

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2008

1 The House met, at 1.20 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 FAIR WORK BILL 2008

Ms Gillard (Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to workplace relations, and for related purposes.

Document

Ms Gillard presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Gillard moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

3 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (LUXURY CAR TAX—MINOR AMENDMENTS) BILL 2008

Mr Bowen (Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, 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 (Dr Southcott), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES) BILL 2008

Ms Macklin (Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make amendments relating to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and technical amendments, and for related purposes.

Document

Ms Macklin presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Macklin moved—That the bill be now read a second time.

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

5 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were asked.

6 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were presented:

Aged Care Act 1997—Report on the operation of the Act for 2007-08.

Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2007-08.

Crimes Act 1914—Authorisations for the acquisition and use of assumed identities—Report for 2007-08—Australian Crime Commission.

General Practice Education and Training—Report for 2007-08.

Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—2008 Personal identifiers 481 to 491—

Commonwealth Ombudsman's reports.

Government response to Commonwealth Ombudsman's reports.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2007-08.

National Rural Advisory Council—Report for 2007-08.

7 DOCUMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF DOCUMENT

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following document:

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2007-08.

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

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

The House was informed that Mr Truss (Leader of the Nationals) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to meet its timetable for the National Broadband Network".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Truss addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

The time allotted under standing order 1 having expired, the discussion was interrupted.

9 GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR LARGE DEPOSITS AND WHOLESALE FUNDING APPROPRIATION BILL 2008

Mr Swan (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for an appropriation for the Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Swan presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Ms Ley), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, 24 November 2008, were reported returning the following bills without amendment:

No. 169—Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) 2008.

No. 170—Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) (No. 1) 2008-2009 (*without requests*).

No. 171—Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) (No. 2) 2008-2009.

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

Message No. 168, 24 November 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), Senate amendments Nos 2, 3 and 4 were agreed to.

On the motion of Mr McClelland, Senate amendment No. 1 was disagreed to.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 109, 21 November 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments to a Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to superannuation, and for related purposes.

On the motion of Mr McClelland, Government amendments Nos 1 to 4 were made in place of Senate amendment No. 1 which was disagreed to.

12 MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS (EQUAL TREATMENT IN COMMONWEALTH LAWS—GENERAL LAW REFORM) BILL 2008

Message No. 110, 11 November 2008, from Her Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of amendments of a Bill for an Act to address discrimination against same-sex couples and their children in Commonwealth laws, and for other purposes.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS (EQUAL TREATMENT IN COMMONWEALTH LAWS—GENERAL LAW REFORM) BILL 2008

Message No. 167, 24 November 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008 with requests for amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), the requested amendments were made.

14 NATION-BUILDING FUNDS 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.

Debate adjourned (Mr Pearce), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

15 BILLS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE

Mr Price (Chief Government Whip), by leave, moved—That the following bills be referred to the Main Committee for further consideration:

Nation-building Funds 2008;

Nation-building Funds (Consequential Amendments) 2008; and

COAG Reform Fund 2008.

Question—put and passed.

16 GUARANTEE SCHEME FOR LARGE DEPOSITS AND WHOLESALE FUNDING APPROPRIATION 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.

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 114, 21 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 Swan (Treasurer), the bill was read a third time.

17 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Albanese (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.01 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

**DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 25 November 2008:

Taxation Administration Act—

Determinations—

2008—TD No. 26.

Old series—TD No. 34.

Rulings—

2007—CR No. 48 (Withdrawal).

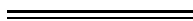
2008—CR Nos 77, 78.

Old series—IT Nos 2444 (Withdrawal), 2593 (Withdrawal).

**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Baldwin, Ms K. M. Ellis, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gash*, Mrs Moylan, Mr Oakeshott*, Ms Owens, Mr Rudd, Mr Ruddock, Mr Tuckey and Ms Vamvakinou.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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MAIN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2008

1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

2 MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members' constituency statements were made.

3 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.

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

Message from the Governor-General

Message No. 105, 16 October 2008, from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

Leave granted for the question on the report to be put immediately.

Question—That the bill be reported to the House without amendment—put and passed.

4 NATION-BUILDING FUNDS 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.

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

5 ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr Hayes, the Main Committee adjourned at 10.24 p.m.

The Deputy Speaker fixed 9.30 a.m. tomorrow for the next meeting of the Main Committee.

B. C. WRIGHT
Clerk of the Main Committee