2019

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 15

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

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 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED

Mr Dreyfus moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Isaacs from moving the following motion immediately—That the House:

(1) notes there are obligations for statements made by Members to the House which do not extend to statements released outside the House; and

(2) therefore, calls on the Member for Chisholm to make a statement in the House at any time before 2 pm, for a time not exceeding 20 minutes, which responds to:

(a) widespread reports in the media about the Member this week;

(b) discrepancies in the Member’s public statements this week; and

(c) questions which have been raised concerning her fitness to be a Member of the Australian Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Member directed to leave

At 9.50 am the Member for Gellibrand (Mr Watts) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for interjecting and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Debate continued.

The time allowed by standing order 1 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr A. D. H. Smith, in the Chair)—
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Mr Albanese  Mr Conroy  Mr Khalil  Ms Rowland
Dr Aly  Mr Dreyfus  Ms C. F. King  Ms Ryan*
Mr Bandt  Mrs Elliot  Ms M. M. H. King  Ms Sharkie
Ms Bird  Mr Fitzgibbon  Dr Leigh  Mr Shorten
Mr Bowen  Dr Freeland  Ms McBride  Mr D. P. B. Smith
Mr Burke  Mr Georganas  Mr Marles  Mr Snowdon
Ms Burney  Mr Giles  Mr B. K. Mitchell  Ms Stanley*
Ms Burns  Mr Gorman  Mr R. G. Mitchell  Ms Steggall
Mr M. C. Butler  Mr Gosling  Dr Mulino  Ms Swanson
Ms T. M. Butler  Dr Haines  Ms Murphy  Ms Templeman
Mr Byrne  Mr Hayes  Mr O’Connor  Mr Thistlethwaite
Dr Chalmers  Mr Hill  Ms O’Neill  Ms Thwaites
Mr Champion  Mr Husic  Ms Owens  Ms Vamvakinou
Ms L. M. Chesters  Mr Jones  Ms Payne  Ms Wells
Ms Claydon  Ms Kearney  Mr Perrett  Mr Wilkie
Ms Coker  Dr M. J. Kelly  Mrs Phillips  Mr J. H. Wilson
Ms Collins  Mr Keogh  Ms Plibersek  Mr Zappia

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

3 NATIONAL HOUSING FINANCE AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sukkar (Minister for Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Act 2018, and for related purposes.

Document

Mr Sukkar presented an explanatory memorandum to the bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Sukkar moved—that the bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Dreyfus), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
4 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (PRODUCT SPECIFIC RULE MODERNISATION) BILL 2019
Mr Wood (Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Act 1901, and for related purposes.

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

5 COMBATTING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.
Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.
On the motion of Ms Ley (Minister for the Environment), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

6 TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (2018 SUPERANNUATION MEASURES NO. 1) 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.
Mr Thistlethwaite 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 criticises the Government for not doing enough to combat superannuation theft and superannuation underpayment, which is costing Australian workers more than $6 billion every year”.
Debate ensued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put and passed—bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mrs K. L. Andrews (Minister for Industry, Science and Technology), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

7 CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE POWERS AT AIRPORTS) 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 Mr Marles 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 is of the opinion that the Government must reassure the Parliament that it will take the necessary steps to ensure appropriate transparency and annual reporting with respect to the identity check direction and move-on direction powers provided for by the bill”.
Debate ensued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided and only Mr Bandt and Mr Wilkie voting “No”, the Deputy Speaker (Ms Bird) declared the question resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr Coleman (Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs), by leave, the bill was read a third time.
8 VETERANS’ AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PARTNER SERVICE PENSION AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.
Question—put and passed—bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General
Message No. 20, 25 July 2019, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the bill.
On the motion of Mr D. J. Chester (Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel), by leave, the bill was read a third time.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
Message No. 40, 11 September 2019, from the Senate was reported informing the House that the Senate concurs with the amendments made by the House to the resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme.

10 TREASURY LAWS AMENDMENT (PUTTING MEMBERS’ INTERESTS FIRST) 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.
Dr Leigh addressing the House—
It being 1.30 pm, the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 43, Dr Leigh 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.

11 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS
Members’ statements were made.

12 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice being asked—
Member directed to leave
At 2.46 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 continuing—
Document
Mr Morrison (Prime Minister) presented the following document:
Statement from Gladys Liu MP.
Questions without notice continuing—
Member directed to leave
At 3.01 pm the Member for Eden-Monaro (Dr M. J. Kelly) 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.

13 DOCUMENTS
The following documents were presented:
Australian Human Rights Commission—Reports—
*No. 127—Ms HM and Master YM v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Home Affairs).
*No. 128—Ms BK, Ms CO and Mr DE on behalf of themselves and their families v Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Home Affairs).

Government response to Ombudsman’s reports.

Personal identifier 1000846-O4, 1001148-03, 1001170-O3, 1001379-O3, 1002426-O2, 1002640-O2, 1002723-O1, 1002734-O1, 1002786-O1, 1002827-O1, 1002831-O1, 1002877-O1, 1002904-O1, 1002932-O1, 1002933-O1, 1002935-O1, 1002950-O1, 1003002-O, 1003031-O, 1003050-O—Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman’s reports—Report No. 11 of 2019.

Government response to Ombudsman’s reports.

Personal identifier 1000854-O2, 1001037-O3, 1002096-O1, 1002281-O2, 1002634-O2, 1002641-O2, 1002671-O2, 1002685-O1, 1002706-O1, 1002709-O1, 1002807-O2, 1002824-O1, 1002829-O1, 1002840-O1, 1002852-O1, 1002866-O1, 1002894-O1, 1002895-O1, 1002898-O1, 1002916-O1, 1002936-O1, 1002957-O, 1002967-O, 1002990-O, 1002992-O, 1002993-O, 1003008-O, 1003019-O, 1003023-O, 1003025-O, 1003030-O, 1003058-O—Commonwealth and Immigration Ombudsman’s reports—Report No. 12 of 2019.

Government response to Ombudsman’s reports.


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*The documents were made Parliamentary Papers.

14 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ONLINE COMPLIANCE INTERVENTION

The House was informed that Mr Shorten had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s proposal to expand its Online Compliance Intervention (Robodebt) scheme to target vulnerable Australians”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shorten addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Document

Mr Robert (Minister for Government Services) presented the following document:

New data matching to recover millions in welfare dollars—Media release—Ms Plibersek, 29 June 2011.

Discussion continuing—

Document

Mr Robert presented the following document:


Discussion continuing—

Member directed to leave

At 3.55 pm the Member for Macarthur (Dr Freelander) was directed, under standing order 94, to leave the Chamber for one hour for disorderly behaviour and he accordingly left the Chamber.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.
15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION) BILL 2019

Message No. 42, 12 September 2019, from the Senate was reported returning the Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 with amendments.

Ordered—that the amendments be considered immediately.

Mr Buchholz (Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport) moved—that the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Closure

Mr Buchholz moved—that the question be now put.

Question—that the question be now put—put.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—that the amendments be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided and only Mr Bandt and Mr Wilkie voting “No”, the Speaker (Mr A. D. H. Smith) declared the question resolved in the affirmative.
16 ADJOURNMENT

It being past 4.30 pm—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 5 pm—The Speaker adjourned the House until 10 am on Monday, 16 September 2019.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were deemed to have been presented on 12 September 2019 (An explanatory statement has been presented with each instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk):

*Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975*—
  Industrial Disputes Collection—Proposal No. 16 of 2019.


ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Clare, Mr Dick, Mr Dutton, Mr Gee, Mr Katter, Mr Neumann, Mr Ted O’Brien, Ms Price and *Ms Rishworth.

* On leave

CLARESSA SURTEES
Clerk of the House of Representatives
1 The Federation Chamber met at 10.09 am, a division having been called in the House.

2 MEMBERS' CONSTITUENCY STATEMENTS
Members’ constituency statements were made.

3 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2019-2020
The order of the day having been read for the further consideration in detail of the bill—
Schedule—
Proposed expenditures—
Health, $7,355,343,000—debated and agreed to.
Communications and the Arts, $1,516,702,000—being debated—

Suspension of meeting
At 11.58 am, a division having been called in the House, the proceedings were suspended.
Resumption of meeting
At 12.05 pm, the proceedings were resumed.

Debate continued.
Expenditure agreed to.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

4 ADJOURNMENT
Mr L. S. O’Brien 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, 16 September 2019.