilkie
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Mr Windsor
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Stone
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Truss
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Tuckey
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Turnbull
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Scott	

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Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Katter	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Mr Kerr	Mr Snowdon
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms King	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Dr Lawrence	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr Melham	Mr Wilkie
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr Murphy	Mr Windsor
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Mr B. P. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Mr G. M. O'Connor	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT 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 by Mr Albanese who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not denying the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Howard Government’s complacency over climate change and calls upon the Government to:

- (1) join the established global framework for action against climate change and ratify the Kyoto Protocol;
- (2) establish a national emissions trading scheme so Australians can minimise the cost of adjusting to a carbon constrained economy and enjoy the economy opportunities arising from the global carbon trading market under the Kyoto Protocol;
- (3) ratify the Kyoto Protocol and therefore allow Australian companies to benefit from the Kyoto Protocol’s Clean Development Mechanism and Joint Implementation provisions which encourage and reward renewable energy projects;

- (4) work towards a long-term target of 60% cuts to Australia's year 2000 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050;
- (5) increase Australia's investment in proven renewable energy technologies by substantially increasing the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target;
- (6) support greater incentives for the research and development of renewable energy; and
- (7) support measures to improve energy efficiency, such as making an effective 5 star building code the national standard for new homes, and developing partnerships with energy utilities so that they don't just sell electricity and gas but also help people use less energy and cut their bills".

Debate continued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

5 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Mr Andren moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Calare moving immediately—That this House:

- (1) deplores the guillotining of debate on important bills before this Parliament;
- (2) condemns the cynical management by the Government of the business of the House;
- (3) condemns the gagging by the Government of debate on crucial fuel tax, energy and land rights bills and the refusal to allow any non-Government amendments by Members elected to promote the best possible legislation for this country;
- (4) calls on the Government to recognise the absolute right of all Members of Parliament—within reasonable arrangement—to properly debate and seek to amend all legislation before this House;
- (5) condemns the by-passing of the House of Representatives as the Chamber that should allow Members to properly consider legislation and the substitution by this Government of the Senate as the only meaningful debating Chamber;
- (6) further calls on the House to condemn the erosion of democratic processes to satisfy the political agenda of the Government;
- (7) condemns the majority of the media for its failure to critically examine the erosion of democratic processes in this House; and
- (8) calls on the House to rescind motion number one on today's Notice Paper and allow proper scrutiny and debate on all legislation.

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Scott	

NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms King	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Windsor (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Abbott moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Scott	

NOES, 60

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Beazley	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Bevis	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms King	Mr Sercombe
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Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowdon
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Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 59

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms Hoare	Ms Plibersek
Mr Albanese	Mr Emerson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price
Mr Andren	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr Ripoll
Mr Beazley	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Katter	Ms Roxon
Ms Bird	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Bowen	Mr Garrett	Ms King	Mr Sercombe
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Georganas	Dr Lawrence	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr A. S. Burke	Ms George	Mr McClelland	Mr Snowden
Mr Byrne	Mr Gibbons	Ms Macklin	Mr Swan
Ms Corcoran	Ms Gillard	Mr McMullan	Mr Tanner
Mr Crean	Ms Grierson	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Danby*	Mr Griffin	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Edwards	Ms Hall*	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mrs Elliot	Mr Hatton	Mr G. M. O'Connor	Mr Windsor
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Ms Owens	

NOES, 78

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mrs Ley	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

6 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telecommunications Reports for 2004-05—Report 1: Telecommunications competitive safeguards; Report 2: Changes in the prices paid for telecommunications services in Australia.

Australian Sports Commission—Strategic plan for 2006-09.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 35—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr AV of a breach of his human rights while in immigration detention.

Judge Advocate General—Defence Force Discipline Act—Report for 2005.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statements—Personal identifiers 056/06 to 066/06.

Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 056/06 to 066/06.

Treaties—

Bilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments (Mexico City, 23 August 2005).

Agreement relating to Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America (Canberra, 28 February 2006).

*Multilateral—Text, together with national interest analysis and annexures—*Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, done at Vienna on 8 July 2005.

7 DOCUMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENTS

Mr Abbott (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following documents:

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report No. 35—Report of an inquiry into a complaint by Mr AV of a breach of his human rights while in immigration detention.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—

Government response to the Commonwealth Ombudsman's statements—Personal identifiers 056/06 to 066/06.

Reports by the Commonwealth Ombudsman—Personal identifiers 056/06 to 066/06.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMETRIC MODELLING

The House was informed that Mr Swan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to acknowledge that new econometric modelling undertaken by the OECD casts grave doubt on the economic case advanced by the Government in support of its extreme industrial relations policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Swan addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Document

Mr Swan, by leave, presented the following document:

OECD Employment Outlook—Chapter 7—Reassessing the role of policies and institutions for labour market performance: A quantitative analysis; and bibliography, 2006.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

9 BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Bartlett (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Bill 2006 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007—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 Fran Bailey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

11 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2006-2007—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 Fran Bailey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

12 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007—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 Fran Bailey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

13 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2005-2006—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 Fran Bailey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

14 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2005-2006—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 Fran Bailey (Minister for Small Business and Tourism), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 19 June 2006, were reported returning the following bills without amendment or requests:

No. 329—Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) 2006 (*without requests*).

No. 330—Customs Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) 2006.

No. 331—Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) 2006 (*without requests*).

16 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE LAWS AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

Message No. 328, 19 June 2006, from the Senate was reported returning the Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006 with amendments.

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

17 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Albanese (see item No. 3, page 1231)*—

Debate resumed.

It being 6 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the debate was interrupted and Mr Billson (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) summed up the second reading debate.

Document

Mr Billson presented a supplementary explanatory memorandum to the bill.

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

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

AYES, 79

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Secker
Mr Andrews	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr Forrest*	Mr Macfarlane	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Ticehurst
Mr Billson	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tollner
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr Tuckey
Mr Brough	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mr Turnbull
Mr Cadman	Dr Jensen	Mr Pearce	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Causley	Mr Johnson	Mr Prosser	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Ciobo	Mr Jull	Mr Pyne	Mr Vasta
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Randall	Mr Wakelin
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Dr Washer
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Schultz	

NOES, 53

Mr Adams	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr Hatton	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Hayes	Mr Ripoll
Mr Andren	Mr Emerson	Ms Hoare	Ms Roxon
Mr Bevis	Mr L. D. T. Ferguson	Mrs Irwin	Mr Sawford
Ms Bird	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr Jenkins	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Snowdon
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr Garrett	Ms King	Mr Swan
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Georganas	Ms Macklin	Mr Tanner
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Melham	Mr K. J. Thomson
Ms Corcoran	Mr Gibbons	Mr Murphy	Ms Vamvakinou
Mr Crean	Ms Gillard	Mr B. P. O'Connor	Mr Wilkie
Mr Danby*	Ms Grierson	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mr Edwards	Mr Griffin	Ms Owens	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hall*	Ms Plibersek	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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. 179, 1 March 2006, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill, including the Government amendment, as circulated, be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

18 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION DRAMA AND COMMUNITY BROADCASTING LICENCES) BILL 2006

The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

Document

Mrs Ley (Parliamentary Secretary—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Mrs Ley moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

In accordance with the resolution agreed to earlier this day, the question—That the remaining stages of the bill be agreed to—put and passed—bill read a third time.

19 AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) AMENDMENT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Ms Macklin, 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) creating a skills crisis through during their ten long years in office;
- (2) its continued failure to provide the necessary opportunities for Australians to get the training they need to get a decent job and meet the skills needs of the economy;
- (3) reducing the overall percentage of the Federal Budget spent on vocational education and training, and allowing this percentage of spending to further decline over the forward estimate period;
- (4) its incompetent handling of the Australian Technical Colleges initiative as evidenced by only four out of twenty five colleges being open for business, enrolling fewer than 300 students;
- (5) failing to be open and accountable about the operations of the Australian Technical Colleges, including details of extra student enrolments, funding levels for the individual colleges, course structures and programs;
- (6) denying local communities their promised Australian Technical College because of their ideological industrial relations requirements; and
- (7) failing to provide enough extra skills training so that Australia can meet the expected shortfall of 100,000 skilled workers by 2010”—

Debate resumed.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved

Mr Albanese moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Grayndler moving immediately—That:

- (1) the Speaker report back to Parliament prior to Question Time on 21 June 2006 concerning the apparent doctoring of Hansard, Question Time on 20 June 2006;
- (2) the House notes that Hansard records the Prime Minister as stating, “productivity will always be higher and growth will always be stronger under a Coalition Government than under a Labor Government”; and
- (3) the House also notes that ABC TV News which is captioned live, correctly transcribed the Prime Minister as stating, “productivity will always be higher, and growth will always be stronger under a Labor Government ... under a Liberal Government rather than a Coalition Government”.

Closure of Member

Mr Baldwin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources) moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mr Baird	Mr M. D. Ferguson	Mr McArthur*	Mr Somlyay
Mr Baker	Mr Forrest*	Mr Macfarlane	Dr Southcott
Mr Baldwin	Mrs Gash	Mr McGauran	Dr Stone
Mr Barresi	Mr Georgiou	Mrs Markus	Mr C. P. Thompson
Mr Bartlett	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Tollner
Mr Billson	Mr Hardgrave	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Truss
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Randall	Dr Washer
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Richardson	Mr Wood
Mrs Draper	Jackie Kelly	Mr Schultz	
Mrs Elson	Mr Laming	Mr Scott	

NOES, 41

Mr Adams	Ms K. M. Ellis	Mr Jenkins*	Mr Ripoll
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Mr Danby*	Mr Hayes	Mr G. M. O'Connor	
Mrs Elliot	Ms Hoare	Ms Owens	
Ms A. L. Ellis	Mrs Irwin	Mr Price	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Swan (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member

Mr Baldwin moved—That the Member be no longer heard.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

Mr Abbott	Mr Entsch	Mrs Ley	Mr Secker
Mr Anderson	Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Slipper
Fran Bailey	Mr Fawcett	Mr Lloyd	Mr A. D. H. Smith
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Mr Broadbent	Mr Henry	Mr Nairn	Mr Turnbull
Mr Brough	Mr Hockey	Dr Nelson	Mr M. A. J. Vaile
Mr Cadman	Mrs Hull	Mr Neville	Mrs D. S. Vale
Mr Causley	Dr Jensen	Mr Prosser	Mr Vasta
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Closure

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—put.

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

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And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

20 ADJOURNMENT

It being 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 9 a.m. tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Ms J. Bishop, Mr Downer, Mr Dutton, Ms Gambaro, Mr Hunt, Mrs D. M. Kelly, *Ms Livermore, Mr Quick, Mr Robb and Mr Rudd.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives