

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 10

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 1985

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 **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), viz.*—That the following words be added to the Address:

“; but the House is of the opinion that the Government's program outlined in the Speech fails to address critical problems facing Australia in that—

- (1) it fails to reassure the Australian people that the country's defence arrangements within the Western Alliance will be preserved and strengthened following—
 - (a) the Prime Minister's capitulation to internal party pressures on the issue of Australia providing logistical assistance to the US for its testing of the MX missile, and
 - (b) increasing uncertainty as to the future of the ANZUS Treaty fuelled by members of the Labor Government, including a Cabinet Minister;
- (2) it contains no coherent economic strategy at a time when recovery is threatened by—
 - (a) record government taxation and spending;
 - (b) continuing pressure within the Government for new taxes on assets;
 - (c) growing demands for higher wages and other extra cost burdens on industry;
 - (d) the level of public debt repayments, and
 - (e) loss of value of the currency reflecting world concern about Australia's competitiveness and government instability, and
- (3) it endorses a rigid, centralised wage determining structure which imposes the same cost burdens on commerce and industry regardless of ability to pay”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Blanchard addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
 Australian Capital Territory Architects Board—Report for year 1983-84.
- 5 **ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INTER-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Commonwealth-State Relations) presented the following paper:
 Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—8th Annual Report, for year ended 31 August 1984.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **REMUNERATION AND ACADEMIC SALARIES TRIBUNALS—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:
 Remuneration Tribunals Act—
 Academic Salaries Tribunal—Report for year 1983-84.
 Remuneration Tribunal—Report for year 1983-84.
 Mr Bowen (Acting Prime Minister) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 **OVERSEAS STUDENT POLICY REVIEW—STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented the following paper:
 Overseas student policy review—Statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
 Morgan John Ryan—No bill applications—Minute, dated 14 February 1984, from B. H. Leader, Senior Assistant Secretary, Civil, Attorney-General's Department, to Attorney-General.
- 9 **KILLINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the deaths of 17 people in violent clashes between South African police and black demonstrators and proposed Government action in response to the tragedy.
 Mr Macphee, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 10 **NORTHERN TERRITORY—COMMENTS BY MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement concerning remarks made by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the House on 21 March 1985.
Paper: Mr Everingham, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Central Australian development—Copy of letter, dated 14 September 1947, from Mr W. H. Liddle to Mr Lucas, Department of Works and Housing, Darwin.
 Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 11 **PETITIONS:** The Acting Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens in similar terms.

- Mr Drummond and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Baldwin—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 D. M. Cameron—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—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—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that young Australians who have undertaken employment while at school be eligible for Tertiary Education Assistance allowances.
- Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that the export of koalas be discontinued, their habitats be revegetated and funding be made available for research into koala diseases.
- Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that any attempt to re-introduce tertiary fees be rejected.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that certain allowances and privileges granted to de facto spouses of Parliamentarians and to homosexual partners of ABC employees be withdrawn and that the position of the traditional family unit be consolidated.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the Government support the stand taken by the New Zealand Government on nuclear vessels and that the policy of developing zones of peace and nuclear free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be implemented.
- Mr Wilson—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the slaughter of brumbies in North Queensland be stopped or that it be carried out in a humane manner.

Petitions received.

- 12 **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—SELECT COMMITTEE:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Select Committee on Aboriginal Education:
- Mr Blanchard, Mr Campbell, Mr Gayler, Mr Hand and Mr Price had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr Everingham and Mr Shipton had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr I. M. D. Cameron had been nominated by the National Party Whip.
- 13 **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES COUNCIL:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act 1964*, this House appoints Mr Gayler and Mr Shipton to be members of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and to continue as members until the dissolution of the 34th Parliament.
- Question—put and passed.
- 14 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
- 21 March 1985—Message—
- No. 15—Trust Recoupment Tax 1985 (*without requests*).
- No. 16—Trust Recoupment Tax (Consequential Amendments) 1985.
- 22 March 1985—Message No. 17—Honey Levy Legislation Amendment 1985.

15 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TRUST RECOUPMENT TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1985:

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 14

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to the assessment and collection of a tax in respect of income of certain trusts*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 21 March 1985

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ORGANISED CRIME—NSW

POLICE TAPES: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr N. A. Brown had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Government to take effective action against organised crime in the light of matters arising from the New South Wales police tapes".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr N. A. Brown addressing the House—

Adjournment negated: It being 3.45 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

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

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 4.30 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 March 1985:

Australian Antarctic Territory Act—Ordinance—1985—No. 1—Migratory Birds (Amendment).

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 27.

Customs Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 26.

Heard Island and McDonald Islands Act—Ordinance—1985—No. 1—Migratory Birds (Amendment).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1985—No. 7 (Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mrs Darling, Mr Dawkins, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hawke, Mr Hollis, Mr Hunt, Mr McGauran, Mr Moore and Mr Wilson.

A. R. BROWNING
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives