

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

TUESDAY, 7 MAY 1985

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
- 2 **ABSENCE OF MR SPEAKER:** The Clerk having informed the House that Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees (Mrs Child) took the Chair as Acting Speaker, and read Prayers.
- 3 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE SIR PERCY SPENDER):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Sir Percy Spender, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honourable Sir Percy Claude Spender, KCVO, KBE, QC, a former Minister and Member for the Division of Warringah, who died on 3 May 1985, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his wife and family.
And Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
- 4 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE R. W. HOLT):** The Acting Speaker informed the House of the death, on 1 May 1985, of the Honourable Robert Wilfred Holt, a Member of this House for the Division of Darebin from 1955 to 1958.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 5 **DEATH OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW ZEALAND (SIR BASIL ARTHUR):** The Acting Speaker informed the House of the death, on 1 May 1985, of Sir Basil Arthur, Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Zealand, and that Mr Speaker had sent a message of sympathy to Lady Arthur.
- 6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Senator Evans (Minister for Resources and Energy) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs and would be represented in this House by Mr Bowen (Attorney-General).
- 7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 8 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—
120th (special) meeting, Canberra, 27 September 1984.
121st meeting, Melbourne, 11 February 1985.
Australian Capital Territory—
House of Assembly (Second Assembly)—Business of the Assembly 1984.

Schools Authority—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Australian Environment Council—Summary record of proceedings—16th meeting, Mount Cook National Park, New Zealand, 4 July 1984.

Nature Conservation Ministers—Council—Summary record of proceedings—13th meeting, Mount Cook, New Zealand, 5 July 1984.

Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

9 NATIONAL COMMON POLICE SERVICES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:

National common police services—Report of Australian Police Ministers' Council for year 1983-84.

Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) 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.

10 AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 October 1983 to 30 September 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.

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

Mr Charles, Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

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

Mr Cadman and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.

Mr Cross and Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that the Government reconsider its legislation relating to increased visa charges for overseas students and that certain other action be taken in support of overseas students.

Mr Gayler and Mr West—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

Mr Brumby—from certain citizens praying that Ethiopia be urged to cease firing on refugees and to co-operate in delivering aid, Sudan be urged to reopen its border and Australia allocate aid to the region.

Mr Cadman—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 Cowan—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 Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre.

Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the British presence and early influence in the development of Australia be sufficiently recognised in the proposed Museum of Australia.

Mr Hawke—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be reaffirmed.

Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that sales tax be replaced by a broad-based consumption tax with a uniform ad valorem rate.

Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.

Mr Kent—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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that young Australians who have undertaken employment while at school be eligible for Tertiary Education Assistance allowances.

Mr Lindsay—from certain citizens praying that a national park be set aside for wild horses and action be taken to ensure that killing of feral animals be undertaken in a humane manner.

Mr Maher—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 Millar—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Porter—from certain residents of South Australia praying that commercial television reception in Pinnaroo, SA, and adjacent areas be upgraded.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Post agency at Joondanna, WA, continue to operate.

Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying for Commonwealth and State co-operation and financial commitment in making certain aircraft available for fighting bushfires in New South Wales.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Uren—from certain citizens praying that no change be made to the funding of local government without the consent of representatives of local government.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that funding be provided to enable Mr Ivan Estraube to continue helping the underprivileged in the Illawarra, NSW, community.

Petitions received.

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—UNION DOMINANCE AND THE ECONOMY:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Shack had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The adverse implications for the Australian economy of the trade union dominance of the Hawke Labor Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shack addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 1, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 14 **BANKS (SHAREHOLDINGS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 Keating (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A—ADJOURNMENT ON WEDNESDAYS:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of standing order 48A, as amended by sessional order, be suspended as would prevent (a) Mr Speaker proposing the question—That the House do now adjourn—at 10.15 p.m.; (b) Mr Speaker interrupting the debate at 11 p.m., and (c) a Minister requiring that the debate be extended until 11.10 p.m., on each Wednesday, for the remainder of this period of sittings.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 16 **RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH BILL 1985:** 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 Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the Minister for Primary Industry has failed to consult adequately with a number of rural industries about certain aspects of this legislation, and calls upon him to consult with those industries about their concerns as a matter of urgency”.
- Paper:* Mr Hunt, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Primary industries research—Government and industry contributions in 1984-85.
 Debate continued.
 Amendment negatived.
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 20, dated 18 April 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 17 **RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 21, dated 18 April 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 18 **TOBACCO CHARGE (NO. 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 **TOBACCO CHARGE (NO. 2) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **TOBACCO CHARGE (NO. 3) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 **POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **POULTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

- 24 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1984-85:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), the Bill was read a third time.

- 25 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1984-85:** 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 J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism), the Bill was read a third time.

26 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

7 May 1985—Message No. 31—Supported Accommodation Assistance 1985.

27 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Acting Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 May 1985:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage (Interim Protection) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 40.

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 42.

Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 52.

Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 53.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1985—No. 1—Prescribed Goods (General).

No. 2—Export Meat.

No. 3—Game, Poultry and Rabbit Meat.

No. 4—Dairy Produce.

No. 5—Egg.

No. 6—Grain, Plants and Plant Products.

No. 7—Fish.

Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 62.

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64.

Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 54.

Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 51.

Health Insurance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 50.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 41.

Interim Forces Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 48.

Life Insurance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 44.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—Employment and Industrial Relations—Glenbar, W. L. Territories—

Barker, P. A. R.

Wallace, A. D.

Veterans' Affairs—Ryan, H. L.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1985/2—Managing Director, Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) and part-time holders of public offices.

Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 45.

Repatriation (Far East Strategic Reserve) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 46.

Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 47.

Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 43.

Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 49.

States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984—Statement of particulars of directions given under sub-sections 37 (1) and 41 (2), dated 22 April 1985.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Charlesworth, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodges, Mr Holding, Mr Hurford, Dr Jenkins, Mr Mildren, Mr A. A. Morris, Dr Theophanous and Mr Tickner.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives