

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 40

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1983

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Andrew, Mr Connolly, Mr Drummond, Mr Gear, Mr Hawker, Dr Klugman, Mr Mildren, Mr Simmons and Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr R. J. Brown, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mrs Child, Mr Dobie, Mr Groom, Mr Holding, Mr Humphreys, Mr Maher and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Mr Andrew, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Drummond, Mr Lusher and Mr McVeigh—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that the Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act be amended to provide a real term minimum guarantee to local government general revenue sharing arrangements.
 - Mr Holding, Mrs Mayer, Mr Peacock, Mr Shipton and Mr Willis—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the settlement needs of Vietnamese refugees be taken into account in the Government's South-East Asia policy.
 - Mr Andrew and Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that parent clubs in government schools be granted exemption from bank account debits tax.
 - Mr Goodluck and Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be delayed and a joint parliamentary committee be established to examine the Bill and related matters.
 - Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.
 - Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the decision to reorganise the Australian Cadet Corps be reconsidered.
 - Mr Burr—from certain residents of New Norfolk, Tas., praying that funding of the New Norfolk Community Youth Support Scheme be increased to \$65 000 per year.
 - Ms Fatin—from certain citizens praying that laws be passed to outlaw discrimination in employment and in the provision of unemployment benefits, based upon race, ethnic origin, marital status and sex.
 - Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that a moratorium on uranium mining and treatment be declared, that certain other action be taken in relation to the mining, processing and export of Australia's uranium and that the Roxby Uranium Mine development be discontinued.

Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be amended to prevent inconsistencies with the principles of justice and equality and that a conscience vote on the Bill be permitted to all Members of Parliament.

Mr Gorman—from certain citizens praying that all foreign bases be removed from Australia.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that holders of health care cards and pensioner health benefit cards be provided with free dental care through private dentists and dental care be included in the formulation of Medicare.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Macedonian language be used in Government multi-lingual publications and be taught in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that action be taken to relieve the grain growing industry of the tariff duty on imported grain harvesters.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 be denounced, a day to honour victims of genocidal acts and imperialistic aggression be set aside and a standing committee be established to monitor adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of nuclear power plants in Australia and the export of Australian uranium be prohibited and a moratorium on all mining and treatment of uranium be declared.

Dr Theophanous—from certain citizens praying that all political parties act to stop the latest increase in taxes and that a referendum on taxes and interest rates be held.

Petitions received.

- 3 INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR THE PARLIAMENT—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of significant developments relating to the information systems and services for the Parliament which have occurred during 1983.

Paper: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Information systems and services for the new Parliament House—Information systems review and user requirements statement for the information systems and services for the new Parliament House—Report by Logica Pty Ltd, dated June 1983.

- 4 INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Insurance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 5 LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Act 1945*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 6 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—AUSTRALIAN FILM AND TELEVISION SCHOOL, NORTH RYDE, N.S.W.:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing 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 Hurford presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 R.A.A.F. BASE, WILLIAMTOWN, N.S.W.—F/A-18 HORNET FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: R.A.A.F. Base, Williamtown, N.S.W.—F/A-18 Hornet facilities development.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1983: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*, the *Medical Research Endowment Act 1937*, the *National Health Act 1953* and the *Nursing Homes Assistance Act 1974*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 9 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 10 INTER-STATE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1983: 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Reeves), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 11 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), the following amendment was made: Page 3, lines 8 and 9, omit the definition of "Polling booth", substitute the following definition:

“ “Polling booth” means a building, structure, vehicle or enclosure, or a part of a building, structure, vehicle or enclosure, provided at a polling place, in pursuance of paragraph 98 (1) (b), for the purpose of taking votes during polling;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 7—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 16, at the end of proposed section 11 add the following sub-section:

“(5) For the purposes of Part IV of the *Public Service Act 1922*, persons employed under sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be employed by the Commission.”.

Page 17, lines 2–5, omit proposed section 12.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Wilson, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 17, lines 23–25, omit proposed section 17, substitute the following section:

Representation of Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory

“17. The Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory shall each be represented in the Senate either—

- (a) by 2 senators for the Territory; or
- (b) by that number of Senators as is ascertained by dividing by 2 the number of members determined to represent the Territory in the House of Representatives, and if on such division there is a remainder, the number of senators for the Territory shall be reduced to the nearest whole number, whichever is the greater, and they shall be directly chosen by the people of the Territory voting as one electorate.”

Page 19, proposed section 25, line 36, after “of the several States” insert “and of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory”.

Page 19, at the end of sub-section (1) of proposed section 25 add “, and, in accordance with sections 25C and 25D, the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory”.

Page 21, at the end of proposed section 25C add “until determined to be otherwise by the Electoral Commissioner in the following manner:

- (a) a quota shall be ascertained by dividing the number of people of the Commonwealth, as ascertained in accordance with section 23, by twice the number of the senators for the States;
- (b) the number of members to be chosen in the Australian Capital Territory shall be determined by dividing the number of people of the Territory, as ascertained in accordance with section 23, by the quota and, if on such division there is a remainder greater than one-half of the quota, one more member shall be chosen in the Territory”.

Page 21, at the end of proposed section 25D add “until determined to be otherwise by the Electoral Commissioner in the following manner:

- (a) a quota shall be ascertained by dividing the number of people of the Commonwealth, as ascertained in accordance with section 23, by twice the number of the senators for the States;
- (b) the number of members to be chosen in the Northern Territory shall be determined by dividing the number of people of the Territory, as ascertained in accordance with section 23, by the quota and, if on such division there is a remainder greater than one-half of the quota, one more member shall be chosen in the Territory”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 23, proposed section 25K, after paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) insert the following paragraph:

“(d) if the Electoral Commission is so directed by the Minister following the passing of a resolution of disapproval of a proposed redistribution or determination pursuant to sub-section 25ZC (14A),”.

Mr Ruddock addressing the committee—

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

12 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

- 13 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
- Australian Capital Territory—Registrar of Co-operative Societies—Report for year 1981-82.
 - Australian Capital Territory Bush Fire Council—Report for year 1982-83.
 - Australian Capital Territory Fire Brigade—9th Annual Report, for year 1982-83.
 - Australian Trade Commissioner Service—Review—Report of Panel, dated 10 October 1983, together with statement by Mr Bowen, Minister for Trade.
 - Canberra Commercial Development Authority—7th Annual Report, for year 1981-82.
- 14 **NATIONAL CRIMES COMMISSION—POLICY DISCUSSION PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following paper:
- A National Crimes Commission?—Policy discussion paper, dated June 1983.
- Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Spender), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **NATIONAL CRIMES COMMISSION CONFERENCE—RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following paper:
- National Crimes Commission Conference—Record of proceedings, Parliament House, Canberra, 28-29 July 1983.
- Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Spender), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **SPECIAL PROSECUTOR R. V. GYLES—REPORT AND STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following papers:
- Special Prosecutors Act—Special Prosecutor R. V. Gyles, Q.C.—Report for period 22 September 1982 to 30 June 1983, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.
- Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Spender), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Government's national strategy on occupational health and safety.
- Mr Macphee, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—FUNDING POLICIES:** Mr Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy 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 respond to legitimate concerns about its funding policies for non-government schools".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
- Mr Howard addressed the House.
- Discussion ensued.
- Discussion concluded.

- 19 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mrs Mayer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:
211th Report—Finance Minute on Report 184—Internal audit in the Australian Public Service—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
- 20 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Saunderson presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the proposed construction of a Telecom State Head Office Building, Adelaide, S.A. (6th report of 1983), together with minutes of evidence.
Report relating to the construction of accommodation for the National Institute of Dramatic Art, Kensington, N.S.W. (9th report of 1983), together with minutes of evidence and extracts from the minutes of proceedings—
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report relating to the National Institute of Dramatic Art.
- 21 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Clause 9—

Debate resumed on the clause and on the amendment moved by Mr Hall, viz.: Page 23, proposed section 25K, after paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) insert the following paragraph:

“(d) if the Electoral Commission is so directed by the Minister following the passing of a resolution of disapproval of a proposed redistribution or determination pursuant to sub-section 25ZC (14A),”.

Amendment negatived—Mr Hall dissenting.

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 30, at the end of proposed section 25T add “and any member of the Redistribution Committee who disagrees with the reasons for the proposed redistribution shall state in writing the reasons for his dissent”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 30, at the end of proposed section 25T add “and any member of the Redistribution Committee who disagrees with the proposed redistribution may state in writing the reasons for his disagreement”.

Page 30, line 20, omit “and”.

Page 30, line 21, omit proposed sub-paragraph (iii), substitute the following sub-paragraphs:

“(iii) its reasons for the proposed redistribution; and

“(iv) if a member of the Redistribution Committee has stated in writing reasons for his disagreement with the proposed redistribution—those reasons,”.

On the motion of Mr Beazley, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Page 34, at the end of proposed section 25ZA add “and any member of the augmented Electoral Commission who disagrees with the determination may state in writing the reasons for his disagreement”.

Page 35, after proposed paragraph 25ZB (1) (c) insert the following paragraph:

“(ca) if a member of the Redistribution Committee has stated in writing the reasons for his disagreement with the proposed redistribution—those reasons;”.

Page 35, line 6, omit “and”.

Page 35, line 8, at the end of proposed sub-section 25ZB (1) add the following word and paragraph:

“and (f) if a member of the augmented Electoral Commission has stated in writing the reasons for his disagreement with the determination made by the augmented Electoral Commission—those reasons.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 14, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr Hall moved—That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be substituted:

“15. After section 31 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Overseas and itinerant electors

‘31A. Where an elector is an eligible overseas elector or an itinerant elector, the Roll shall not set out the place of living of the elector.’.”.

Debate continued.

Question—that the clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and passed.

Clauses 16 to 22, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 23—

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 47, line 7, omit “5 years”, substitute “12 months”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 24 to 26, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 27—

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 58, proposed section 41A, omit sub-section (1), substitute the following sub-section:

“(1) Any person who—

- (a) is 17 years of age;
- (b) will attain the age of 18 years after the time specified in sub-section 43 (4) for the cessation of alterations to the Rolls and prior to the date of an election; and
- (c) if he were 18 years of age would be entitled to have his name placed on the Roll for a Subdivision,

may send or deliver a claim to have his name placed on the Roll for that Subdivision to any Divisional Returning Officer.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 28 to 41, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 42—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 66, at the end of proposed section 58 add the following sub-sections:

“(7) Where an Australian Electoral Officer causes a copy of a decision made under sub-section (5) to be given to a person under sub-section (6), the copy shall be accompanied by a written statement to the effect that a person whose interests are affected by the decision may, subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, if he is dissatisfied with the decision, make an application to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of the decision.

“(8) Any failure to comply with the requirement of sub-section (7) in relation to a decision does not affect the validity of the decision.”.

Page 66, lines 33-41 and page 67, lines 1-34, omit proposed section 58AA, substitute the following section:

Review by Administrative Appeals Tribunal

“58AA. (1) Application may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of a decision made by an Australian Electoral Officer under sub-section 58 (5).

“(2) In this section, “decision” has the same meaning as it has in the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*.”

Page 70, line 22, omit “comprises or contains the word ‘Independent’ or ‘independent’”, substitute “comprises the words ‘Independent Party’ or comprises or contains the word ‘Independent’”.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Johnson, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

Mr Baldwin	Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mrs Darling	Mr Howe	Mr O’Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Duffy	Mr Hurford	Mr Reeves
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mr Jacobi	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Maher	Mr Steedman
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Holding	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young*

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Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr McGauran	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hawker	Mr Macphee	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Moore	
Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr O’Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 43 to 62, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 63—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Page 95, line 10, omit “A”, substitute “Subject to sub-section (4), a”.

Page 95, line 11, omit “subject to sub-section (4),”.

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 95, lines 14-17, proposed sub-section (3), omit paragraph (b).

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 64 to 73, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 74—

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 101, line 24, after “error,” insert “other than an error or omission by the elector,”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 75 to 77, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 78—

On the motion of Mr Hall, the following amendment was made: Page 102, line 22, after “paper” insert “for House of Representatives elections and green paper for Senate elections”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 79 to 81, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 82—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 106, line 34, omit “displayed in”, substitute “prominently displayed at”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 83 to 85, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 86 debated and agreed to.

Clause 87 agreed to.

Clause 88—

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 107, lines 26 and 27, omit paragraph (b).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 89—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, the following amendment was made, after debate: Page 110, at the end of proposed section 113D add the following sub-sections:

“(7) Where an arrangement is in force under section 113B or 113C, the Divisional Returning Officer shall, before 4 o'clock in the afternoon on—

- (a) in the case of an arrangement under section 113B—the day before polling day in the election for which the arrangement was made; or
- (b) in the case of an arrangement under section 113C—the day before the day, or before the first day, on which votes are to be taken under that section,

cause to be prominently exhibited at his office a notice setting out—

- (c) in a case to which paragraph (a) applies—the hospital to which the arrangement relates and the time or times at which votes are proposed to be taken under section 113B; or
- (d) in a case to which paragraph (b) applies—the hospital to which the arrangement relates and the day or days on which, and the time or times at which, votes are proposed to be taken under section 113C.

“(8) As far as is reasonably practicable, votes taken under section 113B or 113C shall be taken on the day or days and at the time or times specified in the relevant notice under sub-section (7), but any failure to take those votes in that manner does not invalidate the result of the election.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 90 agreed to.

Clauses 91 to 97, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 98—

Mr Hall, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 117, line 11, omit “may”, substitute “shall”.

Page 117, lines 14-17, omit proposed sub-section (1B).

It being 6.30 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 106A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Johnson reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

22 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

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

- 23 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983: The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Clause 98—

Debate resumed on the clause and on the amendments moved together by Mr Hall, viz.:

Page 117, line 11, omit “may”, substitute “shall”.

Page 117, lines 14-17, omit proposed sub-section (1B).

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 99 to 102, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 103—

Mr Hall, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 125, line 16, omit “a tick, a cross or”.

Page 125, line 24, before “numbers” insert “consecutive”.

Page 125, proposed sub-section 133B (1), omit paragraphs (e), (f) and (g).

Page 126, line 4, omit “other”, substitute “consecutive”.

Page 126, proposed sub-section 133B (2), omit paragraphs (e), (f) and (g).

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 104 to 112, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 113—

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Special Minister of State), the following amendment was made: Page 139, at the end of sub-section 1 of proposed section 151 add “(whether or not incurred during the election period)”.

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 142, at the end of sub-section (1) of proposed section 153D add “of three-quarters of the amount of the sum payable and shall make payment to the candidate upon whose votes the amount is payable, one-quarter of the sum”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr Hall, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Pages 144-146, proposed section 153J, omit “\$1000” (wherever occurring), substitute “\$2000”.

Pages 144-146, proposed section 153J, omit “\$200” (twice occurring), substitute “\$400”.

Debate continued.

Amendments negatived.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Closure: Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 59

Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Howe	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Punch
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jacobi	Mr Reeves
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mr Johnson	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Simmons
Mr Bowen	Mr Fry	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Maher	Mr Steedman
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hayden	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Holding	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young*
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Morrison	

NOES, 37

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Street
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beazley, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 24 **ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 13 September 1983*), viz.:

Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform—1st Report, dated September 1983, incorporating dissenting reports—

Question—put and passed.

- 25 **DISCLOSURE OF ELECTORAL EXPENDITURE—REPORT—PAPER NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Bowen (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 24 August 1983*), viz.:

Disclosure of electoral expenditure—Report of inquiry, dated 21 May 1981—

Question—put and passed.

- 26 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That grievances be noted—

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 10 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.

Ordered—That the debate be extended.

It being 10.30 p.m., the debate was accordingly interrupted.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

27 **ADJOURNMENT:** At 10.30 p.m. Mr Deputy Speaker accordingly adjourned the House until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Anthony, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Cunningham, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Katter, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerin, Mr Millar, Mr Mountford, Mr Newman, Dr Theophanous and Mr Tuckey.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives