

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 115

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1982

1 The House met, at 1.45 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Suspension of standing orders moved: Mr Morris moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Prime Minister making a statement to the House on the state of the economy forthwith and debate ensuing.

Closure of Member: Mr Bouchier moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Dawkins (seconder) addressing the House—

Closure of Member: Mr Bouchier moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion for the suspension of standing orders be agreed to—put and negatived.

Questions without notice continued.

Papers: Mr Scott, by leave, presented the following papers:

Uranium enrichment—Copies of—

Editorial of the *Canberra Times*, dated 8 October 1982.

Letters from E. F. Herbert, Chairman, Uranium Enrichment Group of Australia, to—

Mr Scott, dated 20 October 1982.

The Editor, *Canberra Times*, dated 11 October 1982.

Questions without notice continued.

Distinguished visitors: Mr Speaker informed the House that the Earl of Gosford was present in the gallery.

Mr Speaker also informed the House that Dr F. Solon, Mayor of Cebu City, The Philippines, was present in the gallery.

On behalf of the House, Mr Speaker extended to the visitors a very warm welcome.

Questions without notice continued.

- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 By command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 Australian Forestry Council—19th meeting, Sydney, 10 May 1982—Summary of resolutions and recommendations.
 Pursuant to statute:
 Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
 Criminology Research Act—
 Australian Institute of Criminology—Board of Management—10th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
 Criminology Research Council—10th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
 Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—8th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1981-82.
- 4 **OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TRUST—SPECIAL REPORT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Fife (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Official Establishments Trust—Special report, dated 3 June 1982—
 and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.
- 5 **COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE—INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF PLANT CAPACITY AND EQUIPMENT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Newman (Minister for Administrative Services), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Commonwealth Government Printing Office—Independent review of plant capacity and equipment—Report of Mr H. W. Paterson, dated February 1981—
 and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.
- 6 **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL—REVIEW OF DECISIONS UNDER THE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION ACT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr N. A. Brown (Acting Attorney-General), by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, presented the following paper:
 Administrative Review Council—Report to Attorney-General on review of decisions under the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1942*, dated 11 June 1982—
 and, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the paper.
- 7 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 26 October 1982—Message—
 No. 307—Diesel Fuel Taxes Legislation Amendment 1982.
 No. 308—Diesel Fuel Tax Amendment (No. 1) 1982.
 No. 309—Diesel Fuel Tax Amendment (No. 2) 1982.
 No. 310—Loan (No. 2) 1982.
- 8 **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:
 27 October 1982—Message No. 210—Social Security Legislation Amendment 1982.
- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT MARKET:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Hawke had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat to Australia's social stability brought about by the collapse of the employment market and the Government's attitude to this problem".

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

10 **PETITIONS:** The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mrs Child, Mr Duffy, Dr Jenkins, Mr B. O. Jones, Mr Mildren, Mr Milton and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that the powers of the Australian Postal Commission to carry letters for reward be strengthened to ensure that the national postal service is retained in the interests of all Australians.

Mr Cross, Mr Drummond, Mr Hurford, Mr Porter, Mr Ruddock, Mr Thomson and Mr West—from certain residents of the Electoral Divisions of Brisbane, Forrest, Adelaide, Barker, Dundas, Leichhardt and Cunningham, respectively, praying that an efficient, effective public telegram service be maintained.

Mrs Child, Mr Cross, Mr Hawke, Mr Holding, Dr Jenkins and Mr Mildren—from certain citizens praying that a Royal Commission be established to investigate the health and other problems of Australian Vietnam veterans exposed to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam war.

Dr Blewett and Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that additional funding be provided to the South Australian College of Advanced Education.

Mr Fry and Mr Sainsbury—from certain citizens praying that the Federal Government take all possible steps to prevent the destruction of the lower Gordon and Franklin rivers in south-west Tasmania.

Mr Humphreys and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that the importation of marine mammal by-products be banned and an international ban on the slaughter of marine mammals be supported.

Mr Bradfield—from certain citizens praying that all provisions of the Heritage Act and the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act be fully complied with in respect of national estate areas.

Mr Coleman—from certain citizens praying that donations to animal welfare and rights organisations be tax deductible.

Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Council be asked to reverse its decision to cut funding for the Popular Theatre Troupe of Queensland.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to institute policies which will reduce mortgage repayments and preserve and maintain home ownership.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to require labelling of perfumes, cosmetics and toilet preparations to indicate any use of animal ingredients during manufacture.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to require the production of annual statistics on the numbers of live animals involved in research and that the National Health and Medical Research Council be required to develop humane and responsible standards of conduct for researchers using live animals in laboratories.

Mr Johnson—from certain citizens praying that the Government immediately reverse its policy of high interest rates.

Mr Johnson—from certain residents of the Northern Territory praying that the decision to suspend the Tennant Creek abattoirs' export licence be reversed.

Mr Street—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a student loans scheme be rejected.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that immediate action be taken to lift the ban on Fretilin representatives entering Australia.

Petitions received.

- 11 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr Nixon (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Nixon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUSTRALIAN FILM AND TELEVISION SCHOOL, NORTH RYDE, N.S.W.—CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING:** Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of new building for the Australian Film and Television School, North Ryde, N.S.W.

Mr Hunt presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT BILL 1982 [NO. 2]:** 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 Willis 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) condemns the abject failure of the Treasurer and the Government, knowing of the existence of straw company tax evasion schemes since at least 1978, to respond quickly and effectively to the massive tax evasion occurring through the use of such schemes;
- (2) is of the opinion that the Bill is grossly inadequate in that:
 - (a) it deals only with company and undistributed profits tax remaining unpaid on current and prior year profits and does not recoup personal income tax lost in relation to accumulated after-tax profits disposed of by vendor shareholders in the same transactions,
 - (b) fails to recoup sales tax evaded by the use of straw companies,
 - (c) allows for non-recovery of a substantial proportion of the company and undistributed profits tax lost by use of the scheme because of the deliberate exclusion of an important category of use of the scheme, and
 - (d) provides for more leniency to tax evaders in respect of the time allowed to pay their assessed tax irrespective of the degree of hardship being experienced;
- (3) notes that because of the Bill’s deficiencies the sum to be recouped will be far less than that which has been lost through straw company tax evasion schemes, and
- (4) calls on the Government to amend the Bill and associated measures so as to ensure that all the tax lost through straw company schemes will be recouped”.

Debate continued.

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

- 15 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT BILL 1982 [NO. 2]:** 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Willis (see entry No. 14)—*

Debate resumed.

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

- 16 **ROYAL COMMISSIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** Mr N. A. Brown (Acting Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr N. A. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Adjournment negatived: It being 10 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Fife (Minister for Aviation) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr N. A. Brown continued his speech.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bowen—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 1982:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 311

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act relating to the Australian Public Service*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

HAROLD YOUNG
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 26 October 1982

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 1, clause 2, sub-clauses (1) and (2), lines 7 to 14, leave out the sub-clauses, insert the following sub-clauses:

“(1) Sections 1, 2 and 3, sub-section 4 (2), sections, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 and 17, sub-sections 18 (1) and 26 (1), sections 29, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 58, 69 and 74, sub-section 76 (2), sections 77, 82 and 87 and Part VI (other than sections 98, 99, 103 and 104) shall come into operation on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

“(2) Sub-sections 4 (3) and 35 (1), sections 42 and 50, sub-section 52 (2), sections 54, 55 and 65, sub-section 66 (1) and sections 68 and 103 shall be deemed to have come into operation on 15 March 1981.”

No. 2—Pages 3 and 4, clause 5, sub-clause (1), paragraph (d), line 38 (page 3) to line 7 (page 4), leave out proposed sub-section (2AA).

No. 3—Page 7, clause 6, proposed new sub-section 9B (2), lines 18 and 19, leave out all words after “before”, insert:

- “(a) the Senate, in the case of a report concerning the Department of the Senate;
- (b) the House of Representatives, in the case of a report concerning the Department of the House of Representatives; and
- (c) each House of the Parliament, in the case of a report concerning any of the other Parliamentary Departments.”

No. 4—Pages 14 and 15, clause 21, sub-clause (1), line 38 (page 14) to line 2 (page 15), leave out the definition of “promotion” in proposed sub-section 33 (1), insert the following definition:

“‘promotion’, in relation to an officer, means a movement of the officer within the Service for the purpose of his occupying an office in respect of which a rate of salary is payable, or a maximum rate of salary is applicable, that is higher than the rate of salary that was payable, or the maximum rate of salary that was applicable, as the case may be, in respect of the office occupied by him, or, in the case of an unattached officer, to or in respect of him, immediately before the movement took place.”

No. 5—Page 16, clause 21, sub-clause (1), after proposed section 33A, insert the following proposed section:

Prohibition of patronage, &c.

“33AA. Powers under this Act in respect of recruitment, appointments, transfers or promotions shall be exercised in accordance with procedures that involve a careful assessment of those personal qualifications and capabilities that are likely to contribute to the efficient working of the Service and preclude patronage, favouritism or unjustified discrimination.”

No. 6—Page 24, clause 25, leave out the clause.

No. 7—Page 27, clause 28, line 4, leave out “inquire”, insert “make full inquiries”.

No. 8—Page 27, clause 28, lines 7 to 41, leave out proposed paragraphs 50D (2) (a) to (h), insert:

“(a) may follow such procedures as it thinks fit; and

(b) is not bound by the rules of evidence and may inform itself in such manner as it thinks fit.”

No. 9—Pages 27 and 28, clause 28, line 42 (page 27) to line 12 (page 28), leave out proposed sub-sections 50D (3) and (4).

No. 10—Page 28, clause 28, after proposed sub-section (6), insert the following sub-section:

“(6A) After the conclusion of the appeal proceedings, the Committee may, in addition to any report referred to in sub-section (6), furnish to the Board a report on any matter arising out of the inquiries made by the Committee that the Committee considers desirable to bring to the attention of the Board.”

No. 11—Page 30, clause 28, lines 38 to 42, leave out proposed sub-section 50H (6), insert the following sub-section:

“(6) Where an officer to whom this section applies makes an appeal under this section or section 50B, the making of the appeal—

(a) does not prevent the Board from issuing a certificate in respect of the officer under section 11 or 14 of the *Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act 1979*;

(b) does not constitute a ground for a Commonwealth Employees Redeployment and Retirement Appeals Tribunal revoking under paragraph 15 (2) (b) of that Act a certificate issued in respect of the officer under section 11 or 14 of that Act; and

(c) does not affect the operation of section 19 of that Act.”

No. 12—Pages 37 and 38, clause 31, sub-clause (1), line 36 (page 37) to line 20 (page 38), leave out proposed sections 53H and 53J, insert the following sections:

Member ceasing to act

“53H. (1) Where a Committee has been constituted for the purposes of an appeal but, before the appeal has been finally determined by the Committee or the Committee has furnished a report to the Board on the claims of each party to the appeal proceedings, as the case may be, a member or members of the Committee (in this sub-section referred to as the “ceasing member or ceasing members”) ceases or cease to be such a member or members or, for any other reason, ceases or cease to take part in consideration of the claims of the respective parties to the appeal proceedings or in the determination of the appeal or the furnishing of the report, the Committee shall be reconstituted by the remaining member or members (if any) and

another member or other members selected or nominated in accordance with sub-section 53C (1).

'(2) Where a Committee is reconstituted pursuant to sub-section (1), the Committee as reconstituted may, subject to sub-section (3), have regard to the evidence given, the argument adduced and the reasons for any decision given during the proceedings before the Committee as previously constituted.

'(3) Sub-section (2) does not apply in relation to a Committee that is reconstituted pursuant to sub-section (1) unless—

- (a) 2 of the members of the Committee as reconstituted were members of the Committee as previously constituted; or
- (b) the parties to the appeal proceedings agree that the sub-section is to apply.

Split decisions

'53J. For the purposes of the determination of an appeal of any matter arising in the course of an appeal, where the members of the Committee do not concur in a decision relating to the determination of that appeal or of that matter—

- (a) if a majority of the members concur in a decision—the decision of the majority shall be deemed to be the decision of the Committee; and
- (b) in any other case—the decision of the Chairman of the Committee shall be deemed to be the decision of the Committee."

