

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 90

MONDAY, 10 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 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
Inter-State Commission Act—Report on operations of the Commission for period 15 March to 30 June 1984.
- 4 **LOCALISM IN AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING—REVIEW OF POLICY—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) presented the following paper:
Localism in Australian broadcasting—A review of the policy—Report by James Oswin, Special Adviser to the Minister and the Department of Communications, dated 3 August 1984.
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **FEDERATED SHIP PAINTERS AND DOCKERS' UNION—ROYAL COMMISSION—TRANSITION TO NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:
Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union—Royal Commission—Transition to National Crime Authority—Copies of letters from—
Mr L. Bowen, Acting Prime Minister, to Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 3 and 8 February 1984.
Mr F. X. Costigan, QC, Commissioner, Royal Commission on the Activities of the Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union, to—
Mr L. Bowen, dated 24 November 1983 and 2 and 3 February 1984.
Mr R. J. Hawke, dated 15 and 25 March, 10 August, 17 October and 2 November 1983 and 5 and 14 March 1984.
Senator G. Evans, dated 16 and 17 July, 6, 9 and 29 August 1984.
The Secretary, Attorney-General's Department, dated 13 April 1984.
Mr R. J. Hawke, Prime Minister, to Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 11 April, 26 October, 8 November and 16 December 1983 and 27 February 1984.
Mr A. C. C. Menzies, Attorney-General's Department, to Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 17 April 1984.

Senator G. Evans, Attorney-General, to Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 7 September 1984.

J. V. Townsend, Senior Private Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, to Mr F. X. Costigan, dated 20 March 1984.

Mr Hawke, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the papers, and presented the following paper:

Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union—Royal Commission—Transition to National Crime Authority—Correspondence—Ministerial statement, 10 September 1984.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Kerin—Minister for Primary Industry), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Mr Lusher, Mr Ruddock and Mr Spender—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Burr, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fife, Mr Hawker and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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

Mr Blunt and Mr Rocher—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 be taken in relation to censorship matters.

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

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

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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be repealed.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.

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.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that amending legislation be drafted in respect of the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance.

Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

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 Porter—from certain citizens praying that the railway line between Victor Harbor and Adelaide remain open.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

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.

Mr Scott—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.

Petitions received.

- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ANZUS TREATY AND NEW ZEALAND:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for a firm Government statement rejecting for Australia the move to terminate ANZUS and other external defence arrangements recommended for New Zealand by that country's governing Labour Party".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

7 September 1984—Message—

No. 266—Sales Tax (Nos. 1 to 9) Amendment 1984 (*without requests*).

No. 267—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1984.

No. 268—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1984 (*without requests*).

No. 269—Patents Amendment 1984.

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PROPOSED DISCLOSURE OF EVIDENCE AND DOCUMENTS OF JOINT COMMITTEES:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 265

Mr Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution agreed to by the Senate this day:

- (1) That, unless otherwise ordered, the Senate authorises the President to permit any person to examine and copy evidence submitted to, or documents of committees, which are in the custody of the Senate, which have not already been published by the Senate or its committees, and which have been in the Senate's custody for at least ten years:

provided that if such evidence or documents were taken *in camera* or submitted on a confidential or restricted basis, disclosure shall not take place unless the evidence or documents have been in the custody of the Senate for at least 30 years, and, in the opinion of the President, it is appropriate that such evidence or documents be disclosed:

provided further that the President report to the Senate the nature of any evidence or documents made available under this Resolution and the person or persons to whom they have been made available.

- (2) That the disclosure of evidence or documents of joint committees be authorised by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives under the same conditions as are provided in paragraph (1).
- (3) That the foregoing Resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

The Senate desires the concurrence of the House of Representatives in that part of the Resolution relating to the evidence and documents of joint committees.

D. McCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 6 September 1984.

Ordered—That consideration of the message be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$83,056,000—

Department of the Special Minister of State, \$269,763,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs, \$981,602,000—debated and agreed to.

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

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.

- 11 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Defence, \$5,171,217,000—

Department of Defence Support, \$397,592,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Trade, \$250,124,000—

Department of Resources and Energy, \$124,425,000—
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Transport, \$198,234,000—

Department of Aviation, \$441,256,000—
together debated.

Mr Gear addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

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

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

12 ADJOURNMENT: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 September 1984:

Health Insurance Commission Act—Directions under sub-section 8J (1), dated 18 August 1984.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—

Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act 1984—Sections 4 and 5 and Parts III and IV—9 September 1984.

Weights and Measures (National Standards) Amendment Act 1984—7 September 1984.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Beazley, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodgman, Mr Holding, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mr Macphee, Mr Newman, Mr Reeves, Mr Robinson, Mr Sanderson and Mr Simmons.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives