

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 94

TUESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1984

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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 **NUGAN HAND GROUP—ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—REQUEST FOR TABLED TELEX—STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER:** Mr Speaker made a statement informing the House of a request from Mr Justice Stewart, Commissioner of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the activities of the Nugan Hand Group, seeking permission of the House for the royal commission to have possession of the telex tabled in the House on 12 September 1984 by the honourable Member for Boothby.

3 **NUGAN HAND GROUP—ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—REQUEST FOR TABLED TELEX—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House requests Mr Speaker to table a copy of the correspondence relating to the request by Mr Justice Stewart of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the activities of the Nugan Hand Group for a copy of the telex tabled in the House on 12 September 1984 by the honourable Member for Boothby.

Question—put and passed.

4 **PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Nugan Hand Group—Royal Commission of Inquiry—Request for tabled telex—Copies of letters from—

Dr H. A. Jenkins, Speaker of the House of Representatives, to—

Mr Justice Stewart, dated 13 and 21 September 1984.

Mr R. S. Hall, MP, dated 17 and 25 September 1984.

Mr R. J. L. Hawke, Prime Minister, dated 17 and 25 September 1984.

Mr A. S. Peacock, Leader of the Opposition, dated 17 and 25 September 1984.

Mr Justice Stewart, Commissioner, Royal Commission of Inquiry into the activities of the Nugan Hand Group, to—

Dr Jenkins, dated 13 (together with 6 attachments), 18 and 27 September 1984.

Mr M. J. Young, Special Minister of State, dated 20 September 1984.

5 **NUGAN HAND GROUP—ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—REQUEST FOR TABLED TELEX—LEAVE OF HOUSE FOR PROVISION OF DOCUMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House grants leave for the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the activities of the Nugan Hand Group to be provided with a copy of the telex tabled in the House on 12 September 1984 by the honourable Member for Boothby.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

**6 NUGAN HAND GROUP—ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—REQUEST FOR TABLED TELEX—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF THE PRIME MINISTER:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), by leave, made a statement in connection with the correspondence tabled by Mr Speaker earlier this day.

*Suspension of standing orders—Statement by Member:* Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) making a statement and speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

*Motion of censure of the Prime Minister:* Mr Peacock, by leave, during his statement, moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for—

- (1) his systematic and deliberate actions to force the Costigan Royal Commission to cease investigations into major crimes, despite requests from Commissioner Costigan and the Victorian Premier;
- (2) his systematic and deliberate refusal to support a strong National Crime Authority despite widespread evidence that this would weaken the fight against organised crime;
- (3) his continued refusal to answer questions on his systematic and deliberate attempts to weaken investigation into organised crime, and
- (4) his continued refusal to institute an effective investigation into the whole substance of *The Age* tapes.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Peacock concluding his speech.

Question—put and passed.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) speaking without limitation of time.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Hawke moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House expresses its disgust at the behaviour of the Leader of the Opposition and determines that he warrants the censure of this House for demeaning his office and this Parliament, in that he—

- (1) has wilfully and recklessly conspired with the Member for Boothby and others to denigrate the reputation of the Treasurer by a baseless insinuation imputing some improper association between the Treasurer and the Nugan Hand Bank;
- (2) has wilfully and recklessly conspired with the Member for Boothby and others to suggest that the Prime Minister attempted to exert influence upon the Editor of *The Age* to suppress a story;
- (3) has refused, with the Member for Boothby, to retract that baseless allegation after it was destroyed by the Editor of *The Age*;
- (4) has wilfully and recklessly accused the Prime Minister of being a ‘little crook’, ‘a perverter of the law’ and ‘one who associates with criminals and who takes his orders from those who direct criminals’ all of which allegations are to his certain knowledge without foundation;
- (5) has consistently failed to substantiate such claims in respect of the Prime Minister;
- (6) has by his baseless insinuations impugned the motives of the Government’s decisions as to the timing and process of merging the work of the Costigan Commission into the operations of the National Crime Authority;
- (7) has attempted to undermine the credibility of the National Crime Authority and so weaken the fight against organised crime in this country, and
- (8) has not only demeaned his office and brought discredit upon this House but has been derelict in his duty to provide this country with a credible Opposition”.

Debate continued.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 68

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

NOES, 43

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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 Hunt      | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Dobie    | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Rocher   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Mr Drummond | Mr Lusher    | Mr Ruddock  |
| Mr Burr             | Mr Fife     | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton  |
| Mr Cadman           | Mr Fisher   | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr D. M. Cameron    | Mr Goodluck | Mr MacKellar | Mr Spender  |
| Mr E. C. Cameron*   | Mr Groom    | Mr McVeigh   | Mr Tuckey   |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Hall     | Mr Macphee   | Mr White    |
| Mr Carlton          | Mr Hawker   | Mr Moore     |             |

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

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| Mr Andrew           | Mr Cowan    | Mr Hunt      | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Blunt            | Mr Dobie    | Mr Lloyd     | Mr Rocher   |
| Mr Braithwaite      | Mr Drummond | Mr Lusher    | Mr Ruddock  |
| Mr Burr             | Mr Fife     | Mr McArthur  | Mr Shipton  |
| Mr Cadman           | Mr Fisher   | Mr McGauran  | Mr Sinclair |
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| Mr Carlton          | Mr Hawker   | Mr Moore     |             |

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

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And so it was negated.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 68

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion, as amended, viz.: That this House expresses its disgust at the behaviour of the Leader of the Opposition and determines that he warrants the censure of this House for demeaning his office and this Parliament, in that he—

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| Mr Carlton          | Mr Hawker   | Mr Moore     |             |

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Fisher, Mr Hawker, Mr Howe, Mr Lloyd, Mr Peacock and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Connolly, Mr Drummond, Mr Fife and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Beazley, Mrs Kelly, Mr McArthur, Mr Staples and Mr Steedman—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Braithwaite and Mr Scholes—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

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

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

Mr Carlton, Mr Hodgman and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the term of the Costigan Commission be extended, all necessary resources be provided to enable it to conclude its investigations and Parliament not be dissolved until its report has been fully debated by both Houses.

Mr Cohen, Mr Tickner and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying for the continuation of, and support for, existing Workers' Health Centres.

Mr Jones and Mr Ruddock—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 Maher and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

Mr Andrew—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to extend the Port Wakefield Proof and Experimental Range, SA, be rejected.

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 Blunt—from certain citizens praying that recurrent expenditure for technical and further education be increased.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that moves to change the Australian flag be resisted.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that anomalies in ABC radio transmission in North Queensland be rectified.

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 Roche Products Pty Ltd, praying that the Government initiate policies to ensure continued access of Australians to safe and effective drugs.

Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that a parliamentary committee be established to inquire into and report on the effects of pornography.

Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the House consider the appointment of a joint select committee on the effects of pornography on children.

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

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that a program be developed to reduce class sizes in ACT government schools.

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 Lusher—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the price of petrol, following an increase in the consumer price index, be repealed.

Mr Maher—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that consideration be given to the inclusion of psychological services within Medicare.

- Mr Reeves—from certain citizens praying that regulations be made under the provisions of the World Heritage Properties Conservation Act to prevent further destruction of the rainforest of the Greater Daintree region, Qld.
- Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that Parliament enact legislation to ban the mining and export of uranium and seek to stop weapons testing in the Pacific.
- Mr Robinson—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 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 decision to suspend Dr Hood from participation in Medicare be rescinded.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the recurrent grant to tertiary residential colleges be maintained.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that aerospace industry unions be consulted before a decision is made on the purchase of helicopters for the Royal Australian Navy.
- 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.
- Mr West—from certain citizens praying that a diplomatic initiative be taken towards East Timorese self determination.
- Mr West—from certain residents of southern New South Wales praying that action be taken to prevent retrenchment of mineworkers and to establish a national coal authority.
- Mr Young—from Dawson Waldron, solicitors, acting on behalf of Mirror Newspapers Ltd and Greg Hartung, defendants in an action for damages for defamation brought by Anthony Allen Staley and commenced in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, praying that the House grant leave—
- (1) to the petitioner and to Mirror Newspapers Ltd and Greg Hartung to issue and serve subpoenas for the production of the relevant official records of the proceedings of this House and the *Hansard* "Greens" as set out in the Second Schedule.
  - (2) to the petitioner and to Mirror Newspapers Ltd and Greg Hartung to adduce the said official records of the proceedings as evidence of what was in fact said in the House;
  - (3) to an appropriate officer or officers of the House to attend in court and produce the said official records of proceedings and to give evidence in relation to the recording of proceedings providing that such officer or officers should not be required to attend at any time which would prevent the performance of their duties in the Parliament, and
  - (4) to the petitioner and Mirror Newspapers Ltd and Greg Hartung to interview and obtain proofs of evidence from the said officers of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff and the Principal and Assistant Parliamentary Reporters, and to issue and serve subpoenas for their attendance on the trial of the said action.

#### Second Schedule

House of Representatives, *Weekly Hansard*, No. 9 1982, Thirty-Second Parliament, First Session—Fifth Period 17, 18, 19 August 1982—  
19 August 1982; Pages 694, 695 and 696; Grievance Debate: Mr Cunningham (Member for McMillan).

Petitions received.

**8 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

21 September 1984—Message—

No. 180—

Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 1) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 2) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 3) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 4) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 5) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 6) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 7) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 8) Amendment 1984.

Sales Tax (No. 9) Amendment 1984.

Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1984.

Patents Amendment 1984.

No. 181—Social Security and Repatriation (Budget Measures and Assets Test) 1984.

No. 182—Loan 1984.

**9 TAXATION LAWS 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Administrator:* Message No. 183, dated 2 October 1984, from His Excellency the Administrator 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 Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

**10 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Administrator:* Message No. 184, dated 28 September 1984, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of new clauses to be moved by a Minister to the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved the following amendment: Page 6, lines 17-19, omit sub-clause (3), substitute the following sub-clauses:

“(3) Sub-paragraph 78 (1) (a) (1xxxi), and paragraph 78 (1) (ac), of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* apply to gifts made after 21 August 1984.

“(4) Paragraph 78 (1) (ad) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* applies to gifts made after 30 June 1982.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 12, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

**Limitation on certain deductions**

"12A. (1) Section 79C of the Principal Act is amended by omitting 'Subject to sub-section 121BA (5), the' and substituting 'The'.

"(2) The amendment made by sub-section (1) applies to assessments in respect of income of the year of income that commenced on 1 July 1984 and of all subsequent years of income."

*Clause 13—*

Mr Howard moved the following amendment: Page 8, after proposed sub-section (2) insert the following sub-section:

" '(2A) Where the existence of non-voting, redeemable preference shares in a subsidiary does not have any relevance to the beneficial ownership of that subsidiary, they will be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph 2 (a). '."

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

*New clauses—*

On the motion of Mr Hurford, by leave, the following new clauses were together inserted in the Bill, after debate:

**Interpretation**

"24A. Section 221 YHA of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of the definition of 'payment' in sub-section (1) 'or' (last occurring);
- (b) by inserting after paragraph (b) of the definition of 'payment' in sub-section (1) the following word and paragraph:

'or (c) a payment made to or by a trustee, being the trustee of the estate of a bankrupt or the liquidator of a company that is being wound up;'; and

- (c) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:

'(7) For the purposes of the application of sub-section 221 YHAA (3) or 221 YHD (1E) or (1F) in relation to an obligation transfer form forwarded to a payee by an eligible paying authority, a reference in that sub-section to a year of income shall be read as a reference to—

- (a) in a case to which paragraph (b) does not apply—a financial year; or
- (b) if the payee has, before the end of the first month in respect of which the obligation transfer form has effect, given written notice to the eligible paying authority that the payee has adopted under this Act an accounting period in lieu of the financial year—that accounting period.'

**Special provisions relating to certain prescribed payments**

"24B. Section 221 YHAA of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (3) and substituting the following sub-section:

'(3) Where—

- (a) either before or after the commencement of this sub-section, a payee has completed the part of a deduction form applicable to the payee and delivered the form to an eligible paying authority; and
- (b) the eligible paying authority completes, and forwards to the payee, an obligation transfer form that specifies, as the month from which the

obligation transfer form has effect, a month during a year of income (in this sub-section referred to as the "relevant month"), not being—

(i) where—

(A) no prescribed payment has been made by the eligible paying authority to the payee in the month in which, and before the time when, the obligation transfer form is forwarded to the payee; or

(B) the payee has properly furnished a deduction form to the eligible paying authority in respect of the month in which the obligation transfer form is forwarded to the payee,

a month before the month in which the obligation transfer form is forwarded to the payee; or

(ii) in any other case—the month in which the obligation transfer form is forwarded to the payee or a preceding month,

the payee shall be taken to have properly furnished a deduction form to the eligible paying authority in relation to prescribed payments made to the payee by the eligible paying authority during—

(c) the relevant month or a subsequent month in the year of income; and

(d) where, before the end of the year of income, the payee has delivered to the eligible paying authority a deduction form in which the payee has declared that the payee is the holder of a deduction variation certificate that is in force during a period (in this paragraph referred to as the "variation period") commencing before the end of the year of income and including the first month after the end of the year of income—any month after the end of the year of income and during the variation period, not including any month commencing after the eligible paying authority has been notified by the payee of the revocation of the deduction variation certificate.'

#### **Provision of information to Commissioner**

"24C. (1) Section 221YHB of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting in sub-section (9) 'subject to sub-section (9A),' after 'the person shall,'; and

(b) by inserting after sub-section (9) the following sub-section:

'(9A) Where—

(a) but for this sub-section, sub-section (9) would apply in relation to a person in relation to a construction project; and

(b) by reason of the application of sub-section 221YHR (11), section 221YHD did not apply in relation to any prescribed payment that the person was liable to make under any contract for the undertaking or carrying out of the construction project,

sub-section (9) does not apply in relation to the person in relation to the construction project.'

"(2) The amendments made by sub-section (1) apply in relation to construction projects completed after the commencement of this section.

#### **Duties of eligible paying authorities**

"24D. Section 221YHD of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-sections:

'(1A) Where, under paragraph 221YHAA (3) (b), an eligible paying authority completes, and forwards to a payee, an obligation transfer form, the eligible paying authority may, in the obligation transfer form, elect that the payee be treated as a prescribed payee for the purposes of this section in relation to the month or months during which the obligation transfer form has effect.

'(1B) For the purposes of this section, a payee is a prescribed payee in relation to a month if—

- (a) an obligation transfer form forwarded to the payee under paragraph 221YHAA (3) (b) includes an election under sub-section (1A) of this section; and
- (b) the obligation transfer form has effect during that month.

'(1C) Paragraph (1) (b) does not apply in relation to prescribed payments made during a month to a payee who is a prescribed payee in relation to the month.

'(1D) A person who is an eligible paying authority in relation to a prescribed payment or prescribed payments that the person is liable to make during a month to a payee who is a prescribed payee, or payees who are prescribed payees, in relation to the month shall, within 14 days after the end of the month—

- (a) complete a reconciliation form in relation to prescribed payments made during the month to payees who are prescribed payees in relation to the month;
- (b) if no amount has been deducted under paragraph (1) (a) from any prescribed payment made by the eligible paying authority during the month to a payee who is a prescribed payee in relation to the month—forward to the Commissioner the reconciliation form together with such other information as the Commissioner, by notice published in the *Gazette*, requires, being information in such form as is required by that notice, or in such other form as the Commissioner allows; and
- (c) in a case to which paragraph (b) does not apply—
  - (i) pay to the Commissioner all amounts deducted under paragraph (1) (a) from prescribed payments made by the eligible paying authority during the month to payees who are prescribed payees in relation to the month; and
  - (ii) at the time of making the payment referred to in sub-paragraph (i), forward to the Commissioner the reconciliation form together with such other information as the Commissioner, by notice published in the *Gazette*, requires, being information in such form as is required by that notice, or in such other form as the Commissioner allows.

'(1E) Where—

- (a) an obligation transfer form that included an election under sub-section (1A) has been completed and forwarded to a payee by an eligible paying authority;
- (b) the obligation transfer form ceases to have effect at the end of a month during a year of income (in this sub-section referred to as the "relevant month"), not being the last month of the year of income; and
- (c) the eligible paying authority does not, before the expiration of the relevant month, complete and forward to the payee a further obligation transfer form including an election under sub-section (1A),

the eligible paying authority shall, within 14 days after the end of the relevant month—

- (d) complete the part of a deduction form applicable to the payee by transcribing the particulars (not including any signature) contained in the last deduction form completed by the payee and delivered to the eligible paying authority;

- (e) complete the part of the deduction form applicable to the eligible paying authority;
- (f) specify in the deduction form—
  - (i) the total of all prescribed payments made to the payee by the eligible paying authority during the month or months in the year of income during which the obligation transfer form had effect; and
  - (ii) the total of the deductions made in accordance with paragraph (1) (a) from the prescribed payments specified in the deduction form in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph;
- (g) forward the completed deduction form to the Commissioner; and
- (h) deliver to the payee a copy of the completed deduction form.

'(1F) Where—

- (a) an obligation transfer form that included an election under sub-section (1A) has been completed and forwarded to a payee by an eligible paying authority; and
- (b) the obligation transfer form has effect during the last month of a year of income,

the eligible paying authority shall, within 14 days after the end of that month—

- (c) complete the part of a deduction form applicable to the payee by transcribing the particulars (not including any signature) contained in the last deduction form completed by the payee and delivered to the eligible paying authority;
- (d) complete the part of the deduction form applicable to the eligible paying authority;
- (e) specify in the deduction form—
  - (i) the total of all prescribed payments made to the payee by the eligible paying authority during the month or months in the year of income during which any obligation transfer form that included an election under sub-section (1A) had effect, other than prescribed payments in respect of which the eligible paying authority has forwarded a deduction form under sub-section (1E); and
  - (ii) the total of the deductions made in accordance with paragraph (1) (a) from the prescribed payments specified in the deduction form in accordance with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph;
- (f) forward the completed deduction form to the Commissioner; and
- (g) deliver to the payee a copy of the completed deduction form.';
- (b) by inserting in paragraph (2) (a) 'or sub-section (1D), (1E) or (1F)' after 'paragraph (1) (b)';
- (c) by inserting in paragraph (2) (b) 'or sub-section (1D), (1E) or (1F)' after 'paragraph (1) (b)';
- (d) by inserting in sub-section (3) ', (1D), (1E) or (1F)' after 'sub-section (1)';
- (e) by inserting in paragraph (3) (b) 'or sub-paragraph (1D) (c) (i)' after 'sub-sub-paragraph (1) (b) (v) (A)';
- (f) by omitting sub-sub-paragraph (5) (a) (ii) (B) and substituting the following sub-sub-paragraph:
  - '(B) the payment is made during a period that the payee, in the deduction form, has declared to be a period during which a deduction variation certificate is in force varying the amount otherwise to be deducted from the prescribed payment under regulations for the purposes of sub-paragraph (i);'; and

(g) by omitting sub-sub-paragraph (5) (a) (iii) (B) and substituting the following sub-sub-paragraph:

'(B) the payment is made during a period that the payee, in the deduction form, has declared to be a period during which a deduction variation certificate is in force varying the amount otherwise to be deducted from the prescribed payment under regulations for the purposes of sub-paragraph (i); and'.

"24E. After section 221YHD of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

**Refund of deductions in certain cases**

'221YHE. (1) Where, on application in writing by a person (in this section referred to as the "applicant"), the Commissioner is satisfied that—

- (a) a deduction was made either before or after the commencement of this section from a prescribed payment to the applicant;
- (b) the whole or a part of the amount of the deduction (in this section referred to as the "relevant amount") was made due to an act or omission of the applicant or another person; and
- (c) having regard to—
  - (i) the purposes of this Division;
  - (ii) the nature of the act or omission referred to in paragraph (b); and
  - (iii) such other matters (if any) as the Commissioner thinks fit,
 it would be fair and reasonable to refund the relevant amount to the applicant,

the Commissioner shall refund the relevant amount to the applicant.

'(2) No person is entitled to a credit under section 221YHF in respect of an amount refunded under sub-section (1) of this section.'

**Credits in respect of deductions from prescribed payments**

"24F. (1) Section 221YHF of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (3) the following paragraph:

'; (d) where there is no net income of the trust estate of the year of income, the trustee is entitled to a credit of an amount equal to the sum of the deductions.'

"(2) The amendment made by sub-section (1) has effect in respect of deduction forms received by the Commissioner before or after the commencement of this section.

**Application of credits**

"24G. Section 221YHG of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (2) 'neither sub-section (3) nor (4) applies' and substituting 'none of sub-sections (3), (4) and (4A) applies';
- (b) by inserting after sub-section (4) the following sub-section:

'(4A) Where the trustee of a trust estate is entitled to a credit under paragraph 221YHF (3) (d) in relation to deductions made in a year of income from prescribed payments made to the trustee, the Commissioner shall—

- (a) if the amount of the credit does not exceed the amount of any tax payable by the trustee under section 99 or 99A in respect of the net income or a part of the net income of the trust estate of any other year of income—apply the amount of the credit in payment or part payment of that tax; and
- (b) if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of any tax payable by the trustee under section 99 or 99A in respect of the net income or a part of the net income of the trust estate of any other year of income—apply so much of the amount of the credit as does not exceed that tax in payment of that tax.'; and
- (c) by omitting from sub-section (5) '(3) or (4)' and substituting '(3), (4) or (4A)'.

**Failure to pay amounts deducted to Commissioner**

"24H. Section 221YHJ of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1) 'or sub-paragraph 221YHD (1D) (c) (i)' before 'remains'.

**Failure to furnish deduction form, &c.**

"24J. Section 221YHK of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (1) (a) all the words from and including 'or sub-sub-paragraph 221YHD (1) (b) (v) (B)' to the end of the paragraph and substituting ' sub-sub-paragraph 221YHD (1) (b) (v) (B) or paragraph 221YHD (1E) (g) or 221YHD (1F) (f) (including that sub-paragraph, sub-sub-paragraph or paragraph, as the case may be, as varied under sub-section 221YHD (2)), in relation to the prescribed payment; and'.

**Deduction variation certificates**

"24K. Section 221YHP of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1) 'year of income or a part of a year of income' and substituting 'period specified in the certificate, being a period ending not later than—
  - (a) if the period is to commence in any of the first 4 months of a year of income—the end of the corresponding month of the next succeeding year of income; and
  - (b) in any other case—the end of the fourth month of the year of income next succeeding the year of income in which the period is to commence'; and
- (b) by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following sub-section:
  - '(2) The Commissioner shall not issue a deduction variation certificate to a person in relation to a period unless the Commissioner is satisfied that, because special circumstances exist in relation to the person in relation to the period—
    - (a) the amount otherwise to be deducted, under regulations for the purposes of sub-paragraph 221YHD (5) (a) (i), from prescribed payments to the person should be reduced; or
    - (b) no amount should be deducted under those regulations from prescribed payments to the person.'

**Deduction exemption certificates**

"24L. (1) Section 221YHQ of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (2) all the words from and including 'the Commissioner is satisfied' to and including 'the certificate, if issued, will relate or';
- (b) by inserting in paragraph (2) (b) and sub-paragraphs (2) (c) (iii) and (2) (d) (iii) ', to the best of his knowledge and belief based on that examination,' after 'satisfied himself that';
- (c) by omitting paragraph (3) (a);
- (d) by omitting sub-paragraph (9) (a) (i) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
  - '(i) the payment is to be made during a period that the payee, in the deduction form, has declared to be a period during which there is in force a deduction exemption certificate that has been issued to the payee and has not been revoked;'; and
- (e) by omitting sub-paragraph (9) (b) (i) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
  - '(i) the payment is to be made during a period that the payee, in the deduction form, has declared to be a period during which there is in force a deduction exemption certificate that has been issued to the payee and has not been revoked; and'.

"(2) The amendments made by sub-section (1) do not affect the validity of deduction exemption certificates issued before the commencement of this section.

**Reporting exemptions**

“24M. (1) Section 221YHR of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1) ‘, being a deduction exemption certificate issued by virtue of the conditions specified in paragraphs 221YHQ (2) (a) to (e) (inclusive) being satisfied or by virtue of sub-section 221YHQ (4),’.

“(2) The amendment made by sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to deduction exemption certificates issued before the commencement of this section.”.

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 11 **INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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 Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1984 [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.

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Ruddock moved the following amendment: Clause 3, pages 1 to 3, omit “1 July 1977” (wherever occurring), substitute “7 December 1983”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 51, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 1, government business, moved—
- (1) That, in accordance with section 54 of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority shall be as follows:
- (a) That the committee consist of 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the

Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Leader of the National Party, the Deputy Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (b) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
  - (c) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
  - (d) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chairman, or the deputy chairman when acting as chairman, have a casting vote.
  - (e) That 5 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
  - (f) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to inquire into.
  - (g) That the committee appoint a chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of the chairman at the meeting.
  - (h) That the quorum of a sub-committee be a majority of the members of that sub-committee.
  - (i) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may participate in the proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
  - (j) That the committee, or any sub-committee, have power to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (k) That the committee, or any sub-committee, have power to move from place to place.
  - (l) That a sub-committee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate or of the House of Representatives.
  - (m) That a sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
  - (n) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
  - (o) That, in carrying out its duties the committee, or any sub-committee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
  - (p) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 1.33 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 October 1984:

- Australian Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 252.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 54—Staff Superannuation Amendment 1984.
- Companies Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 246.
- Companies (Acquisition of Shares) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 244.
- Companies (Acquisition of Shares—Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 243.
- Companies (Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 245.
- Defence Act—Determinations—1984—
  - No. 41—Representation Allowance.
  - No. 44—In Port Allowance and Settling In and Settling Out Allowance.
- Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 236, 237, 238, 239.
- Designs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 256.
- Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 249.
- Federal Court of Australia Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 258.
- Fisheries Act—
  - Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 233.
  - Notices, Nos. 124, 126.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 13 September 1984.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
- Life Insurance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 248.
- Maternity Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 235.
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 251.
- National Gallery Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 250.
- National Health Act—Report on the operations of the registered medical benefits and hospital benefits organizations, for year 1982-83—Corrigendum to paper presented on 31 May 1984.
- Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 254.
- Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal (Staff)—1984—Amendment No. 2.
- Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—
  - Advance Australia Logo Protection Act 1984*—Provisions not yet in force—1 October 1984.
  - Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Amendment Act 1984*—Provisions other than sections 1 and 2—6 July 1984.
  - Commonwealth Banks Amendment Act 1984*—29 June 1984.
  - Commonwealth Schools Commission Amendment Act 1984*—1 July 1984.
  - Judiciary Amendment Act (No. 2) 1984*—Section 7—1 July 1984.
  - Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*—
    - Part II and sections 31 and 33—20 July 1984.
    - Parts III, IV and V—1 September 1984.
  - National Crime Authority Act 1984*—1 July 1984.
  - Public Service Acts Amendment Act 1982*—
    - Section 95—30 June 1984.
    - Sections 78, 79, 85 and 87—30 June 1984.
    - Sub-section 4 (1), sections 15, 19, 20, 23 and 24, sub-section 25 (2), sections 26, 29, 31, 32 and 33, sub-section 34 (2), and sections 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 60, 61, 62, 70 and 73—1 July 1984.
  - Public Service and Statutory Authorities Amendment Act 1980*—
    - Sections 22, 25 and 42 and sub-section 45 (8)—14 June 1984.
    - Sub-sections 5 (1) and (4), sections 14, 15, 23 and 36 and sub-sections 37 (1), (2), (3) and (4)—30 June 1984.

*Public Service Reform Act 1984—*

Sections 10 and 150 and sub-section 152 (1)—20 July 1984.

Sections 12 and 34—2 October 1984.

Sections 26 and 153—1 November 1984.

Sub-sections 5 (1), (2), (3) and (9), sections 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 20, 23, 27 and 51, sub-sections 52 (1) and 57 (1), sections 58, 60, 62 and 78, sub-section 80 (1), sections 81, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93, sub-sections 97 (2) and 99 (1) and (4), sections 101 and 102, sub-sections 109 (3), 110 (1) and 127 (1) and (3), sections 128, 134, 135 and 136, sub-sections 151 (1), (2) and (9) and section 158—1 July 1984.

Sub-sections 5 (7) and 110 (2)—2 July 1984.

Sub-sections 5 (5) and (6), section 19, sub-sections 37 (2) and 53 (2), section 55, sub-sections 57 (2), 80 (2) and 95 (2) and section 155—1 September 1984.

Sub-sections 5 (4) and (8), sections 11, 16, 18, 24, 25, 28, 31 and 36, sub-section 52 (2), sections 82, 83 and 84, sub-sections 95 (3), 96 (1), 97 (3), 99 (2), 104 (1), 126 (1) and 127 (2), section 132, sub-section 137 (1) and sections 143 and 156—1 October 1984.

*Quarantine Amendment Act 1984—*Sections 20, 21 and 22—1 August 1984.

*Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984—*3 September 1984.

*Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1984—*

Amendments of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911*—2 July 1984.

Section 6 and the amendments of the *Student Assistance Act 1973*—1 August 1984.

*Transfer of Prisoners Act 1983—*1 August 1984.

Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 257.

Public Service Act—

Determinations—1984—Nos. 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 234, 247, 253.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Determination listing fees for purposes of Sewerage Rates Ordinance, dated 10 September 1984.

Variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 12 September 1984.

Securities Industry (Fees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 242.

*Social Security and Repatriation Legislation Amendment Act 1984—*Notice by Minister fixing 24 October 1984 as the date on which Part V shall come into operation.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated—

3 September 1984.

12 September 1984.

*States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1982—*Statement of particulars of direction given by Minister under sub-section 16 (2), dated 23 August 1984.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 240, 241.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 48.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 255.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Blanchard, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fry, Mr Hayden, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mr Millar, Mr Newman, Mr O'Keefe, Dr Theophanous and Mr Wilson.

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**D. M. BLAKE**

Clerk of the House of Representatives