

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 91

TUESDAY, 11 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 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board—Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for period 1 February 1983 to 30 January 1984.
 Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act—New South Wales Local Government Grants Commission—Report for year 1983-84.
 Science and Technology Statement 1983-84, dated 30 April 1984.
 Trade Mission to Japan—High level visit, 1-11 July 1984—Report, dated 16 August 1984, together with statement by Mr Bowen, Minister for Trade.
- 4 **SPECIAL PROSECUTOR R. F. REDLICH—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) presented the following papers:
 Special Prosecutors Act—Special Prosecutor R. F. Redlich—Report for period 1 July 1983 to 5 June 1984, together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Blunt, Mr Rocher and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 - Mr Cadman, Mr Dobie and Mr Lusher—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Chynoweth, Mr Fife, Mr Hawker, Mr Lloyd and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Cadman, Mr Hawker and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Baldwin—from certain citizens praying for the continuation of, and support for, existing Workers' Health Centres.
 - 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 the proposed assets test legislation be abandoned and that action be taken to institute a retirement income policy which is fair and equitable.
- Mr Blunt—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 Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that moves to change the Australian flag be resisted and any contemplated change be put to the Australian people by referendum.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, and entitlements of de facto spouses of Parliamentarians and homosexual partners of ABC employees.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- 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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be repealed.
- Mr Cowan—from certain citizens praying that the Army be directed to re-classify the Taree Open Cadet Unit as an open, community-based, regional cadet unit.
- Mr Drummond—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the customs regulation prohibiting the importation of obscene, indecent or blasphemous materials be restored.
- Mr Drummond—from certain electors of the Division of Forrest praying that reference to God and The Queen in the oath and affirmation of allegiance be retained.
- Mr Fry—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken with respect to the classification and restriction of films, video tapes and printed material.
- 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
- Mr Lusher—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the excise on beer, following an increase in the Consumer Price Index, be repealed.
- Mr O'Neil—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 Blunt and Mr Lusher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- 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 confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

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

Petitions received.

- 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
10 September 1984—Message No. 270—Social Security and Repatriation (Budget Measures and Assets Test) 1984.
- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGETARY PROBLEMS FOR 1985:** The 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 major budgetary problems for 1985 created by this year’s pre-election Budget”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Howard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 8 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fry (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
Murrumbidgee River in the ACT region—Report, dated 24 July 1984, together with the transcript of evidence and copies of the minutes of proceedings.
Ordered—That the report be printed.
Mr Fry, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
Mrs Kelly, by leave, made a statement with reference to the honourable Member for Fraser’s service to the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory, to the Parliament and to the people of Canberra.
Mr Fry and Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made statements on the matter.
- 9 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Fife (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
Report relating to the construction of Australian Embassy complex at Beijing, People’s Republic of China (17th report of 1984), together with transcript of evidence.
- 10 **INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) 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.
Mr McGauran rising to address the House—
Closure: Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) moved—That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Uren, the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 **INCOME TAX (COMPANIES, CORPORATE UNIT TRUSTS AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) 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.
On the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **INCOME TAX (RATES) 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **MEDICARE LEVY 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.
 On the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX ADMINISTRATION 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX 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—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 48A, as amended by the sessional order of 29 February 1984, relating to the adjournment of the House, and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 17 **JUDICIAL AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 174, dated 10 September 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (STATUS AND RIGHTS OF CHAIRMAN) 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 175, dated 11 September 1984, 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

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Moore
Mr Andrew	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Blunt	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Porter
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Burr	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	

* 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 without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 **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 expenditure—Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, \$753,718,000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Education and Youth Affairs, \$854,247,000—debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed expenditure agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Treasury, \$528,058,000—

Department of Finance, \$66,609,000—

Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$160,000,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Home Affairs and Environment, \$184,880,000—

Department of Territories and Local Government, \$165,862,000—

Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$58,669,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Communications, \$426,386,000—

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

The House resumed; Mr Keogh reported accordingly.

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

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 2.45 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 September 1984:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1984—No. 7—New topics to be included in the population survey, October and December 1984.

Defence Act—Determinations—1984—

No. 36—Allowance for Loss on Sale of Furniture and Effects.

No. 37—Recreation Leave and Settling In and Settling Out Allowance.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—1984—No. 4—Meat Orders (Amendment No. 4).

Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of disqualification pursuant to section 19C in respect of Dr Gurcharan Singh, dated 2 September 1984.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1984—Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1984/23—Holders of public office on the National Crime Authority and other bodies.

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

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives