

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 22

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 1985

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mrs Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE 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 excessive increases in export inspection charges over the past 2 years have seriously damaged the export competitiveness of Australian agricultural industries in a period of intense world competition against other nations which do not impose these export cost burdens”.  
Debate continued.  
Mr Hawker rising to address the House—  
*Closure:* Mr Humphreys moved—That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.  
And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—was put accordingly, and passed.  
Debate on the motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—continued.  
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.
  - 3 **EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE COLLECTION 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.
  - 4 **EXPORT INSPECTION LEGISLATION (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.  
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.

- 5 **FISHING LEGISLATION 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.  
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.  
 Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved the following amendment: Clause 28, page 16, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:  
**Reconsideration and review of decisions by the Minister or Secretary**  
 "28. Section 16A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1) '9A (1)' (wherever occurring) and substituting '9A (1), 3A'."  
 Debate continued.  
 Amendment negatived.  
 Bill agreed to.  
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.  
 On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 6 **FISHERIES 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.
- 7 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 1 to 17, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 8 **AUSTRALIAN DRIED FRUITS CORPORATION 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.  
 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.
- 9 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 10 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
 Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—Commonwealth Legal Aid Council—Report for year 1983-84.  
 Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for year 1983-84—Corrigendum to paper presented on 17 April 1985.
- 11 **COMPANIES AND SECURITIES LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:  
 Companies and Securities Law Review Committee—Report for period 1 January to 30 June 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.

**12 INFORMAL VOTING 1984—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—REPORTS BY AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:**

Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:

Informal voting 1984—House of Representatives—Australian Electoral Commission—Research reports 1985—

No. 1—Report.

No. 2—Statistics.

Mr Keating (Treasurer) 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.

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

Mr Grace, Mr Humphreys and Mr Jacobi—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

Mr Humphreys, Mr Langmore and Mr Moore—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 Cowan and Mr Hicks—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 Moore and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the “user pays” system of education be rejected and certain other action be taken in relation to post secondary education.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the House of Representatives Expenditure Committee concerning Telecom’s zonal charging policies be implemented.

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

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

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

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

Mr Hicks—from certain citizens praying that measures be taken to reduce the burden of imposed costs and regulation on Australian farmers.

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

Mr Moore—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 Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.

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

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.

Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of an Australian aerospace agency be supported.

Petitions received.

- 14 **SOCIAL SECURITY—RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning reciprocal social security agreements, and the Government's decision to sign a reciprocal agreement with Italy.

Mr Braithwaite, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 15 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised, as a matter of privilege, notice at the Parliament House Post Office of a union ban on all mail despatches to Queensland until 13 May 1985, and referred to the effect of the ban on Members' mail to constituents.

The Acting Speaker stated that she would consider the matter and advise the House of her decision in due course.

- 16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASSETS TEST:** The Acting 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 continuing unjust imposition on Australian families of the Government's punitive assets test".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

*Suspension of standing and sessional orders moved:* Mr Peacock moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent general business notice No. 1 given for Wednesday, 8 May 1985, being called on forthwith and a motion being moved for the second reading of the Bill.

Debate ensued on the motion to suspend the standing and sessional orders.

*Closure:* Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of the standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Mountford, in the Chair)—

AYES, 63

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Everingham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	

## NOES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr A. A. Morris	

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Mr Young moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Mountford, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr A. A. Morris	

## NOES, 58

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Everingham	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	
Mr Coleman	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17 COMPANIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Companies Act 1981*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **COMPANIES (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Companies (Fees) Act 1981*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983* to confer additional functions on the Director, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 21 **COMMONWEALTH BANKS AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959* and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Keating moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 22 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 23 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1985-86—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1985-86:** Message No. 22, dated 8 May 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

(a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1986, for which interim provision is necessary; and

(b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1986.

Mr Young (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1986.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**24 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED EXPENDITURE 1985-86—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1985-86:** Message No. 23, dated 8 May 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, for which interim provision is necessary; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and for other purposes.

Mr Young (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**25 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1985-86—INTERIM PROVISION—SUPPLY (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1985-86:** Message No. 24, dated 8 May 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced—

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986, in relation to—
  - (i) the Department of the Senate;
  - (ii) the Department of the House of Representatives;
  - (iii) the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff;
  - (iv) the Department of the Parliamentary Library, and
  - (v) the Joint House Department,
 for which interim provision is necessary; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986.

Mr Young (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Braithwaite), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**26 WOOL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Industry Act 1972*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Braithwaite), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 27 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent 5 Wool Tax Amendment Bills—

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being moved without delay and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the Bills together, and

(b) the consideration of the Bills in one committee of the whole.

Question—put and passed.

- 28 **WOOL TAX (NOS. 1 TO 5) AMENDMENT BILLS 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following Bills:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 1)* 1964;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 2)* 1964;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 3)* 1964;

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 4)* 1964, and

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Tax Act (No. 5)* 1964.

Bills together read a first time.

Mr Kerin moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Braithwaite), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 29 **STATES AND NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS (RURAL ADJUSTMENT) BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to an Agreement between the Commonwealth and one or more of the States and the Northern Territory in respect of a scheme to provide assistance to persons engaged in rural industries.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Braithwaite), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 30 **SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to reconstitute the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr West moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hodgman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 31 **AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1985:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a Trust Fund for the purposes of the grant of financial assistance for expenditure in relation to land transport, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 32 **AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION (ADDITIONAL CAPITAL) BILL 1985:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the payment of additional capital to the Australian Shipping Commission.



Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 33 **PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER:** The Acting Speaker referred to the matter raised earlier this day by Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) (*see* entry No. 15) and stated that as she understood it, the bans affected all mail to Queensland and that Members were not being subjected to particular action in their capacity as Members. She referred to the general principle that the House should exercise its penal jurisdiction only when satisfied that to do so would be essential in order to provide reasonable protection for the House, its Members and committees from substantial interference with their functions.

The Acting Speaker stated that, in her opinion, the matter did not constitute a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege as would enable it to take precedence over other business.

*Dissent from ruling moved:* Mr Sinclair moved—That the ruling be dissented from. Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie*	Mr Jull	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Dr Watson
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	

NOES, 68

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Klugman	Mr Saunderson
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lamb	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Ms McHugh	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Griffiths	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanus
Mr Cleland	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 34 **BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Levy Act 1984*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hodgman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 35 **BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT TRUST FUND AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Trust Fund Act 1984*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hodgman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 36 **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to broadcasting and television.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 37 **COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to communications.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 38 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That, in accordance with paragraph 8 (1) (d) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1951*, this House refers to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts for investigation and report as necessary from time to time, the proposed acquisition of automatic data processing facilities by any Commonwealth department or authority of the Commonwealth staffed under the *Public Service Act 1922*; notification of intention of which is to be conveyed to the committee by the Minister responsible for the department or authority intending to acquire the facilities.

(2) That this resolution continue in force unless and until amended or rescinded by the Senate or the House of Representatives in this or a subsequent Parliament.

(3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

- 39 **DEVELOPMENT FOR AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD, MELBOURNE—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* and by reason of the urgent nature of the work, it is expedient that the following proposed work be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Development of 14 Chisholm Place, Melbourne, for the Australian Wheat Board.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 40 **AUSTRALIAN DRIED FRUITS CORPORATION 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 41 **DRIED SULTANA PRODUCTION UNDERWRITING 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.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 25, 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.
- 42 **DRIED VINE FRUITS EQUALIZATION 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.  
 The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 2—

Page 2, omit paragraphs 3 (d) and 3 (e).

Page 2, omit paragraphs 4 (d) and 4 (e).

Page 2, omit paragraphs 5 (d) and 5 (e).

Debate continued.

It being 10.15 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negatived:* The question was accordingly 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.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Slipper
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Dr Watson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Robinson	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr A. A. Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Keating	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Maher	Mr West
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Martin	Mr Willis
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mrs Mayer	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Milton	Mr Young

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

43 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Debate extended:* It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.02 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 8 May 1985:

Defence Act—Determination—1985—No. 23—Overseas Rental and Utilities Allowance.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Aviation—Roylance, D. J.

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

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**D. M. BLAKE**

Clerk of the House of Representatives