

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 101

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 1984

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Blunt, Mr Fife, Mr Hunt, Mr Lusher, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Robinson, Mr Simmons and Mr Snow—from certain citizens praying that 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 Groom—from certain citizens in similar terms.
 - Mr Burr, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton, Mr White and Mr Wilson—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 E. C. Cameron, Mr Chynoweth, Mr McArthur, Mr Macphee and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Drummond, Mr Lusher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Blunt, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Fife and Mr White—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.
 - Mr Blunt, Mr Drummond and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 - Mr Blunt and 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that those laws which automatically increase the price of petrol, following an increase in the consumer price index, be repealed.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 Braithwaite and Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
 - Mr Braithwaite and Mr Fisher—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 MacKellar and Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that the Government initiate policies to ensure continued access of Australians to safe and effective drugs.
 - Mr O'Keefe 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 Wilson and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that residents of rest homes be funded equally to those in other institutions.

Mr Beddall—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken towards pursuing a policy of armed neutrality without aligning with any nuclear armed nation.

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

Mr Blunt—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 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 Burr—from the Brownies and Guides of Devonport, Tas., their leaders and friends praying that action be taken to ensure the survival of the orange-bellied parrot.

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

Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials.

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.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that, when the redeveloped Brisbane Airport becomes operative, no jet aircraft use the crosswind runway and the curfew be maintained from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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

Mr Groom—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the liquid petroleum gas subsidy to Tasmania be increased to compensate for Bass Strait freight charges.

Mr Groom—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the decision not to upgrade Wynyard Airport be reversed.

Mr Groom—from certain residents of the north-west coast of Tasmania praying that Christian FM broadcasters be granted a permanent licence to broadcast in the north-west region of Tasmania.

Mr Simmons—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.

Petitions received.

3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—PRECEDENCE TO NOTICE: Mr Fisher having given a notice of motion relating to the death of 2 climbers in the Australian-New Zealand team's attempt on Mount Everest—

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Fisher moving forthwith the motion of which he has given notice for the next sitting.

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

4 MOUNT EVEREST—DEATH OF CLIMBERS: Mr Fisher moved—That this House—

(1) notes—

(a) that on 5 October 1984, this House praised the outstanding achievements of Australians Tim Macartney-Snape and Greg Mortimer who reached the top of the world's highest mountain, Mt Everest—the first climbers to do so without oxygen, and

- (b) less than a week later, the tragic loss suffered by a combined Australian-New Zealand team in pursuit of the same achievement, and
- (2) extends to the family and friends of Dr William From of Brisbane and Mr Craig Nottle of Melbourne its sincere sympathy, mourns their loss and praises their courage as they dared to meet this great challenge.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 5 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY FINANCE COMMITTEE 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 Macphee who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the provisions of the Bill, the House deplores the failure of the Government to ensure an efficient stevedoring industry and a reliable trading relationship with other countries”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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 Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

- 6 PASSPORTS 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 7 REGISTRATION OF DEATHS ABROAD 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.

On the motion of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being postponed at 12.45 p.m. and called on at a later hour this day.

Question—put and passed.

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

11 October 1984—Message—

No. 298—States Grants (Schools Assistance) 1984.

No. 300—States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Amendment (No. 2) 1984.

- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 1984:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 299

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the grant of financial assistance to the States and the Northern Territory with respect to tertiary education*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11 October 1984

D. McCELLAND
President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 49, sub-clause 31 (3), lines 1 to 5, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

"(3) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1) (a) and (b) and sub-section (2)), 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions under sub-sections 26 (1), 27 (1), 28 (1), 29 (1) or 30 (1) as if in those provisions references to regulations were references to directions, references to a regulation were references to a direction and references to a repeal were a reference to a revocation."

No. 2—Page 54, sub-clause 36 (3), lines 18 to 21, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

"(3) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1) (a) and sub-section (2)), 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions under sub-sections 35 (1) or (3) as if in those provisions references to regulations were references to directions, references to a regulation were references to a direction and references to a repeal were a reference to a revocation."

No. 3—Page 60, sub-clause 42 (3) lines 34 to 37, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

"(3) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1) (a) and (b) and sub-section (2)), 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions under sub-sections 41 (1) or (2) as if in those provisions references to regulations were references to directions, references to a regulation were references to a direction and references to a repeal were a reference to a revocation."

No. 4—Page 64, sub-clause 46 (5), lines 33 to 35, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

"(5) The provisions of sections 48 (other than paragraphs (1) (a) and (b) and sub-section (2)), 49, 49A and 50 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* apply in relation to directions under sub-section 46 (2) as if in those provisions references to regulations were references to directions, references to a regulation were references to a direction and references to a repeal were a reference to a revocation."

On the motion of Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Scholes, the House adopted the report.

- 11 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—ESTABLISHMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the establishment of a National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

- 12 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—
 Question proposed—That grievances be noted.
 Debate ensued.
 It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.
 Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.
- 13 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:
 Taxation—Company activities of the Minister for Finance—Copy of letter from Mr Howard, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, to the Hon. R. J. Hawke, Prime Minister, dated 10 October 1984.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 14 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Aborigines of the Northern Territory—Social impact of uranium mining—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Consolidated report for period October 1978 to June 1984.
 Australian Capital Territory—
 Building and Construction Industry Long Service Leave Board—Report for year 1982-83.
 Surveyors Board—Report for year 1983-84.
 Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for year 1983-84.
 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee—Report for period 25 June to 30 June 1984.
 Australian Public Service—Arrangements for implementation of the new nationality requirement for appointment (including operation of the waiver provision).
 Australia's population trends and prospects 1984—Report, together with statement by Mr West, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.
 British nuclear tests in Australia—A review of operational safety measures of possible after-effects—Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council—
 Report on exposure of Australians to radiation at Maralinga, SA, dated 2 August 1984.
 Response to report of Kerr Committee, dated 13 August 1984.
 Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Report for year 1983-84, including the report on the operation of the *States Grants (Aboriginal Assistance) Act 1976*, together with statement by Mr Holding, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
 Department of Employment and Industrial Relations—Report for year 1983-84, including the report of the National Director of the Commonwealth Employment Service on the operations of the Service, pursuant to the *Commonwealth Employment Service Act 1978*.
 Environmental impact legislation—Statement by Mr Cohen, Minister for Home Affairs and Environment, together with proposed amendments to the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act and its administrative procedures, and Government responses to the following committee reports—
 Environment and Conservation—House of Representatives Standing Committee—
 Reports on—
 Commonwealth Government and the urban environment, May 1978.
 Environment Protection: Adequacy of legislative and administrative arrangements, October 1979.
 National Resources—Senate Standing Committee—Report on development of the bauxite, alumina and aluminium industries, November 1981.

Expenditure—Standing Committee—Report on Lighthouses: Do we keep the keepers?—Government response—Statement by Mr P. F. Morris, Minister for Transport.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—Report for year 1983-84, accompanied by a statement by the Minister pursuant to sub-section 45 (5) of the Act.

International Labour Organisation—International Labour Conference—69th Session, June 1983, together with statement by Mr Willis, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations—

Convention No. 159—Vocational rehabilitation and employment (disabled persons), 1983.

Recommendations—

No. 167—Maintenance of social security rights, 1983.

No. 168—Vocational rehabilitation and employment (disabled persons), 1983.

Private hospital categorisation arrangements—Review—Report of task force.

Road Safety—Standing Committee—Interim report on motorcycle and bicycle helmet safety—Government response—Statement by Mr P. F. Morris, Minister for Transport.

15 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION—ESTABLISHMENT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Macphee, by leave, made a statement relating to the ministerial statement made earlier this day on the establishment of a National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

16 PUBLIC HOSPITALS—RIGHTS OF PRIVATE PRACTICE—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:

Public hospitals—Rights of private practice—Final report of committee of inquiry, dated 20 September 1984.

Dr Blewett, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:

Public hospitals—Rights of private practice—Final report of committee of inquiry—Ministerial statement, 11 October 1984.

Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

17 DEFENCE PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Australia's defence program, and presented the following paper:

Defence program—Ministerial statement, 11 October 1984.

Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Scholes, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the House take note of the paper—put and passed.

18 PAPER: The following paper was presented:

Defence capital investment projects—New and ongoing major capital projects—Summary by the Department of Defence, dated 10 October 1984.

19 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS—REVIEWS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr West (Minister for

Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the recommendations of the committee of review into, and Council of, the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs, and presented the following paper:

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—Reviews—Government response—Ministerial statement, 11 October 1984.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 20 NATIONAL ROAD FREIGHT INDUSTRY—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the committee of inquiry into the national road freight industry, and presented the following paper:

National road freight industry—Report of committee of inquiry—Government response—Ministerial statement, 11 October 1984.

Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

10 October 1984—Message No. 199—

Income Tax (Rates) Amendment 1984.

Income Tax (Individuals) 1984.

Income Tax (Companies, Corporate Unit Trusts and Superannuation Funds) 1984.

Medicare Levy 1984.

Bank Account Debits Tax Administration Amendment 1984.

Bank Account Debits Tax Amendment 1984.

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

11 October 1984—Message—

No. 302—Aliens Act Repeal 1984.

No. 303—Automotive Industry Authority 1984.

- 23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT BILL 1984: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Mr Speaker,

Message No. 301

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Citizenship Act 1948', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 11 October 1984

D. McCLELLAND
President

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Pages 12 and 13, clause 12, line 16 (page 12) to line 22 (page 13), leave out the clause.

No. 2—Page 13, after clause 12, insert the following new clause:

“12A. Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended—

- (a) by omitting from paragraph 1 (b) ‘sub-section (2) of section 14’ and substituting ‘sub-section 13 (2)’;
- (b) by omitting from sub-section (3) ‘sub-section (8) of section 14’ and substituting ‘sub-section 13 (9)’;
- (c) by omitting from sub-section (3) ‘paragraph (d) of that sub-section’ and substituting ‘sub-paragraph 13 (9) (d) (ii)’; and
- (d) by omitting from sub-section (4) ‘sub-section (9) of section 14’ and substituting ‘sub-section 13 (10)’.”

No. 3—Page 18, clause 27, lines 24 to 27, leave out the clause.

No. 4—Page 19, paragraphs 31 (c) and (d), lines 33 to 35, leave out the paragraphs.

No. 5—Pages 21 and 22, paragraphs 37 (1) (a), (c) and (d), lines 39 (page 21) to line 2 (page 22) and lines 4 to 7 (page 22), leave out the paragraphs.

No. 6—Page 22, sub-clause 37 (2), lines 11 to 17, leave out the sub-clause.

No. 7—Page 22, clause 38, lines 18 to 20, leave out the clause.

No. 8—Page 22, clause 40, line 24, leave out “Schedule 2”, insert “the Schedule”.

No. 9—Page 25, Schedule 1, leave out the Schedule.

No. 10—Page 25, Schedule 2, leave out “SCHEDULE 2”, insert “SCHEDULE”.

Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr Cadman rising to address the committee—

Closure: Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Moore
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Porter
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Rocher
Mr Cadman	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fisher*	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr Connolly	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr White

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendments be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Keogh reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr West, the House adopted the report.

- 24 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES:** 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 failure to address the fundamental economic and social challenges facing Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 25 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Cross presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Australian Defence Force: Its structure and capabilities—Report, dated October 1984, incorporating 2 dissenting reports, together with a copy of the minutes of proceedings, the transcript of evidence and submissions authorised for publication.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Cross, Mr Shipton and Mr Morrison, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 26 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT (UNFINISHED INQUIRY)—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Charles presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Report, dated October 1984, that the committee had been unable to complete its inquiry into disarmament and arms control, together with a copy of the minutes of proceedings and the transcript of evidence.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Charles, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 27 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT (UNFINISHED INQUIRY)—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Morrison (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Report, dated October 1984, that the committee had been unable to complete its inquiry into the Jackson Report on overseas aid, together with a copy of the minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Morrison and Mr Shipton, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 28 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 305, dated 11 October 1984, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the appointment of the following Senators to the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority, viz.: Senators Crowley, Georges, Haines, Hill and Missen.
- 29 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Standing Committee of Members' Interests:
 Mr Kent, Mr Lindsay, Mr Maher and Mr Simmons had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr Ruddock and Mr Tuckey had been nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and Mr Robinson had been nominated by the National Party Whip.
- 30 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—10TH REPORT:** Dr Theophanous (Chairman) presented the 10th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

10TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—

Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Administrative Review Council—The Structure and Form of Social Security Appeals—Report to the Attorney-General, dated 12 April 1984 (No. 21).

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Report on Responsibilities and Resources of Australian Local Government (Report 7), dated February 1984.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Australian Citizenship Act—Return, for year 1982-83.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1983-84.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report on Government Purchasing and Offsets Policies in Industrial Innovation, dated 17 August 1984.

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee—Televising and Radio Broadcasting of Both Houses of Parliament—Radio Broadcasting of Both Houses of Parliament—Report that the Committee has been unable to complete its Inquiry.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Annual Reports, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1983-84.

Commonwealth Fire Board—Annual Report (25th), for year 1983-84.

Commonwealth Schools Commission—Recommendations for 1985, dated August 1984.

- Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Report for 1985: Response to Government Guidelines, dated September 1984.
- Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act—Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1985-87 Triennium, dated September 1984—
Volume 2 Part 1—Recommendations on Grants.
Volume 2 Part 2—Advice of the Universities Council, Advanced Education Council and Technical and Further Education Council.
- Defence Report, for year 1983-84.
- Department of Finance—Report for year 1983-84.
- Department of Housing and Construction—Report for year 1983-84, including the Report for year 1983-84 by the Secretary, pursuant to the Homes Savings Grant Act, the Home Deposit Assistance Act and First Home Owners Act.
- Department of Science and Technology—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Department of the Treasury—Annual Report (6th), for year 1983-84.
- Expenditure—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Invalidity provisions of the Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Information paper, dated 5 October 1984.
- Export market Development Grants Act and Export Expansion Grants Act—Export Development Grants Board—Annual Report (9th), for year 1983-84.
- Film Censorship Board—Report on Activities 1983.
- Independent Air Fares Committee Act—Independent Air Fares Committee—3rd Annual Report, for year 1983-84.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Report on Injection Moulding Machines and Parts, dated 28 February 1984 (No. 342).
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Temporary Assistance Authority—Annual Report, for year 1983-84.
- Institute of Freshwater Studies—Interim Council—Report on Proposal to establish an Institute of Freshwater Studies, dated 31 August 1984.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report (No. 24)—Foreign State Immunity.
- Marine Sciences and Technologies Grants Scheme and Queen's Fellowships Scheme—Queen's Fellowships and Marine Research Allocations Advisory Committee—Report of Grants approved and Fellowships awarded for year 1983-84.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Annual Report (61st), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1983-84.
- National Road Freight Industry Inquiry—Report of Inquiry to Minister for Transport, dated 10 September 1984.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ended 31 March 1984.
- Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Papua New Guinea Superannuation Scheme and Certain Other Schemes—Annual Report by the Commissioner for Superannuation on the General Administration and Operation of the Schemes, for year 1983-84.
- Prices Surveillance Act—Prices Surveillance Authority—Annual Report (1st), for period 19 March 1984 to 30 June 1984.
- Program Presentation of Appropriations and Outlays—Departmental Estimates 1984-85—Information Document by the Minister for Finance, the Hon. J. S. Dawkins, M.P., dated September 1984.

- Public Service Act—Department of the House of Representatives—Report for year 1983-84.
- Public Service Act—Department of the Senate and the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing—Annual Reports, for year 1983-84.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1983-84.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Commission—Annual Report, for year 1983-84.
- Repatriation Act—Repatriation Review Tribunal—Annual Report, for year 1983-84.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Annual Report (14th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1983-84.
- Special Prosecutors Act—Special Prosecutor—R. V. Gyles, Q.C.—Annual Report for year 1983-84.
- Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1983-84.
- Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Annual Report (10th), for year 1983-84.

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- Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and Business Outlook for year 1984-85.
- National Health Act—Annual Report 1982-83 on Operations of the Registered Medical Benefits and Hospital Benefits Organizations.

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Dr Theophanous, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 31 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Baldwin, Mr Brumby, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hall and Mr McGauran be members of the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority.
Question—put and passed.
- 32 **RAAF BASE, DARWIN—ON-BASE HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Improvements to on-base housing, RAAF Base, Darwin.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 33 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
11 October 1984—Message No. 304—Industries Assistance Commission Amendment 1984.
- 34 **DISCLOSURE OF EVIDENCE AND DOCUMENTS OF JOINT COMMITTEES—SENATE'S RESOLUTION:** The order of the day having been read for the consideration of Message No. 265 from the Senate transmitting a resolution agreed to by the Senate relating to the disclosure of certain evidence and documents of joint committees—
Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—
(1) That, unless otherwise ordered, the House authorises Mr Speaker to permit any person to examine and copy evidence submitted to, or documents of committees, which are in the custody of the House, which have not already been published by

the House or its committees, and which have been in the custody of the House for at least 10 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 House for at least 30 years, and, in the opinion of Mr Speaker, it is appropriate that such evidence or documents be disclosed:

Provided further that Mr Speaker report to the House 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 House of Representatives, having considered Message No. 265 of the Senate, agrees 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) of the message.
- (3) That the foregoing resolutions have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 35 **FEDERATED SHIP PAINTERS AND DOCKERS' UNION—ROYAL COMMISSION—DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the House authorises Mr Speaker, notwithstanding the dissolution of the House, to provide a copy to all Members of the House of Representatives of the 33rd Parliament of the final report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union in the form in which that report is received by him from the Prime Minister.

Debate ensued.

Statement by Mr Speaker and paper: Mr Speaker made a statement relating to privilege aspects of the distribution of the royal commission report, and presented the following paper:

Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union—Royal Commission—Distribution of report—Copy of letter from Senator Evans, Attorney-General, to the Hon. Dr H. A. Jenkins, Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 11 October 1984.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

- 36 **RETIREMENT OF MR J. W. ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER, DEPARTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING STAFF:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the pending retirement of Mr J. W. Roberts, Principal Parliamentary Reporter, Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, paid tribute to his valued service to the Parliament and wished him a healthy and happy retirement.

Mr Young (Leader of the House), Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) associated themselves with the remarks of Mr Speaker.

- 37 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker or, in the event of Mr Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Member by telegram or letter.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 38 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.20 p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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

Defence Act—Determinations—1984—

No. 50—Recreation Leave, Leave for Members Under Training, Recreation Leave Bonus.

No. 51—Operation Algum Allowance.

No. 52—Separation Allowance and other Allowances.

No. 53—Recreation Leave.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Coleman, Dr Everingham, Mr Fry, Mr Groom, Mr Hodgman, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mr Newman and Mr Spender.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives

APPENDIX 1

Messages from the Senate

Messages from the Senate returning the following Bills without requests were received after the adjournment of the House on 11 October 1984:

16 October 1984—

- No. 306—Electoral and Referendum Amendment 1984
- No. 307—Christmas Island Administration (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1984
- No. 308—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 309—Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 310—Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Amendment 1984 (*without requests*)

17 October 1984—

- No. 311—Social Security and Repatriation Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1984
- No. 312—Health Legislation Amendment 1984
- No. 313—Australian Federal Police Amendment 1984
- No. 314—Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1984
- No. 315—International Development Association (Further Payment) 1984
- No. 316—States (Works and Housing) Assistance 1984
- No. 317—Housing Assistance 1984

18 October 1984—

- No. 318—Wheat Marketing 1984
- No. 319—Wheat Marketing Amendment 1984
- No. 320—Wheat Tax (Permit) 1984
- No. 321—Wheat Tax (Permit) Collection 1984
- No. 322—Wheat Research Amendment 1984
- No. 323—Wheat Tax Amendment 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 324—Dried Vine Fruits Equalization Amendment 1984
- No. 325—Canned Fruits Marketing Amendment 1984
- No. 326—Canned Fruits Levy Amendment 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 327—Canned Fruits Levy Collection Amendment 1984
- No. 328—Fisheries Licences Levy 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 329—Fishing Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1984
- No. 330—Meat Export Charge 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 331—Meat Export Charge Collection 1984
- No. 332—Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 333—Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Amendment 1984
- No. 334—Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1984 (*without requests*)
- No. 335—Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Amendment 1984
- No. 336—Egg Export Legislation Repeal 1984
- No. 337—Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Validation 1984

19 October 1984—

- No. 338—Biological Control 1984
- No. 339—Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment 1984
- No. 340—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Amendment 1984
- No. 341—Broadcasting and Television Amendment 1984

24 October 1984—

- No. 342—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1984–85
- No. 343—Appropriation (No. 1) 1984–85 (*without requests*)
- No. 344—Appropriation (No. 2) 1984–85
- No. 345—Defence Legislation Amendment 1984
- No. 346—Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) 1984
- No. 347—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment 1984
- No. 348—Bass Strait Sea Passenger Service Amendment 1984
- No. 349—Passports Amendment 1984
- No. 350—Registration of Deaths Abroad 1984
- No. 351—Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) Amendment 1984
- No. 352—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (Income Equalization Deposits) 1984
- No. 353—Income Equalization Deposits (Interest Adjustment) 1984

APPENDIX 2

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General

ASSENT TO BILLS

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General intimating that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills, were received after the adjournment of the House on 11 October 1984:

15 October 1984—

- No. 200—Judicial and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) 1984
National Crime Authority (Status and Rights of Chairman) 1984

16 October 1984—

- No. 201—Automotive Industry Authority 1984

17 October 1984—

- No. 202—Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (No. 2) 1984
- No. 203—Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 5) 1984
- No. 204—Air Navigation (Charges) Amendment 1984
Air Navigation Amendment (No. 2) 1984
Qantas Airways Limited (Loan Guarantee) 1984
- No. 205—Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Amendment 1984
Bounty (Tractor Cabs) Amendment 1984
Bounty (Electric Motors) 1984
Bounty (Computers) 1984
Automatic Data Processing Equipment Bounty Amendment (No. 2)
1984

18 October 1984—

- No. 206—Australian Federal Police Amendment 1984
- No. 207—Industries Assistance Commission Amendment 1984
Aliens Act Repeal 1984
Christmas Island Administration (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1984
- No. 208—Petroleum Retail Marketing Sites Amendment 1984

19 October 1984—

- No. 209—Taxation Laws Amendment 1984
Income Tax Assessment Amendment (No. 4) 1984
Income Tax (International Agreements) Amendment 1984

25 October 1984—

- No. 210—States Grants (Schools Assistance) 1984
States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) 1984
States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) (No. 2)
1984
- No. 211—Australian Citizenship Amendment 1984
- No. 212—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1984
Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1984
Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Amendment 1984

- No. 213—Electoral and Referendum 1984
 Social Security and Repatriation Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1984
 Health Legislation Amendment 1984
 Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1984
 International Development Association (Further Payment) 1984
 Housing Assistance 1984
 Biological Control 1984
 Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Amendment 1984
- No. 214—Wheat Marketing 1984
 Wheat Marketing Amendment 1984
 Wheat Tax (Permit) 1984
 Wheat Tax (Permit) Collection 1984
 Wheat Research Amendment 1984
 Wheat Tax Amendment 1984
 Dried Vine Fruits Equalization Amendment 1984
 Canned Fruits Marketing Amendment 1984
 Canned Fruits Levy Amendment 1984
 Canned Fruits Levy Collection Amendment 1984
 Fisheries Licences Levy 1984
 Fishing Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1984
 Meat Export Charge 1984
 Meat Export Charge Collection 1984
 Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1984
 Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Amendment 1984
 Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Amendment 1984
 Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Amendment 1984
 Egg Export Legislation Repeal 1984
 Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Validation 1984
- No. 215—States (Works and Housing) Assistance 1984
 Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment 1984
 Broadcasting and Television Amendment 1984
- No. 216—Defence Legislation Amendment 1984
 Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) 1984
 Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment 1984
 Bass Strait Sea Passenger Service Agreement 1984
 Passports Amendment 1984
 Registration of Deaths Abroad 1984
- No. 217—Appropriation (No. 1) 1984–85
 Appropriation (No. 2) 1984–85
 Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1984–85
- 26 October 1984—*
- No. 218—Loan (Income Equalization Deposits) Amendment 1984
 Income Tax Assessment Amendment (Income Equalization Deposits)
 1984
 Income Equalization Deposits (Interest Adjustment) 1984