

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 86

TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 1984

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
 - Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 3 September 1984.
 - Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—
 - (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 3 September 1984.
 - (2) That the paper be printed.
 - Question—put and passed.
- 4 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
 - Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for year 1983-84.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—The Albany inquiry—Report and recommendations to the Minister for Communications of the inquiry into commercial viability of commercial television station GSW-9, southern agricultural, Western Australia, dated July 1984.
 - Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements for May, June and July, 1984.
- 6 **SUPERANNUATION FUND INVESTMENT TRUST—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) presented the following papers:
 - Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—
 - Copies of—
 - Minute from Mr W. J. Smith, Acting Chairman, Superannuation Fund Investment Trust, to the Minister for Finance, dated 29 August 1984, together with attachments.
 - Letter from Mr J. R. Smith to Mr Dawkins, Minister for Finance, dated 15 May 1984.
 - Joint Working Party on the Monaghan Report—Report, dated July 1984.
 - Working arrangements and staffing relationships in the Office of the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Conclusions of examination by A. Agafonoff, Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance, dated 24 May 1984.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Mr Connolly was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 SATELLITE PROGRAM SERVICES—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) presented the following papers:

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Satellite program services—Report to the Minister for Communications of an inquiry into the regulation of the use of satellite program services by broadcasters, dated July 1984—

Report (volumes-1 and 2).

Summary of main findings and conclusions.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 PAPER: Mr Lusher, by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Australian National Line—Media release by Mr Braithwaite, Shadow Minister for Northern Development and Local Government, dated 3 September 1984.

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

Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Goodluck, Mr Lusher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Duffy, Mr Fife, Mr Kent, Mr Lloyd, Mr Macphee, Mr Peacock and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Coleman, Mr Robinson, Mr Ruddock and Mr West—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 J. J. Brown, Mr Goodluck, Mr Humphreys, Mr Punch and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

Mr Goodluck, Mr Hurford, Mr Newman, Mr Rocher and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that regulations amending the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations and Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regulations and the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action taken in relation to censorship matters.

Mr Blunt—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Duffy, Mr McVeigh, Mr Peacock and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that there be no increases in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.

Mr Blunt, Mr Hicks and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Cadman, Mr Hawker and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

Mr Brumby and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Coleman and Mr Punch—from certain citizens praying that the availability of R rated video-cassettes be restricted and the concept of X rated video-cassettes be prohibited.

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

Mr Lindsay and Mr Moore—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

- Mr Beddall—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.
- Mr Beddall, Mr Braithwaite and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to discontinue the mining and supply of uranium.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that recurrent expenditure for technical and further education be increased.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that proposed assets test legislation be abandoned and that action be taken to institute a retirement income policy which is fair and equitable.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that moves to change the Australian flag be resisted.
- Mr J. J. Brown—from certain citizens praying that orthoptic services be included in Medicare.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Major Airport Needs of Sydney Committee be endorsed and proposals for an airport at Scheyville, NSW, be rejected.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that funds raised through indexation of the Australian Bicentennial Road Development program levy be used for road construction work.
- Mr Carlton—from certain citizens praying that the motor vessel *Krait* remain in the care and maintenance of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and not be removed to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.
- Dr Charlesworth—from certain citizens praying that a parliamentary committee be established to inquire into and report on the effects of pornography.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from Riker Laboratories Australia Pty Ltd praying that the Government initiate policies to ensure continued access of Australians to safe and effective drugs.
- Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the customs regulation prohibiting the importation of obscene, indecent or blasphemous materials be restored.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain electors of the Division of Franklin praying that the liquid petroleum gas subsidy to Tasmania be increased to compensate for Bass Strait freight charges.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the Government be responsible for financing and staffing cadet corps at government schools to enable all students to participate.
- Mr Hawker—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.
- Mr Hicks—from certain citizens praying that the Government negotiate with the ACTU for taxation relief for lower and middle income earners and improvements to the social wage.
- Mr Howe—from certain citizens praying that funding for the Personal Care Workers Study in Northcote, Vic., be continued without interruption.
- Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
- Mr Katter—from certain citizens praying that certain measures be taken towards the abolition of violent pornography.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
- Mr Maher—from certain citizens praying that no further action be taken in respect of territorial or local government in the Australian Capital Territory until the

findings of the inquiry into ACT finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.

Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that legislation be established to disallow the granting of certain benefits to homosexual partners of ABC employees.

Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that attempts to legalise the sale and rental of X rated video-tapes be halted and those available for sale and rental be removed.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the situation concerning the investigation of Dr Martinick by the Department of Health be clarified and the Health Insurance Act be amended if necessary to ensure medical practitioners receive a fair and just hearing.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the recurrent grant to tertiary residential colleges be maintained.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.

Petitions received.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXPAYERS AND THE 1984-85 BUDGET: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's continuing attack on taxpayers in the 1984-85 Budget".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Paper: Mr Peacock, by leave, presented the following paper:

Real disposable income for Australian families, 1982-84—Table.

Discussion ensued.

Paper: Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, during a personal explanation, presented the following paper:

Budget deficit—The \$9.6 billion deficit hoax—News release by Mr Howard, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, dated 22 August 1984, together with attachments.

Discussion concluded.

11 INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—GENEVA CONFERENCE, 1984—PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Jacobi, by leave, presented the following paper:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—71st Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, 2-7 April 1984—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Mr Jacobi, Mr Adermann and Dr Klugman, by leave, made statements in connection with the paper.

Paper: Dr Klugman, by leave, presented the following paper:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—Parliaments with opposition parties—Copy of a letter from Pio-Carlo Terenzio, Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, to Dr Klugman, dated 7 May 1984.

12 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (TERMS OF SENATORS) BILL 1984: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Staples
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Steedman
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hawke	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mrs Child	Mr Hayden	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Morrison	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

13 CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (INTERCHANGE OF POWERS) BILL 1984: 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison
Mr Beazley	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerin	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Dr Klugman	Mr Staples
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Steedman
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hawke	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Hayden	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	

NOES, 42

Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Spender
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Speaker declared that the question—That the Bill be now read a third time—had been resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

Bill accordingly read a third time.

- 14 SALES TAX (NOS. 1 TO 9) AMENDMENT BILLS 1984: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr Tuckey addressing the House—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Debate continued.

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

- 15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, moved—That standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 SALES TAX (NOS. 1 TO 9) AMENDMENT BILLS 1984: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.

- 17 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1984: 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 Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 impact of the Government’s new tax on wine, when taken in conjunction with changes in the taxation treatment of imports of wine, unreasonably and unfairly disadvantages the Australian wine producing and grape growing industry at a time when imports of surplus protected and subsidised European wines are

disrupting the Australian wine industry and when there is an inquiry proceeding into the future structure of the industry”.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Baldwin	Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mrs Darling	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Snow
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Staples
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lindsay	Mr Steedman
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Charles	Mr Hayden	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wells
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Moore
Mr Andrew	Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Blunt	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Porter
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr Lusher	Mr Rocher
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr MacKellar	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hawker	Mr McVeigh	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Millar	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

18 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1984:** 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

19 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at 11.27 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 September 1984:

Air Force Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 198.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 208.

- Audit Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 209.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1984—No. 6—Monthly collections of lending commitments by financial institutions and collection of annual data from financial institutions.
- Australian Federal Police Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 205.
- Defence Act—Determination—1984—No. 35—Overseas Allowance.
- Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 206, 207, 212, 213, 214, 215.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—1984—No. 3—Meat Orders (Amendment No. 3).
- Health Insurance Act—
 Statement of particulars of disqualification pursuant to section 19C in respect of Dr John Blake Pavius Lewis, dated 22 August 1984.
 Statements of particulars of ministerial determinations made pursuant to section 106AA relating to—
 Dr Serge Kunstler, dated 25 May 1984.
 Dr Jagdish Swarup Pathak, dated 30 July 1984.
 Dr Norman Weiner, dated 22 June 1984.
- Live-stock Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 203.
- Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 202.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 200.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 199.
- Navigation Act—
 Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1984—
 No. 7—Marine Orders, Part 44.
 No. 8—Marine Orders, Part 45.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 210.
- Overseas Students Charge Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 201.
- Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1984—Amendment No. 3.
- Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 211.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 204.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1984—
 No. 29—Sewerage Rates (Amendment) (No. 2).
 No. 48—Dog Control (Amendment).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Fry, Mr Katter, Mr Newman, Mr Reeves, Mr Robinson, Mr Shipton and Mr Simmons.

D. M. BLAKE
 Clerk of the House of Representatives