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TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2013

The House meets at 12 noon

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1. FAIR WORK (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2013 (Minister representing the Minister for Employment): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 November 2013—Mr Albanese).

2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S SPEECH: Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013—Mr Frydenberg) on the proposed Address in Reply.


7. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY) BILL 2013 (Minister representing the Minister for Employment): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013—Mr S. P. Jones, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Pyne—that the Bill be now read a second time—And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr O’Connor, viz.—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the bill and the related bills a second reading because it would be ill advised to continue having regard to:

(1) the negative impact of the re-establishment of the Australian Building and Construction Commission on the rights and entitlements of Australian workers; and

(2) Government plans to equip the Australian Building and Construction Commission with powers that are extreme, unnecessary, undemocratic and compromise civil liberties.”.


* Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time
† Debate to be adjourned to a future day at the conclusion of the time allotted.


14 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (SIMPLIFIED PRICE DISCLOSURE) BILL 2013 (Minister for Health): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 November 2013—Ms Clare).


16 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (EXCISE) LEVIES AMENDMENT BILL 2013 (Minister for Agriculture): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 November 2013—Ms Clare).

17 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (CUSTOMS) CHARGES AMENDMENT BILL 2013 (Minister for Agriculture): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 20 November 2013—Ms King).

18 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) BILL 2013 (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 November 2013—Mr Gray).

19 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (CONSUMER PROTECTION) BILL 2013 (Minister for Communications): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 14 November 2013—Mr Clare).


Notices

1 MR PYNE: To move—That this House:
   (1) repeal the following resolutions:
      (a) Broadcasting and re-broadcasting of excerpts of proceedings, adopted 30 November 1988;
      (b) Televising of proceedings, adopted 16 October 1991;
      (c) Extension of House monitoring service, adopted 28 September 1993;
      (d) Radio broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings-general principles, adopted 20 September 1994; and
      (e) Broadcasting of proceedings-conditions for broadcasters, adopted 1 May 1996; and
   (2) in their place, adopt the following resolution:

1. Provision of broadcast
   a. The House authorises the broadcast and rebroadcast of the proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the House, its committees and of the Federation Chamber in accordance with this resolution.
   b. The House authorises the provision of sound and vision coverage of proceedings of the House, its committees, and of the Federation Chamber, including records of past proceedings, through the House Monitoring Service and through the Parliament of Australia website.
   c. Access to the House Monitoring Service sound and vision coverage of the proceedings of the House, its committees and the Federation Chamber is provided to persons and organisations as determined by the Speaker, on terms and conditions determined by the Speaker which must not be inconsistent with this resolution.
   d. The Speaker shall report to the House on persons and organisations in receipt of the service and on any terms and conditions determined under paragraph 1(c).
   e. Use of sound and vision coverage of proceedings of the House, its committees and the Federation Chamber, including records of past proceedings, published on the Parliament of Australia website is subject to conditions of use determined by the Speaker.
2. Broadcast of House of Representatives and Federation Chamber proceedings – House monitoring service

Access to proceedings provided through the House Monitoring Service is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

a. Only the following broadcast material shall be used:
   i. switched sound and vision feed of the House of Representatives, its committees and the Federation Chamber provided by the Parliament that is produced for broadcast, re-broadcast and archiving; and
   ii. official broadcast material supplied by authorised parliamentary staff.

b. Broadcast material shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for:
   i. political party advertising or election campaigns; or
   ii. commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

c. Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.

d. Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast only if the withdrawal is also reported.

e. The instructions of the Speaker or his or her delegates, which are not inconsistent with these conditions or the rules applying to the broadcasting of committee proceedings, shall be observed.

3. Broadcast of committee proceedings

The following conditions apply to the broadcasting of committee proceedings:

a. Recording and broadcasting of proceedings of a committee is subject to the authorisation of the committee;

b. A committee may authorise the broadcasting of only its public proceedings;

c. Recording and broadcasting of a committee is not permitted during suspensions of proceedings, or following an adjournment of proceedings;

d. A committee may determine conditions, not inconsistent with this resolution, for the recording and broadcasting of its proceedings, may order that any part of its proceedings not be recorded or broadcast, and may give instructions for the observance of conditions so determined and orders so made. A committee shall report to the House any wilful breach of such conditions, orders or instructions;

e. Recording and broadcasting of proceedings of a committee shall not interfere with the conduct of those proceedings, shall not encroach into the committee’s work area, or capture documents (either in hard copy or electronic form) in the possession of committee members, witnesses or committee staff;

f. Broadcasts of proceedings of a committee, including excerpts of committee proceedings, shall be for the purpose only of making fair and accurate reports of those proceedings, and shall not be used for:
   i. political party advertising or election campaigns; or
   ii. commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising;

g. Where a committee intends to permit the broadcasting of its proceedings, a witness who is to appear in those proceedings shall be given reasonable opportunity, before appearing in the proceedings, to object to the broadcasting of the proceedings and to state the ground of the objection. The committee shall consider any such objection, having regard to the proper protection of the witness and the public interest in the proceedings, and if the committee decides to permit broadcasting of the proceedings notwithstanding the witness’ objection, the witness shall be so informed before appearing in the proceedings.

4. Radio broadcast of parliamentary proceedings by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation – general principles

The House adopts the following general principles agreed to by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings on 19 March 2013:

a. Allocation of the broadcast between the Senate and the House of Representatives
The proceedings of Parliament shall be broadcast live whenever a House is sitting. The allocation of broadcasts between the Senate and the House of Representatives will be in accordance with the standing determinations made by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. It is anticipated that over time, the coverage of each House will be approximately equal.

b. Rebroadcast of questions and answers

At the conclusion of the live broadcast of either House, questions without notice and answers thereto from the House not allocated the broadcast shall be rebroadcast.

c. Unusual or exceptional circumstances

Nothing in these general principles shall prevent the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings from departing from them in unusual or exceptional circumstances.

5. This resolution shall continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the House in this or a subsequent Parliament. (Notice given 20 November 2013.)

2 MR PYNE: To move—That standing order 47 be amended to read as follows:

47 Motions for suspension of orders

(a) A Minister may move, with or without notice, the suspension of any standing or other order of the House.

(b) If a suspension motion is moved on notice, it shall appear on the Notice Paper and may be carried by a majority of votes.

(c) If a suspension motion is moved without notice it:

(i) must be relevant to any business under discussion and seconded; and

(ii) can be carried only by an absolute majority of Members.

(d) Any suspension of orders shall be limited to the particular purpose of the suspension. (Notice given 13 November 2013.)

Contingent notices of motion

Contingent on the motion for the second reading of any bill being moved: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the resumption of debate on the motion that the bill be read a second time being made an order of the day for a later hour.

Contingent on any report relating to a bill being received from the Federation Chamber: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Contingent on any bill being agreed to at the conclusion of the consideration in detail stage: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion for the third reading being moved without delay.

Contingent on any message being received from the Senate transmitting any bill for concurrence: Minister to move—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices given for Monday, 9 December 2013

1 MR PALMER: To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975, and for other purposes. (Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment Bill 2013) (Notice given 19 November 2013.)

*2 MR ZAPPIA: To move—That this House:
   (1) notes that the automotive industry:
      (a) directly and indirectly employs more than 200,000 people;
      (b) is estimated to have a net present value to the economy of $21.5 billion;
      (c) provides highly skilled labour and benefits Australia’s entire manufacturing sector through research and development and innovation; and
      (d) provides a net economic benefit to Australia;
   (2) further notes that:
      (a) the sustained high Australian dollar is having a negative impact on the industry; and
      (b) the Productivity Commission’s final report on the inquiry into Australia’s automotive industry is not due until the end of March 2014 and more urgent action is required; and
   (3) believes that the Government’s procrastination is adding to the automotive industry’s demise and calls on the Government to end the uncertainty and secure the long term future of this industry in Australia. (Notice given 2 December 2013.)

Notices—continued

1 MS HALL: To move—That this House:
   (1) notes that:
      (a) Governments should be encouraging all Australians to save for their retirement wherever possible and superannuation payments are an important part of this process;
      (b) many low income earners have previously received $500 from the Federal Government which was paid directly into their superannuation fund each year to help with retirement savings;
      (c) the $500 payment was payable to workers earning $37,000 or less per year; and
      (d) the Government plans to scrap the annual $500 payment; and
   (2) calls on the Government to ensure the $500 superannuation payment to low-income earners is retained. (Notice given 12 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

2 MS HALL: To move—That this House:
   (1) notes that:
      (a) numerous foods and drinks contain artificial food colours and preservatives which do not contribute to the safety or nutritional value of the food or drink they are in;
      (b) artificial food colours and preservative E211 can have a major impact on the behaviour of some young children;
      (c) research in the United Kingdom has found links between artificial food colours and the hyperactive behaviour of some young children and this, in turn, can have an impact on their ability to concentrate and learn as they grow;
      (d) European Union regulations introduced in 2010 state that food manufacturers in those member countries now have to put warning labels on food and non-alcoholic drinks which contain six key artificial colours—these warning labels must be clearly legible and must carry the warning words ‘May have an adverse effect on activity and attention in children’;
      (e) the United Kingdom Food Standards Agency is encouraging manufacturers to find alternative ingredients to these artificial colours, leading to many manufacturers and retailers removing these colours from their products voluntarily;
      (f) Australian parents and families are acutely aware of the impacts in our own country of artificial colours and the E211 preservative on the behaviour of their children;
there are numerous food and drink products in our stores which still contain artificial colours and preservatives; and

these additives are also found in many over-the-counter medicines for children, including junior pain killers and hayfever treatments; and

(2) calls on the Parliament to introduce a process for ruling out these artificial additives in our food, drinks and medicines where they provide no safety or nutritional benefits. (Notice given 12 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

3 MR RIPOLL: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) superannuation savings are vital for the retirement lifestyles of all Australians;

(b) the former Government had planned to increase the Superannuation Guarantee from 9 per cent to 12 per cent;

(c) this Government plans to delay, for two years, the proposed 9 per cent to 12 per cent increase of the Superannuation Guarantee; and

(d) stakeholders have estimated that the delay in the Superannuation Guarantee will reduce aggregate savings by $40 billion; and

(2) calls upon the House to:

(a) condemn the Government’s attack on the superannuation savings of Australians; and

(b) compel the Government to adhere to the timetable proposed by the former Government for the increase in the Superannuation Guarantee. (Notice given 13 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

4 MR FERGUSON: To move—That this House notes that:

(1) March 2013 marked the 25th anniversary of the genocidal chemical attack by the regime of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein on Halabja in the Kurdish region of Iraq that took at least 4,000 lives within a few minutes and displaced many thousands more, and was part of Saddam’s brutal Anfal Campaign of the 1980s, targeting Kurdish and other minorities in Iraq;

(2) some 4,000 villages, 2,000 schools and 300 hospitals were destroyed, including through the use of chemical weapons across dozens of Kurdish villages;

(3) the Saddam regime was also responsible for the:

(a) deportation or forced relocation of tens of thousands of Faili Kurds on the basis that they were not considered Iraqi;

(b) abduction and execution of an estimated 8,000 Barzani Kurds who were subsequently buried in mass graves in southern Iraq; and

(c) arrest, execution and subsequent burial of up to 100,000 Iraqi Kurds in 1988, including women and children; and

(4) the former dictator Saddam Hussein and Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as Chemical Ali, were subsequently prosecuted and convicted for these and other crimes. (Notice given 13 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 6 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

5 MR BANDT: To move—That this House recognises:

(1) the tragic loss of life resulting from the sinking of ships carrying migrants off the coast of Lampedusa in October 2013;

(2) the challenging circumstances vulnerable people face in seeking asylum from persecution in their countries of origin; and

(3) Australia’s role in responding compassionately to this global challenge. (Notice given 14 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)
6 **MR BANDT:** To move—That this House directs the Prime Minister to establish immediately an inquiry:

(1) into the actions of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Federal Police (‘the agencies’) in response to allegations of corruption and of breaches of Commonwealth laws:
   (a) concerning the Reserve Bank of Australia, Securency and Note Printing Australia; and
   (b) in the Leighton group of companies;
(2) with terms of reference that require it to investigate and report on at least the following matters:
   (a) whether actions taken by the agencies to investigate allegations of serious fraud and commence any prosecutions were appropriate;
   (b) whether the agencies properly communicated with each other and worked together in a manner that ensured the highest probability of laws regarding serious fraud being enforced;
   (c) whether the relationship between the agencies is such that the Australian community can have the highest confidence that any claims of serious fraud are being properly investigated and any breaches properly prosecuted;
   (d) whether Australia would be better served by having a ‘stand-alone’ Commonwealth agency to prosecute breaches of laws regarding serious fraud;
   (e) recommendations regarding future actions that should be taken by government and agencies; and
   (f) any related matters; and
(3) to report to the Prime Minister by 30 September 2014, with a copy of the report to be tabled in the House of Representatives at the earliest possible opportunity thereafter. (Notice given 14 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

7 **DR LEIGH:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:
   (a) prior to the 1999 referendum to alter the Constitution to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic, many opponents (including monarchists and direct electionists) fomented the expectation that if the vote were defeated, another referendum would be put within a few years;
   (b) 14 years on, public support for Australia becoming a republic remains solid; and
   (c) Australian engagement with Asia has strengthened, with the former Government’s White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century reminding us that our future lies in our region; and
(2) calls upon the Parliament to make it a priority to hold a referendum to alter the Constitution to establish the Commonwealth of Australia as a republic, so that every Australian child can aspire to be our Head of State. (Notice given 19 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

8 **MS BRODTMANN:** To move—That this House acknowledges the:

(1) significant milestone that is the Centenary of Canberra;
(2) work of the Centenary of Canberra Unit, especially of Creative Director Robyn Archer, in preparing a year of centenary celebrations;
(3) diversity and creativity of the people and industries in Canberra and the Capital Region;
(4) significant and ongoing contribution that Canberra makes to the nation as the National Capital;
(5) central role that Canberra plays in Australia’s international relations as the home of the diplomatic community and our nation’s foreign service; and
(6) importance of the historical and ongoing roles of the traditional owners of the Canberra area, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people. (Notice given 21 November 2013. Notice will be removed from the Notice Paper unless called on on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)
Orders of the day

1 WHITE RIBBON DAY: Resumption of debate (from 18 November 2013) on the motion of Mr Hayes—
That this House:

(1) notes that:
   (a) 25 November 2013 is White Ribbon Day, a day dedicated to raising public awareness of as well
       as eliminating violence against women across the nation;
   (b) one in three Australian women over the age of 15 will experience physical violence while one in
       five will experience sexual violence at some point in their life, with 64 per cent of the incidents
       occurring at home;
   (c) one Australian woman dies every week as a result of domestic violence;
   (d) 64 per cent of women who experience physical assault and 81.1 per cent of women who
       experience sexual assault do not report these incidents to police; and
   (e) domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness in Australia and carries high social and
       economic costs to the economy—an estimated $14.7 billion annually which is expected to
       surpass $16 billion by 2022 if significant measures are not taken to challenge the attitudes and
       behaviours that allow violence to continue; and

(2) calls on all Australian men to take the following oath: I swear never to commit, excuse or remain
silent about violence against women. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless
re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

2 EAST TIMORESE SUPPORT OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS: Resumption of debate (from 18 November
2013) on the motion of Mr Ruddock—That this House:

(1) notes that in East Timor between December 1941 and January 1943, 700 Australian troops engaged
some 20,000 Japanese troops through guerrilla warfare, and:
   (a) this severely hampered the Japanese war effort by preventing its troops from being deployed
       elsewhere; and
   (b) in this endeavour, Australian troops were assisted by the East Timorese people;

(2) recognises that while Australian troops were in East Timor between December 1941 and
January 1943, and after they had left, some 40,000 East Timorese are estimated to have died as a
result of protecting Australian soldiers; and

(3) commends and thanks the people of Timor-Leste for the sacrifices they made in supporting Australia
during World War II. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded
priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

3 SUPER-TYPOON HAISYAN IN THE PHILIPPINES: Resumption of debate (from 18 November 2013—
Mr Pitt, in continuation) on the motion of Mr Husic—That this House:

(1) extends its sympathies to the people of the Philippines who have been affected by the devastating
super-typhoon Haiyan;

(2) acknowledges the anxiety and concern this terrible event has caused for the Filipino-Australian
community, that is worried about the safety and well-being of family and friends in the Philippines;

(3) in particular, has regard for the:
   (a) officially estimated 2,500 casualties reported to have been caused by the super-typhoon;
   (b) growing concern about the possible widespread outbreak of disease along with the lack of food,
       clean water and medical supplies; and
   (c) displacement of 800,000 people as a result of a complete destruction of homes, schools,
       hospitals, roads and infrastructure; and

(4) welcomes the Australian Government’s provision of $30 million in assistance to the Philippines, and
urges the Australian Government to maintain close dialogue with the Philippines Government to
ensure that further meaningful support may be extended in a timely way, where required. (Order of
the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting
Mondays including 9 December 2013.)
**ECONOMIC GROWTH PLAN FOR TASMANIA:** Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013) on the motion of Mr Nikolic—That this House:

1. with concern that Tasmania has the lowest gross state product per capita in Australia, the nation’s highest unemployment rate, the lowest proportion of adults in the nation who have attained a year 12 qualification, one of the lowest retention rates to year 12, the lowest population growth, and the highest proportion of Australians without superannuation coverage;
2. that Tasmania has enormous potential with productive land, a skilled and willing work force and people with a strong commitment to improve the state’s economy by endeavour and hard work; and
3. that the Federal Coalition’s Economic Growth Plan for Tasmania, promised in the election campaign and reiterated in Her Excellency the Governor-General’s speech opening the 44th Parliament, will provide the architecture to help turn Tasmania’s economy around and encourage long term, sustainable employment. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

**URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS:** Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013—Ms O’Dwyer, in continuation) on the motion of Mr S. P. Jones—That this House:

1. as identified by Infrastructure Australia, we are an urban nation with four-fifths of our population and economic activity occurring in our cities;
2. Australia’s growing cities have a strategic need for greater public transport capacity to meet the growing transport task, ease urban road congestion and ensure improved national productivity;
3. this urban transport task is a joint Australian and state government responsibility;
4. recognising this, Labor in government invested $13 billion—more Commonwealth funding for public transport than all other governments since Federation—and this investment in urban transport projects, put forward and assessed through Infrastructure Australia, resulted in a significant boost to the strategic development of Australia’s public transport network; and
5. urban public transport projects including the Brisbane Cross River Rail project, the Perth Public Transport Package and the Tansley Park Public Transport Package in Adelaide are nationally significant projects and are not guaranteed to proceed without Australian Government funding. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

**RURAL CLINICAL SCHOOLS:** Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013—Ms King, in continuation) on the motion of Dr Stone—That this House:

1. celebrates the success of Rural Clinical Schools (RCS) around Australia, commenced in 1999 by the then Minister for Health, the Hon. Dr Michael Wooldridge MP, and continued by his successor, the Hon. Tony Abbott MP;
2. notes that:
   a. RCS were designed to overcome the maldistribution of all doctors including general practitioners across Australia, which left country regions short of general practitioners and other specialty doctors;
   b. students undertaking training in rural locations have academic results that are equal to or better than their metropolitan counterparts;
   c. published data from public universities show high rates of RCS graduates working in, or intending to work in rural areas; and
   d. the information gathered through an independent project tracking all Australian and New Zealand medical students—Medical Schools Outcomes Database—demonstrates that long term placements in a rural setting through RCS have a significant impact on the vocational choice and intention to practice in a rural or remote setting as well as future career specialty focus; and
3. calls on the Government to:
   a. continue its support for these excellent initiatives; and
   b. examine opportunities to increase intern and postgraduate training places in rural locations to enhance the future of specialty medical service delivery with a focus on general practitioners in rural and regional Australia. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)
COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS has precedence each Monday in the House of Representatives Chamber from 10.10 am to 12 noon; and in the Federation Chamber from 11 am to 1.30 pm (standing orders 34, 35 and 192).

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS has precedence from the conclusion of consideration of committee and delegation business each Monday (standing orders 34, 35 and 192).

The SELECTION COMMITTEE is responsible for arranging the timetable and order of committee and delegation business and private Members’ business for each sitting Monday. Any private Members’ business not called on, or consideration of private Members’ business or committee and delegation business which has been interrupted and not re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays, shall be removed from the Notice Paper (standing order 42).
BUSINESS OF THE FEDERATION CHAMBER

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Order of the day

†1 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Question—That grievances be noted—Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013).

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Orders of the day

*1 AUSTRALIA POST: Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013) on the motion of Ms King—That this House:
(1) notes that:
   (a) Australia Post as per its Community Service Obligations, is required to achieve timely mail deliveries in all parts of Australia, not just the major capital cities;
   (b) residents in regional towns and cities across Australia are not receiving mail for up to six days, with mail routes routinely left unprocessed due to insufficient staff at regional mail centres; and
   (c) constituents have contacted the offices of regional Members, citing regular occurrences of late mail affecting people who depend on reliable mail services; and
(2) calls on the Minister for Communications to:
   (a) ensure that the current cuts by attrition at regional mail centres are reversed, suspending moves by Australia Post and the Government to abandon regional Australia by transferring mail sorting services to capital cities;
   (b) restore next day delivery services from regional centres; and
   (c) ensure the security of jobs and safe working conditions for regional postal workers. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

*2 HUMAN RIGHTS IN VIETNAM: Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013) on the motion of Mr Hayes—That this House:
(1) notes that:
   (a) 10 December is International Human Rights Day and also marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;
   (b) on 12 November 2013, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam gained a seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council and also signed the United Nations Convention Against Torture; and
   (c) despite Vietnam being a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, there remains a concerning number of human rights violations in that country including the:
      (i) treatment of 14 Vietnamese Catholics who were arrested and sentenced to four to eight years imprisonment in January 2013 for protesting in support of land rights, freedom of religion and the release of previously convicted activists;
      (ii) arrest in October 2012 of Nguyen Phuong Uyen and Dinh Nguyen Kha, charged under Article 88 of the Vietnamese Penal Code for distributing leaflets protesting against China’s claims to the Paracel and Spratly islands in the South China Sea; and
      (iii) seven year imprisonment of trade union organiser Do Thi Minh Hanh, for national security charges relating to her involvement in organising workers at a shoes factory in October 2010; and
(2) calls on the Australian Government to:
   (a) take all appropriate steps to encourage the Vietnamese Government to honour its obligations as a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
   (b) consider issues of human rights in Vietnam when assigning funding under Australia’s overseas development aid program; and
(c) continue Australia’s engagement in bilateral and multilateral contexts with Vietnam on human rights. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

*3 WORLD AIDS DAY: Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013) on the motion of Ms O'Dwyer—That this House:

(1) notes that 1 December 2013 is World AIDS Day;

(2) recognises that:
   (a) more than 35 million people now live with HIV/AIDS worldwide, and almost 10 per cent of these are under the age of 15;
   (b) every day nearly 6,300 people contract HIV—nearly 262 every hour;
   (c) in Australia in 2012 there were 25,000 people living with HIV and 1253 new diagnoses of HIV infection—a 10 per cent increase from previous years;
   (d) in 2012, 1.6 million people died from AIDS-related illnesses;
   (e) in some communities HIV rates are as high as 40 per cent;
   (f) since the beginning of the epidemic in the 1980s, more than 75 million people have been infected with HIV and nearly 36 million have died of AIDS-related illnesses;
   (g) there are now outstanding antiviral treatments available to people living with HIV; and
   (h) although a lot of work has been done and many medical advances have been made, there is no cure and no vaccine, so a lot of research and work still needs to be done before we see the end of HIV;

(3) acknowledges that:
   (a) in July 2014, Melbourne will host the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014);
   (b) the conference will bring together 14,000 delegates from around 200 countries, which will be the largest medical conference ever held in Australia; and
   (c) the conference will be chaired by Nobel Laureate, Professor Francoise Barre-Sinoussi, and Professor Sharon Lewin; and

(4) calls on the Parliament to:
   (a) continue Australia’s strong commitment to an enduring effective partnership between government, scientists and the community to meet the needs of people living with HIV;
   (b) continue Australia’s strong commitment to medical health and research; and
   (c) foster and cultivate Australia’s medical health and research community and researchers to ensure we stay at the forefront of all aspects of treatment, care and research in HIV. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

*4 LUNG CANCER: Resumption of debate (from 2 December 2013) on the motion of Ms Rishworth—That this House:

(1) notes that November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month;

(2) acknowledges that more than 9,100 Australians are diagnosed with lung cancer every year;

(3) recognises that lung cancer claims the lives of more Australians than any other cancer with only 14 out of 100 Australians surviving five years beyond their initial diagnosis; and

(4) calls on Australian and state and territory governments to work together to improve the survival rates of Australians diagnosed with lung cancer by encouraging early detection and providing access to high quality health care treatment and support. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 8 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

5 POSTCODES: Resumption of debate (from 18 November 2013) on the motion of Mrs Prentice—That this House:

(1) notes that Australia Post is responsible for and has sole discretion over introducing, retiring or changing postcodes;

(2) recognises that:
   (a) residents in more than 50 localities from Amberley, Benarkin to Karana Downs and Vernor share the postcode 4306, suburbs which in some instances are more than 130 kilometres apart;
(b) these localities fall within the four divisions of Ryan, Maranoa, Wright and Blair;
(c) the shared postcode is having a detrimental impact on mail delivery services, postal delivery costs and insurance premiums for people living in these areas; and
(d) communities within the 4306 postcode have previously petitioned the Government on this issue and to date have had their request rejected; and

(3) calls on Australia Post to review the allocation of unique postcodes for localities which currently share a postcode with a geographically separate locality. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

6 GST ON MOVEABLE HOMES: Resumption of debate \((from 18 November 2013)\) on the motion of Ms Hall—That this House:

(1) notes that the:
   (a) Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has released a draft ruling which will impact residents of moveable homes in low-cost living estates;
   (b) moveable home industry is the primary provider of affordable accommodation for over 100,000 Australians, the majority of whom are pensioners;
   (c) ATO ruling would see residents in moveable home parks who own their own dwelling on a rented site being subject to paying 10 per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST); and
   (d) added cost of GST will cause financial hardship to many residents in these estates; and

(2) calls on the Government to ensure these residents do not have to pay GST on their site rental. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)

7 DOCTOR WHO 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Resumption of debate \((from 18 November 2013)\) on the motion of Mr Christensen—That this House:

(1) notes:
   (a) that the television series Doctor Who will celebrate its 50th anniversary on the 23 November 2013;
   (b) that the 50th anniversary of the first screening of Doctor Who in Australia will take place on the 12 January 2015;
   (c) the many connections between Doctor Who and Australia including (but not limited to):
      (i) the very first Doctor Who story, ‘An Unearthly Child’, written by Australian scriptwriter Anthony Coburn;
      (ii) the score for the signature Doctor Who theme tune, written by Australian composer Ron Grainer;
      (iii) the incidental music in the series throughout most of the 1960s and 1970s, written by Australian composer Dudley Simpson;
      (iv) Australian actress Janet Fielding, playing an Australian character Tegan Jovanka in the series (alongside the Doctor as portrayed by Peter Davison);
      (v) actress Kat  Manning, playing the character Jo Grant in the series (alongside the Doctor as portrayed by Jon Pertwee), and becoming an Australian citizen in 2004;
      (vi) Australian horse racing icon Gai Waterhouse, playing the character of Presta in the Doctor Who episode ‘The Invasion of Time’ (alongside the Doctor as portrayed by Tom Baker); and
      (vii) Australian pop star Kylie Minogue, playing the character Astrid (alongside the Doctor as portrayed by David Tennant) in the 2007 Christmas Special ‘Voyage of the Damned’; and
   (d) the fact that the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) has been the main broadcaster for Doctor Who in Australia; and
(2) request that:

(a) in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first screening of Doctor Who in Australia, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) consider filming the 2015 series of the television show in Australia; and

(b) the ABC, Screen Australia and the various state-based film funding bodies consider offering finance to entice the BBC to film the 2015 series of Doctor Who in Australia. (Order of the day will be removed from the Notice Paper unless re-accorded priority on any of the next 7 sitting Mondays including 9 December 2013.)
QUESTIONS IN WRITING

On the first sitting day of each fortnight, a complete Notice Paper is published containing all unanswered questions. On subsequent days, only new questions for the sitting are included in the Notice Paper. The full text of all unanswered questions is available at:


Questions unanswered

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*6 MR THOMSON: To ask the Treasurer—In respect of foreign investors in property being restricted to purchasing ‘greenfields’ residential homes, (a) what monitoring and enforcement of this restriction occurs, and (b) is it appropriate for Australian residents to transfer property titles to family or friends who are not Australian residents or citizens; if so, why.

*7 MR THOMSON: To ask the Treasurer—Are students who are non-Australian citizens, and other temporary residents, permitted to buy Australian properties whilst in Australia, if so, are they required to sell them when they return to their countries of origin, if so, how is this monitored and enforced.

*8 MR THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Which programs will be cut or affected under the proposed reduction to the aid budget of over 11 per cent.

*9 MR THOMSON: To ask the Treasurer—What action is the Government taking to combat multinational tax avoidance and secure sustainable tax revenues for (a) Australia, and (b) developing countries.

*10 MR THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Health—Will the Government consider the proposal of the Diabetes Amputation and Hospitalisation Reduction Program to fund an extra 1.3 million podiatry consultations and 56,000 pressure offloading devices under the Medicare Benefits Schedule; if not, why not.

*11 MR THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs—In respect of the proposed changes to Afghanistan’s Penal Code to reintroduce punishments like stoning for adultery, (a) what diplomatic action will the Australian Government take to express opposition to the proposal, and (b) is the Australian Government aware of the perception that this proposal undermines Australia’s heavy military and financial investment in Afghanistan since 2001, to fight extremism.

*12 MR THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Agriculture—

(1) In respect of a recent Federal Court hearing (Animals’ Angels e.V. v Secretary of Department of Agriculture) concerning a live export voyage which occurred in 2008, is he able to confirm that the court heard that (a) his department was allegedly aware of evidence that there had been overstocking of animals on the voyage, and that a representative of the exporter concerned, International Livestock Export Pty Ltd, was said to have told the onboard vet that overstocking of animals was a regular practice in the live export industry; and (b) an investigator from his department had allegedly heard from two highly experienced live export onboard vets, Dr Lyn Simpson and Dr Mike McCarthy, that overstocking was routine during live export.

(2) What action has been taken by his department against the exporter concerned, or any other exporter who has been proven to have overstocked live export ships.

*13 MR THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Agriculture—Can he indicate the Government’s position on overstocking in terms of animal welfare, particularly where there is the potential for heat stress or heat stroke, as often occurs on voyages to the Middle East, and what investigations has his department conducted to establish the extent of overstocking of live export ships by exporters.

*14 MR THOMSON: To ask the Minister for Agriculture—Can he (a) indicate the progress on investigations into the recent allegations of cruelty to Australian (i) sheep in Jordan during the Festival of Sacrifice, and (ii) cattle in Mauritius; (b) explain how such cruelty could have occurred; and (c) detail the action he is taking to prevent such acts of cruelty in the future.
*15 MS MACTIERNAN: To ask the Minister for Health—What action has been taken by the Therapeutic Goods Administration to review the listing of Atomoxetine hydrochloride on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme since its statement on 1 October 2013 regarding the serious adverse events associated with use of the drug by children and adolescents.

B. C. WRIGHT
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COMMITTEES

Unless otherwise shown, appointed for life of 44th Parliament

Standing

Pursuant to standing orders
AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY: (Members to be appointed).
APPROPRIATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION: The Speaker (Members to be appointed).
ECONOMICS: (Members to be appointed).
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT: (Members to be appointed).
ENVIRONMENT: (Members to be appointed).
HEALTH: (Members to be appointed).
HOUSE: The Speaker (Members to be appointed).
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS: (Members to be appointed).
INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS: (Members to be appointed).
PETITIONS: (Members to be appointed).
PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERS’ INTERESTS: (Members to be appointed).
PROCEDURE: (Members to be appointed).
PUBLICATIONS: (Members to be appointed).
SELECTION: The Speaker (Members to be appointed).
SOCIAL POLICY AND LEGAL AFFAIRS: (Members to be appointed).
TAX AND REVENUE: (Members to be appointed).

Joint Statutory

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY: (Members to be appointed).

BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS: The Speaker, The President, Senator Parry, Senator Stephens. (Members to be appointed).

CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: (Members to be appointed).

HUMAN RIGHTS: Senator Boyce, Senator Lundy, Senator Stephens, Senator Smith. (Members to be appointed).

INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY: Senator Eggleston, Senator Fawcett, Senator Parry. (Members to be appointed).

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Senator Furner, Senator Singh. (Members to be appointed).

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT: Senator Bernardi, Senator Gallacher, Senator Lundy, Senator Ruston, Senator Smith. (Members to be appointed).

PUBLIC WORKS: Senator Gallacher, Senator Ruston. (Members to be appointed).

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES: Mrs Prentice (appointed 24 February 2011, for a period of 3 years).

COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA: (To be appointed).

PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES TRUST: Mr Fitzgibbon (appointed 19 October 2010).

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