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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2008



1 The House met, at 9 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **BILL REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the Aged Care Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008 be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration.

Question—put and passed.

3 **NATION-BUILDING FUNDS BILL 2008**

Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act about the Building Australia Fund, the Education Investment Fund and the Health and Hospitals Fund, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr Tanner presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tanner moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

4 **NATION-BUILDING FUNDS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008**

Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to deal with consequential matters arising from the enactment of the *Nation-building Funds Act 2008*, and for other purposes.

Document

Mr Tanner presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tanner moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

5 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**

Ordered—That notice No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

6 **TAX AGENT SERVICES BILL 2008**

Mr Bowen (Assistant Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Tax Practitioners Board and to provide for the registration of tax agents and BAS agents, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

7 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ENHANCED LAND FORCE STAGE 1 FACILITIES PROJECT, LAVARACK BARRACKS, TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND AND OTHER DEFENCE BASES AROUND AUSTRALIA

Dr Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Enhanced Land Force Stage 1 Facilities Project, Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, Queensland, and other Defence bases around Australia.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Hayes (Chair) presented the following document:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate. Having considered documents presented to the Parliament since 23 October, it recommends that the following be made Parliamentary Papers:

Administrative Review Council—Report for 2007-08.

Aged Care Commissioner—Report for 2007-08.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2007-08.

Airservices Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Albury–Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.

Australia Council—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Communications and Media Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Fair Pay Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Hearing—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2007-08.

Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Reward Investment Alliance—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme, Public Sector Superannuation Scheme and Public Sector Superannuation Accumulation Plan—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Sports Commission—Report for 2007-08.

Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)—Report for 2007-08.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2007-08.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 2007-08.

Cancer Australia—Report for 2007-08.

Centrelink—Report for 2007-08.
Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)—Report for 2007-08.
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2007-08.
Comcare—Report for 2007-08.
Commissioner for Superannuation (ComSuper)—Report for 2007-08.
Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2007-08.
Cotton Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
Dairy Adjustment Authority—Report for 2007-08.
Defence Housing Australia—Report for 2007-08.
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy—Report for 2007-08, incorporating an erratum.
Department of Climate Change—Report for the period 3 December 2007 to 30 June 2008.
Department of Defence—Report for 2007-08—
Volume 1—Department of Defence.
Volume 2—Defence Materiel Organisation.
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2007-08—
Volume 1.
Volume 2.
Department of Finance and Deregulation—Report for 2007-08.
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2007-08—
Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).
Department of Health and Ageing—Report for 2007-08.
Department of Human Services—Report for 2007-08, incorporating reports of the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia.
Department of Immigration and Citizenship—Report for 2007-08.
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government—Report for 2007-08.
Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism—Report for the period 3 December 2007 to 30 June 2008.
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts—Reports for 2007-08—
Volume 1—Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.
Volume 2—Legislation.
Department of the Treasury—Report for 2007-08.
Director of National Parks—Report for 2007-08.
Family Court of Australia—Report for 2006-07—Correction.
Family Law Council—Report for 2007-08.
Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2007-08.
Financial Reporting Council, Australian Accounting Standards Board and Auditing and Assurance Standards Board—Reports for 2007-08.
Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2007-08.
Gene Technology Regulator—Report for 2007-08.
Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report for 2007-08.
Indigenous Business Australia—Report for 2007-08.
Land and Water Australia—Report for 2007-08.
Medicare Australia—Report for 2007-08.
Migration Agents Registration Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
 National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2007-08.
 National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme—Report for 2007-08.
 National Library of Australia—Report for 2007-08.
 National Museum of Australia—Report for 2007-08.
 National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
 National Residue Survey—Report for 2007-08.
 National Transport Commission—Report for 2007-08.
 Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2007-08.
 Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report for 2007-08.
Privacy Act 1988—Report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.
 Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2007-08.
 Productivity Commission—Report for 2007-08.
 Professional Services Review—Report for 2007-08.
 Repatriation Commission, Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, National Treatment Monitoring Committee and the Department of Veterans' Affairs—Reports for 2007-08.
 Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2007-08.
 Royal Australian Mint—Report for 2007-08.
 Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2007-08.
 Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2007-08.
 Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2007-08.
 Services Trust Funds—Report for 2007-08.
Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978—Supervising Scientist's report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.
 Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2007-08.
 Tourism Australia—Report for 2007-08.
 Veterans' Review Board—Report for 2007-08.
 Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report and State of the Wet Tropics report for 2007-08.
 Workplace Authority—Report for 2007-08.

CHRIS HAYES MP

Chair

13 November 2008

On the motion of Mr Hayes, by leave, the report was agreed to.

9 SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY) BILL 2008

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.

Closure

Ms Plibersek (Minister for Housing) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Adams	Mrs D' Ath	Ms Jackson	Mr Price
Mr Albanese	Mr Debus	Dr Kelly	Mr Raguse
Mr Bevis	Mr Dreyfus	Ms King	Ms Rea
Mr Bidgood	Mrs Elliot	Ms Livermore	Mr Ripoll
Ms Bird	Ms A. L. Ellis	Mr McClelland	Ms Rishworth
Mr Bowen	Ms K. M. Ellis	Ms McKew	Ms Saffin
Mr Bradbury	Dr Emerson	Ms Macklin	Mr Shorten
Ms A. E. Burke	Mr M. J. Ferguson	Mr McMullan	Mr Sidebottom
Mr A. S. Burke	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Marles	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Butler	Mr Georganas	Mr Melham	Mr Snowdon
Mr Byrne	Ms George	Mr Murphy	Mr Sullivan
Ms Campbell	Mr Gibbons	Ms Neal	Mr Symon
Mr Cheeseman	Mr Gray	Mr Neumann	Mr Tanner
Mr Clare	Ms Grierson	Mr O'Connor	Mr C. R. Thomson
Ms Collins	Mr Hale	Ms Owens	Mr K. J. Thomson
Mr Combet	Ms Hall*	Ms Parke	Mr Trevor
Mr Crean	Mr Hayes*	Mr Perrett	Mr Turnour
Mr Danby	Mrs Irwin	Ms Plibersek	

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Mr Abbott	Mr Forrest	Ms Marino	Mr Secker
Fran Bailey	Mr Haase	Mrs May	Mr Simpkins
Mr Baldwin	Mr Hartsuyker	Mrs Mirabella	Mr Slipper
Mr Billson	Mr D. P. M. Hawker	Mr Morrison	Mr A. D. H. Smith
Mrs B. K. Bishop	Mr Hockey	Mrs Moylan	Mr Somlyay
Ms J. I. Bishop	Mrs Hull*	Mr Neville	Dr Southcott
Mr Briggs	Mr Hunt	Mr Oakeshott	Dr Stone
Mr Broadbent	Mr Irons	Mr Pearce	Mr Truss
Mr Chester	Dr Jensen	Mr Ramsey	Mr Turnbull
Mr Ciobo	Mr Johnson*	Mr Randall	Mrs Vale
Mr Costello	Mr Keenan	Mr Robb	Dr Washer
Mr Coulton	Mr Laming	Mr Robert	Mr Windsor
Mr Dutton	Ms Ley	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wood
Mr Farmer	Mr Lindsay	Mr Scott	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 104, 1 November 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), the bill was read a third time.

10 APPROPRIATION (ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY) BILL (NO. 1) 2008-2009

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), the bill was read a third time.

11 APPROPRIATION (ECONOMIC SECURITY STRATEGY) BILL (NO. 2) 2008-2009

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved immediately.

On the motion of Mr Tanner (Minister for Finance and Deregulation), the bill was read a third time.

12 CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (SHORT SELLING) BILL 2008

Mr Bowen (Assistant Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr A. D. H. Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 NATIONAL MEASUREMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2008

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 Dr Emerson (Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy), the bill was read a third time.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS (EQUAL TREATMENT IN COMMONWEALTH LAWS—SUPERANNUATION) BILL 2008

A message from the Senate was reported returning the following bill with requests for amendments:

12 November 2008—Message No. 158—Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) 2008.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered at a later hour this day.

15 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REFORM) BILL 2008—REPORT FROM MAIN COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Main Committee had resolved that further proceedings on the bill be conducted in the House, and presented a certified copy of the bill.

Ordered—That further proceedings on the bill be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

16 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (2008 MEASURES NO. 5) BILL 2008

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 Neumann addressing the House—

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 97, Mr Neumann was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

17 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Ms Gillard (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence overseas of Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), she would answer questions on his behalf.

18 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 3.13 p.m. the Member for Kalgoorlie (Mr Haase) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continuing to interject after a warning had been given from the Chair, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

19 MEMBER DIRECTED TO LEAVE THE CHAMBER

At 3.35 p.m. the Member for Fadden (Mr Robert) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for continual interjection, and he accordingly left the Chamber.

20 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Australian River Co. Limited and its consolidated entities—Report for the period 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2007.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Civics and electoral education—Interim government response, October 2008.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Review of the Defence annual report, 2005-2006—Government response.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Committee—Report 410—Tax administration—Government response.

Screenrights—Report for 2007-08.

21 DOCUMENT

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) presented the following document:

Matters of Public Importance—Extracts from *House of Representatives Hansard*, 22 August 2001, 6 March 2003 and 20 September 2007.

22 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM

The House was informed that Mr Dutton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to deliver an effective public hospital system”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Dutton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Mr Simpkins addressing the House—

23 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.59 p.m., adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, 24 November 2008.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrews, Mr Cobb, Mrs Gash*, Mr Griffin, Mr Kerr, Mrs Markus, Mr Pyne, Mr Rudd, Mr Swan, Mr Tuckey and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPLEMENT TO VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 61

MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 9.30 a.m.

2 MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REFORM) BILL 2008

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 Hayes moved—That further proceedings on the bill be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

4 AGED CARE AMENDMENT (2008 MEASURES NO. 2) BILL 2008

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.

Suspension of meeting

At 11.50 a.m., a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 12.06 p.m., the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Main Committee until 6.40 p.m. on Monday, 24 November 2008.



B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee