1 The House met, at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable A. D. H. Smith) took the Chair, made an acknowledgement of country and read Prayers.

2 **FARM HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT AMENDMENT (RELIEF MEASURES) BILL (NO. 1) 2020**
   Mr Littleproud (Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Farm Household Support Act 2014*, and for related purposes.
   *Document*
   Mr Littleproud presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
   Bill read a first time.
   Mr Littleproud moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
   Debate adjourned (Dr Chalmers), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

3 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**
   Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

4 **DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES) BILL 2020**
   Mr D. J. Chester (Minister for Defence Personnel), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to defence, and for related purposes.
   *Document*
   Mr D. J. Chester presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
   Bill read a first time.
   Mr D. J. Chester moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
   Debate adjourned (Dr Chalmers), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 **NATIONAL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (SITE SPECIFICATION, COMMUNITY FUND AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2020**
   Mr Pitt (Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012*, and for related purposes.
   *Document*
   Mr Pitt presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
   Bill read a first time.
   Mr Pitt moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
   Debate adjourned (Mr O'Connor), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
6 NATIONAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING REGULATOR AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2020

Mr Irons (Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Training and Apprenticeships), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011, and for related purposes.

Document
Mr Irons presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Irons moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Chalmers), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT (PSSAP MEMBERSHIP) BILL 2020

Mr Tudge (Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure), for Mr Sukkar (Assistant Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

Document
Mr Tudge presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Tudge moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Chalmers), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AND APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 2019-2020—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2019-2020

Message No. 72, 3 February 2020, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2019-2020.

Mr Tudge (Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Document
Mr Tudge presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Tudge moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Chalmers), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 2019-2020—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2019-2020

Message No. 73, 3 February 2020, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending, in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2019-2020.

Mr Tudge (Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Document
Mr Tudge presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Tudge moved—That the bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Dr Chalmers), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
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 Ms Plibersek who moved, as an amendment—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 notes that the Government:

(1) has failed to fix the problems in the vocational training sector; and
(2) instead has:
(a) cut TAFE and training by over $3 billion;
(b) presided over simultaneous crises of youth unemployment and skills shortages;
(c) failed business, which is struggling to fill the skilled roles they have on offer; and
(d) also failed young people desperate for work, who are unable to fill those positions because they have missed out on opportunities for training”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr A. D. H. Smith, in the Chair)—

AYES, 66

Mr Albanese
Mr Conroy
Mr Dreyfus
Mr Boswell
Mr Byrne
Ms Claydon
Ms Collins
Mr Champion
Dr Chalmers
Mr Clare
Ms Claydon
Mr Coker
Ms Collins
Ms Conroy
Ms Dick
Mr Dreyfus
Mrs Elliot
Mr Bowen
Mr Burke
Ms Burney
Mr Burns
Mr C. M. Butler
Ms T. M. Butler
Mr Byrne
Dr Chalmers
Mr Champion
Mr Clare
Ms Claydon
Mr Coker
Ms Collins
Mr Conroy
Dr Leigh
Ms McBride
Mr Marles
Mr B. K. Mitchell
Mr R. G. Mitchell
Dr Mulino
Ms Murphy
Mr Gosling
Mr Hill
Mr Husic
Mr Jones
Ms Kearney
Mr J. M. Kelly
Mr Keogh
Mr Khalil
Ms C. F. King
Ms M. M. H. King
Mr Snowdon
Ms Stanley*
Mr Shorten
Mr D. P. B. Smith
Ms Templeman
Mr Thistlethwaite
Ms Thwaites
Mr Thistlethwaite
Ms Templeman
Mr J. H. Wilson
Mr Watts
Mr Wilkie
Mr Wells
Ms Stanley*
And so it was negatived.

Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr Irons (Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Training and Apprenticeships), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

11 PRIVILEGES AND MEMBERS’ INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT

Mr Broadbent (Chair) presented the following document:

In accordance with standing order 39(e) the report was made a Parliamentary Paper.

12 ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER—DOCUMENTS

The Speaker made a statement in relation to hosting the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum in January 2020 and presented the following documents:
APPF28 Australia 2020—Joint Communique.
Chairman’s Statement.
Resolutions of the conference [19].

Mr K. J. Andrews, by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.
Ms Ryan, by indulgence, also made a statement on the matter.

13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPETITION AND CONSUMER) BILL 2019

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 Ms Rowland who moved, as an amendment—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:

(1) notes that:

(a) evidence provided to the Senate indicates that NBN Co reduced regional investment by $200 million between 2018 and 2022 relative to the 2019 Corporate Plan;
(b) this decrease in regional investment was concealed in the 2020 NBN Co Corporate Plan; and
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(c) NBN Co has given three contradictory and unsatisfactory explanations as to why investment in regional networks was reduced;

(2) further notes significant concerns that the Government is introducing a broadband tax in the name of regional funding, while reducing regional investment in broadband networks in the NBN 2020 Corporate Plan; and

(3) calls on the Government to restore the funding allocation for investment in regional NBN networks”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr A. D. H. Smith, in the Chair)—

AYES, 66

Mr Albanese  Mr Dreyfus  Ms M. M. H. King  Ms Rowland
Dr Aly  Mrs Elliot  Dr Leigh  Ms Ryan*
Mr Bandt  Mr Fitzgibbon  Ms McBride  Mr Shorten
Ms Bird  Dr Freeland  Mr Marles  Mr D. P. B. Smith
Mr Bowen  Mr Georganas  Mr B. K. Mitchell  Mr Snowdon
Mr Burke  Mr Giles  Mr R. G. Mitchell  Ms Stanley*
Ms Burney  Mr Gorman  Dr Mulino  Ms Swanson
Mr M. C. Butler  Mr Gosling  Ms Murphy  Ms Templeman
Ms T. M. Butler  Dr Haines  Mr Neumann  Mr Thistlethwaite
Mr Byrne  Mr Hayes  Mr O’Connor  Ms Thwaites
Dr Chalmers  Mr Hill  Ms O’Neil  Ms Vamvakou
Mr Clare  Mr Husic  Ms Owens  Mr Watts
Ms Claydon  Mr Jones  Ms Payne  Ms Wells
Ms Coker  Ms Kearney  Mr Perrett  Mr Wilkie
Ms Collins  Mr Keogh  Ms Plibersek  Mr J. H. Wilson
Mr Conroy  Mr Khalil  Ms Rishworth  Mr Zappia
Mr Dick  Ms C. F. King

NOES, 73

Mr Alexander  Ms Flint  Ms Liu  Mr Simmonds
Dr Allen  Mr Frydenberg  Mr McCormack  Ms Steggall
Mrs K. L. Andrews  Mr Gee  Mrs McIntosh  Mr Stevens
Mr K. J. Andrews  Dr Gillespie  Dr McVeigh  Mr Sukkar
Mrs Archer  Mr Goodenough  Mrs Marino  Mr Taylor
Ms Bell  Ms Hammond  Dr Martin  Mr Thompson
Mr Broadbent  Mr Hastie  Mr Morrison  Mr Tudge
Mr Buchholz  Mr Hawke  Mr Ted O’Brien  Mr van Manen
Mr D. J. Chester  Mr Hogan  Mr L. S. O’Brien  Mr Vasta
Mr Christensen  Mr Howarth  Mr O’Dowd  Mr Wallace
Mr Conaghan  Mr Hunt  Mr Pasin  Dr Webster
Mr Connelly  Mr Irons  Mr Pearce  Mrs Wicks
Mr Coulton  Mr C. Kelly  Mr Pitt  Mr R. J. Wilson
Mr Drum*  Mr Laming  Mr Porter  Mr T. R. Wilson
Mr Dutton  Ms Landry  Ms Price  Mr Wood
Mr Entsch  Mr Leeser  Mr Ramsey*  Mr Wyatt
Mr Evans  Ms Ley  Mr Robert  Mr Young
Mr Falinski  Mr Littleproud  Mr Sharma  Mr Zimmerman
Mr Fletcher

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

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. 74, 15 October 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.

On the motion of Mr Fletcher (Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

14 TELECOMMUNICATIONS (REGIONAL BROADBAND SCHEME) CHARGE BILL 2019

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.

On the motion of Mr Fletcher (Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

15 PAID PARENTAL LEAVE AMENDMENT (FLEXIBILITY MEASURES) BILL 2020

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 Ms Burney who moved, as an amendment—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 notes:

(1) the financial difficulties facing Australian parents juggling young children and work;
(2) the Government’s repeated cuts to family assistance and programs designed to support children and parents; and
(3) that women continue to do a disproportional share of work in the home and raising children, as well as facing a significant gender pay gap”.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Wicks addressing the House—

It being 1.30 pm, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43, Mrs Wicks was granted leave to continue her speech when the debate is resumed, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

16 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS

Members’ statements were made.

17 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice being asked—

Member directed to leave

At 2.54 pm the Member for Shortland (Mr Conroy) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for interjecting and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

18 DOCUMENT

The following document was presented:


19 ABC REPORT ON CYBER SECURITY MATTERS—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a statement in relation to an article published by an ABC 7.30 Report journalist.

20 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NEEDS OF AUSTRALIANS

The House was informed that Mr Albanese (Leader of the Opposition), had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to focus on the needs ofustralians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Albanese addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

21 CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS AND PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER
The Speaker made a statement in relation to the 25th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth held in Ottawa from 6 to 10 January 2020.

22 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL
A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following bill:

23 HUMAN RIGHTS—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER
Mr Perrett (Deputy Chair) presented the following document:
In accordance with standing order 39(e) the report was made a Parliamentary Paper.
Mr Perrett, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

24 ADJOURNMENT
It being 4.30 pm—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 5 pm—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until 10 am on Monday, 24 February 2020.

DOCUMENTS
The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 13 February 2020 (An explanatory statement has been presented with each instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk):


Telecommunications Act 1997—
ATTENDANCE
All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except *Ms L. M. Chesters, *Mr Coleman, Mr Joyce, Mr Morton, Mrs Phillips and Ms Sharkie.

CLARESSA SURTEES
Clerk of the House of Representatives
The Federation Chamber met at 10 am.

MEMBERS’ CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS

Members’ constituency statements were made.

CLOSING THE GAP—REPORT 2020—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 Porter—That the House take note of the document (presented on 12 February 2020), viz.—Closing the Gap—Report 2020—Debate resumed.

Suspension of meeting

At 11.19 am, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.

Resumption of meeting

At 11.30 am, the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr Goodenough moved—that the Federation Chamber do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

At 1 pm, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Federation Chamber until 10.30 am on Monday, 24 February 2020.

CATHERINE CORNISH

Clerk of the Federation Chamber

By authority of the House of Representatives