

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 42

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1985

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Bowen (Deputy Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) and Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), he was acting as Prime Minister and Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) was acting as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
  - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
  - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
    - Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1984.
    - Quality of education in Australia—Report of the Review Committee, dated 30 April 1985, together with statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education, dated 18 June 1985.
  - 5 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie and Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that there be no taxation on illness and no special taxation on those who seek to insure themselves against the cost of private health care.
    - Mr Beale and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
    - Mr Blanchard and 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 I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Conquest—from certain citizens praying that the tax proposals outlined in the Government's White Paper be rejected.
    - Mr Dobie and Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that 1989 be proposed as the International Year for Repairing the Earth and certain other action be taken in support of world peace.
    - Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
    - Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that sufficient funds be allocated to the Australia Council to ensure ongoing funding of State arts councils.
    - Mr Cross—from certain citizens praying that the Special Broadcasting Service be maintained as the funding authority for public ethnic broadcasting until all ethnic broadcasters can propose another solution.
    - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the Queensland Government be called on to adjust rents to rectify the anomaly that exists through the depletion of pensioners' earnings by increased rents.

- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.
- Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying for the continuation of the public inquiry into the legislation relating to video classification.
- Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the concessional price of fuel in rural areas be restored.
- Mr Downer—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the principle that pensioner patients pay no more than their pension for nursing home care be restored and that certain other action be taken in relation to nursing home benefits.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that no amendments which would reduce or eliminate existing benefits to any veteran be introduced.
- Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that efforts for nuclear disarmament be intensified, US military bases on Australian soil be removed and the Pacific and Indian Oceans be kept nuclear free.
- Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the United Nations' World Disarmament Campaign be supported actively and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear disarmament.
- Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that staffing cuts in ACT government schools and TAFE colleges not be implemented.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.
- Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase the burden of capital gains and wealth taxes be rejected.
- Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that no form of broadly based indirect or consumption tax be levied but that gift and death duties and certain other taxes be imposed.
- Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that sales tax be replaced by a broad based consumption tax with a uniform ad valorem rate.
- Mr Nehl—from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that any attempt to introduce additional capital gains taxes, wealth taxes or death duties be opposed and existing taxes in these areas be repealed.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Post agency at Joondanna, WA, continue to operate.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that Wollongong's northern suburbs be included within the Sydney television area.

Petitions received.

- 6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PROPOSED CAPITAL GAINS AND BUSINESS EXPENSE TAXES:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Carlton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The devastating effect on small business and job creation of the Government’s proposed capital gains and business expense taxes”.
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Carlton addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 7 STATES (WORKS AND HOUSING) ASSISTANCE 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.  
*Message from the Administrator:* Message No. 67, dated 23 August 1985, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), the Bill was read a third time.
- 8 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1985:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill now be 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
*Debate extended:* It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.  
Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) required the debate to be extended.  
The debate continuing until 11.08 p.m., Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 September 1985:

- Fisheries Act—Notices Nos. 141A, 148.
  - Quarantine Act—Determination fixing fees pursuant to section 86E, dated 31 July 1985.
  - Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Variations of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 12 September 1985.
  - Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act—Declaration under sub-section 9 (1) deeming to amend Schedules 1 and 2 of the Act, dated 29 July 1985.
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Aldred, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Hawke, Mr Holding, Mr Howard, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jull, Mr Peacock and Mr Rocher.

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