

2008

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 67

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2008

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Mr Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice being asked—

*Member directed to leave*

At 3.27 p.m. the Member for McEwen (Fran Bailey) 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 she accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

**3 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**

The Speaker presented the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report No. 10 of 2008–2009—Performance audit—Administration of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 (SIP) Scheme: Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

Ordered to be made a Parliamentary Paper.

**4 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were presented:

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 1 July to 30 September 2008.

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme white paper and medium-term target range for reducing Australia's carbon pollution—Ministerial statement by Senator the Honourable Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water, 1 December 2008.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Quarterly reports on movement cap for Sydney airport—2008—

1 April to 30 June.

1 July to 30 September.

**5 DRAFT DISABILITY (ACCESS TO PREMISES) STANDARDS—DOCUMENTS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

Mr McClelland (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement on the draft Disability (Access to Premises) Standards and presented the following documents:

Consultation draft—Disability (Access to Premises—Buildings) Standards 2009.

Consultation draft—Disability (Access to Premises—Buildings) Standards Guidelines 2009.

The Protocol: A model process to administer building access for people with a disability—Australian Building Codes Board, 2008.

Consultation draft—Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport Amendment 2009.

Regulation Impact Statement, October 2008.

Summary of main Australian Standards referenced in the Access Code.

*Suspension of standing orders—Time for speech*

Mr McClelland, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Ms Ley speaking for a period not exceeding eight minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Ms Ley addressed the House.

#### **6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC HOSPITALS**

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 Government’s failure to deliver on its commitment to fix public hospitals”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Dutton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

#### **7 UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

Mr Rudd (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House:

- (1) notes that 10 December 2008 is the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- (2) recalls that the adoption of the Declaration was a response to the suffering of those who had experienced human rights violations, especially the ‘barbarous acts’ perpetrated during World War II;
- (3) recognises that whilst significant progress has been made in promoting and protecting human rights since the Declaration was adopted, human rights violations have continued to occur;
- (4) acknowledges the valuable contribution of Australians who played a role in the development and adoption of this important instrument of international law and who, since then, have contributed to its implementation; and
- (5) affirms the principles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and emphasises its commitment to those principles.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Murphy—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### **8 MATTER REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE**

Mr Murphy (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade), by leave, moved—That the resumption of debate on the Prime Minister’s motion relating to the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be referred to the Main Committee.

Question—put and passed.

#### **9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS**

A message from Her Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that Her Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bills:

1 December 2008—Message No. 123—

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) 2008.

Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) (No. 1) 2008-2009.

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

#### **10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Message No. 184, 1 December 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008 without amendment.

**11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FURTHER 2008 BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008**

Message No. 185, 1 December 2008, from the Senate was reported returning the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008 with amendments.

Ordered—That the amendments be considered immediately.

On the motion of Mr Griffin (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

**12 FAIR WORK 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 Katter addressing the House—

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*Adjournment negatived*

It being 8.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Ms K. M. Ellis (Minister for Sport) requiring the question to be put immediately without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

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Debate continued.

Mr K. J. Thomson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Kerr (Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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**DOCUMENT**

The following document was deemed to have been presented on 2 December 2008:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement under section 125—December 2008.

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Mr Crean, Mrs Gash\*, Mr McMullan, Mrs Moylan, Mr Oakeshott\*, Mr A. D. H. Smith, Mr S. F. Smith and Ms Vamvakinou.

\* On leave

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

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**MAIN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2008

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1 The Main Committee met at 4 p.m.

**2 MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS**

Members' constituency statements being made—

*Petition*

Ms Ley presented the following petition approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions:

Funding for specialist early intervention services for children with disabilities—3,245 petitioners.

Members' constituency statements continuing—

*Petitions*

Mr Dreyfus presented the following petitions approved by the Standing Committee on Petitions:

Income support for asylum seekers [2]—33 petitioners and 28 petitioners.

Members' constituency statements continued.

**3 DEATH OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL KENNETH HOUSDAN FUSSELL—CONDOLENCE MOTION MOVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Rudd (Prime Minister)—That the House record its deep regret at the death on 27 November 2008, of Lieutenant Michael Kenneth Housdan Fussell, killed while on combat operations in Afghanistan, and place on record its appreciation of his service to his country, and tender its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement—

Debate resumed.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

Ms King moved that further proceedings be conducted in the House.

Question—put and passed.

**4 AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—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 Albanese (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the document (*presented on 26 November 2008*), *viz.*—

Australia's response to the global financial crisis—Ministerial statement, 26 November 2008—

Debate resumed.

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

**5 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—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 Danby—  
That the House take note of the document (*presented on 1 December 2008*), *viz.*—

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Immigration detention in Australia: A new beginning—Criteria  
for release from immigration detention—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, December 2008—

Debate resumed.

Mr Danby, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

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

**6 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—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 Ripoll—  
That the House take note of the document (*presented on 1 December 2008*), *viz.*—

Corporations and Financial Services—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Opportunity not opportunism:  
Improving conduct in Australian franchising—Report, December 2008—

Debate resumed.

Mr Ripoll, by leave, addressed the Main Committee without closing the debate.

Debate continued.

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

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Ms Grierson, the Main Committee adjourned at 8.31 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