No. 13—Pages 38 to 46, clause 31, sub-clause (1), leave out proposed Sub-division F.

No. 14—Page 57, clause 59, paragraph (a), line 29, leave out "53 and 53L", insert "and 53".

No. 15—Pages 62 and 63, clause 73, leave out the clause.

No. 16—Pages 63 and 64, clause 74, line 13 (page 63) to line 2 (page 64), leave out proposed section 89A.

No. 17—Page 64, clause 74, at the end of proposed section 89B, add the following sub-section:

"(3) Sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to a report unless—

- (a) the person who made the report believed on reasonable grounds that it was the function or duty of the person to whom the report was made to receive the report; and
- (b) in the case of a report containing matter that was false or misleading in a material respect, the person who made the report did not know, and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained, that the report contained matter that was so false or misleading."

No. 18—Pages 65 to 72, clause 79, leave out the clause.

No. 19—Pages 72 and 73, clause 80, leave out the clause.

No. 20—Page 73, clause 81, leave out the clause.

No. 21—Page 77, Part IV, leave out the Part.

No. 22—Pages 77 and 78, Part V, leave out the Part.

No. 23—Page 78, clause 98, sub-clause (2), lines 28 to 38, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

"(2) Schedule 2 to the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (s) 'Promotions in accordance with section 53B or 53C' and substituting 'transfers or promotions under section 53A'."

On the motion of Mr Fife (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr C. K. Jones reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Fife, the House adopted the report.

18 **TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT BILL 1982 [NO. 2]:** 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Willis (see entry No. 14)*—
Debate resumed.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

Mr Adermann	Mr Dean	Mr Jarman	Mr Rocher
Mr Baume	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Birney	Dr Edwards	Sir James Killen	Mr Sainsbury
Mr Bouchier	Mr Falconer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Bradfield	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fisher*	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bungey	Mr Giles	Mr MacKenzie	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McLean*	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tambling
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr Macphee	Mr Thomson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hodges	Mr Newman	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nixon	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter	
Mr Cowan	Mr Hyde	Mr Robinson	

NOES, 40

Mr Armitage	Mr Cross	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Milton
Dr Blewett	Mr Cunningham	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr Morris
Mr Bowen	Mrs Darling	Mr Keating	Mr Mountford
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Duffy	Mr Kent	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Dr Theophanous
Dr Cass	Mr Hawke	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Humphreys*	Mr McMahon	Mr Wallis
Mrs Child	Mr Jacobi	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Johnson*	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Millar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 89

Mr Adermann	Mr Cross	Mr Jarman	Mr Mountford
Mr Armitage	Mr Cunningham	Mr Johnson*	Mr Newman
Mr Baume	Mrs Darling	Mr B. O. Jones	Mr Nixon
Mr Birney	Mr Dawkins	Mr C. K. Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Dr Blewett	Mr Dean	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Bouchier	Mr Drummond	Mr Keating	Mr Robinson
Mr Bowen	Mr Duffy	Mrs Kelly	Mr Ruddock
Mr Bradfield	Dr Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Falconer	Sir James Killen	Mr Scott
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Dr Klugman	Mr Sinclair
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fisher	Mr Lloyd	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Free	Mr Lusher	Mr Street
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Giles	Mr MacKellar	Mr Tambling
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Harris	Mr MacKenzie	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Hawke	Mr McLean	Mr Thomson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Dr Cass	Mr Hodges	Mr McMahon	Mr Wallis
Mr Charles	Mr Hodgman	Mr McVeigh	Mr West
Mrs Child	Mr Howard	Mr Macphee	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Maher	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr Mildren	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hyde	Mr Milton	
Mr Cowan	Mr Jacobi	Mr Morris	

NOES, 11

Mr Bungey	Mr Groom	Mr Sainsbury	Mr Tuckey
Mr Burr	Mr Hall*	Mr Shack	Mr White*
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Rocher	Mr Shipton	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 211, dated 21 October 1982, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr C. K. Jones reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

19 **ADJOURNMENT:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 2.22 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Beazley, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Chapman, Mr Dobie*, Dr Everingham*, Mr Howe, Mr Innes, Mr Jull, Mr Morrison, Mr Viner and Mr Young.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives