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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1985

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- 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 **RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH BILL 1985—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 10, sub-clause 8 (3), line 9, leave out “paragraphs 7 (1) (d) and (e)”, insert “paragraph 7 (1) (d)”.
- No. 2—Page 10, clause 8, at end of clause, add the following new sub-clause:
 “(4) So far as the Barley Research Trust Fund or the Wheat Research Trust Fund is concerned, the amounts required to be paid into that Research Fund that are referred to in paragraph 7 (1) (e) shall be credited to the various separate accounts kept in accordance with sub-section (2) in the same proportions as funds have been contributed from those various separate accounts for the purposes of making the investments referred to in that paragraph.”
- No. 3—Page 21, sub-clause 22 (1), line 34, after “form,” insert “in accordance with a determination in force under sub-section (6).”
- No. 4—Page 22, sub-clause 22 (2), line 2, after “form,” insert “in accordance with a determination in force under sub-section (6).”
- No. 5—Page 22, clause 22, at end of clause, add the following new sub-clauses:
 “(6) The Minister shall determine, in writing, the form of, and, subject to the other requirements of this section, the matters to be dealt with by, each research and development plan that is required to be prepared in accordance with sub-section (1) or (2) and may, from time to time, vary any determination so made.
 “(7) The Minister—
 (a) shall not make a determination under sub-section (6) or vary any determination so made unless the Minister has consulted with the persons attending a co-ordination meeting convened under section 61 concerning the proposed determination or the proposed variation and has had regard to the views expressed at that meeting in relation to that determination or variation; and
 (b) shall notify, in writing, any determination or variation so made to the Chairperson of each Research Council or State Research Committee as soon as practicable after that determination or variation is made.”
- No. 6—Page 38, sub-clause 44 (1), lines 25 to 27, leave out “such number of further members, not being a number greater than 3, as the Minister determines, in

writing, to be appropriate”, insert “3 further members, or, if the organization, or each organization, that is a relevant industry organization in relation to goods of the kind or kinds in respect of which that Research Council is established requests that a lesser number of further members be appointed, such lesser number of further members as is requested by that organization or by all of those organizations.”.

No. 7—Page 38, sub-clause 44 (2), lines 28 to 34, leave out the sub-clause.

No. 8—Page 40, sub-clause 46 (2), lines 9 to 12, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

“(2) For the purpose of enabling it to nominate a person or persons for appointment to a Research Council, the Selection Committee—

(a) shall invite the nomination of persons for consideration by the Selection Committee—

(i) by advertisements placed in a newspaper that circulates throughout Australia; and

(ii) by notice in writing given to the organization, or each organization, that is a relevant industry organization in relation to goods of the kind or kinds in respect of which that Research Council is established; and

(b) may invite the nomination of persons for consideration by the Selection Committee in any other manner it considers appropriate.”.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

3 RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendments made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Pages 1 and 2, sub-clauses 2 (2), (3), (4) and (5), line 9 (page 1) to line 17 (page 2), leave out the sub-clauses, insert the following sub-clauses:

“(2) An amendment effected by section 11, being an amendment of—

(a) an Act that imposes a levy;

(b) an Act that would, upon the making of regulations referred to in section 5, be a relevant Act in relation to a levy; or

(c) an Act that amends an Act that would, upon the making of such regulations, be a relevant Act in relation to a levy,

shall not take effect until the day that is specified in those regulations to be the day with effect from which that levy is declared to be a prescribed levy or a class of levies in which that levy is included is declared to be a prescribed class of levies.

“(3) A repeal effected by section 12, being a repeal of—

(a) an Act that would, upon the making of the regulations referred to in section 5, be a relevant Act in relation to a levy; or

(b) an Act that amends an Act that would, upon the making of such regulations, be a relevant Act in relation to such a levy,

shall not take effect until the day that is specified in those regulations to be the day with effect from which that levy is declared to be a prescribed levy or a class of levies in which that levy is included is declared to be a prescribed class of levies.”.

No. 2—Page 15, Schedule 2, after the amendments of the *Cotton Research Act 1982*, insert the following amendments:

“Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Act 1972

Sub-section 5 (1) (definition of ‘Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘Council’ means the Dairy Research Council established by sub-section 11 (2) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 13 (2)—

Omit ‘Committee’ (wherever occurring), insert ‘Council’.”.

No. 3—Page 15, Schedule 2, after the amendments of the *Dairying Industry Research and Promotion (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1976* insert the following amendments:

“Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971

Sub-section 4 (1) (definition of ‘the Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘the Council’ means the Dried Fruits Research Council established by sub-section 11 (1) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 6 (3)—

Omit ‘Committee’, insert ‘Council’.

Honey Export Charge Act 1973

Section 4 (definition of ‘Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘Council’ means the Honey Research Council established by sub-section 11 (2) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 7 (3)—

Omit ‘Committee’, insert ‘Council’.

Honey Levy Act (No. 1) 1962

Section 3A (definition of ‘Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘Council’ means the Honey Research Council established by sub-section 11 (2) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 5 (3)—

Omit ‘Committee’, insert ‘Council’.

Honey Levy Act (No. 2) 1962

Section 3A (definition of ‘Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘Council’ means the Honey Research Council established by sub-section 11 (2) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 5 (3)—

Omit ‘Committee’, insert ‘Council’.

Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969

Section 4 (definition of ‘the Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘Council’ means the Chicken Meat Research Council established by sub-section 11 (1) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 7 (2)—

Omit ‘Committee’ (wherever occurring), insert ‘Council’.”.

No. 4—Page 16, Schedule 2, at the end of the Schedule, add the following amendments:

“Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971

Section 4 (definition of ‘Research Committee’)—

Omit the definition, insert the following definition:

“‘Research Council’ means the Pig Research Council established by sub-section 11 (1) of the *Rural Industries Research Act 1985*;’.

Sub-section 6 (2)—

Omit 'Committee' (wherever occurring), insert 'Council'."

No. 5—Page 16, Schedule 3, leave out "*Meat Chicken Research Act 1969*", insert "*Chicken Meat Research Act 1969*".

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 4 **WHEAT TAX 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.

Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Debate 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.

- 5 **GRAIN LEGUMES LEVY 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.

- 6 **GRAIN LEGUMES LEVY 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.

- 7 **SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985—SENATE'S AMENDMENT:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the amendment made by the Senate.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Page 13, clause 8, after proposed new paragraph 52 (b), insert the following new paragraph:

"(c) a report on the operations of any partnership or company in the formation of which the Corporation has joined,".

On the motion of Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 8 **STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) 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 having been resumed by Mr Braithwaite—
 It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 9 **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.
- 10 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised, as a matter of privilege, delays in the production of daily *Hansard*, allegedly caused by a direction of the Government to the Government Printer to give priority to the printing of certain taxation documents.
 Mr Speaker outlined the requirements for a breach of privilege and the definition of contempt.
 Mr Speaker stated that the comments of the Member did not contain grounds on which he could consider that a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege had been established.
- 11 **ABSENCE OF MINISTER:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, in the absence of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) would answer questions without notice on behalf of the Attorney-General.
- 12 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Papers: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:
 Australian Bicentennial Authority—Resignation of Chief Executive—
 Copies of letters from—
 Allen Allen and Hemsley, Solicitors and Notaries, to Mr J. B. Reid, AO, Chairman, Australian Bicentennial Authority, dated 23 August 1985.
 Hon. R. J. L. Hawke, to Mr J. Reid, AO, dated—
 30 August 1985 (unsigned).
 17 September 1985.
 Mr J. B. Reid, to the Hon. R. J. L. Hawke, AC, MP, dated—
 19 August 1985.
 28 August 1985, together with an attachment.
 Copy of memorandum from A. D. Rose, Deputy Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, to the Prime Minister, dated 28 August 1985.
 Copy of memorandum, dated 28 August 1985.
 Record of conversation between Mr Hawke and Mr John Reid on 15 August 1985.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 13 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF PRIME MINISTER:** Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) having delivered to the Clerk a notice of motion of censure of the Prime Minister which he proposed to move at the next sitting and the notice having been reported to the House—
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the motion of censure of the Prime Minister of which he has given notice for the next sitting.
 Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

14 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for his misleading statements and inadequate handling of matters related to the resignation of Dr Armstrong from the Australian Bicentennial Authority.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 59

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

*Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60

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

NOES, 77

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

*Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 15 **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:** The following warrant nominating a Deputy Chairman of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid on the Table by Mr Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate Philip Maxwell Ruddock to act as a Deputy Chairman of Committees when requested to do so by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand on 19 September 1985.

H. A. JENKINS
Speaker

- 16 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:
Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for year 1984-85.
- 17 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—122nd meeting, Darwin, 21 July 1985.
Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—15th meeting, Darwin, 21 July 1985.
National Research Fellowships Advisory Committee—Report on fellowships awarded for 1984 and 1985.
- 18 **REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—1985 REVIEW—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**
Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:
Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1985 Review—
Determinations—
1985/6—Ministers of State.
1985/7—Office Holders of the Parliament.
1985/8—Members of the Parliament.
1985/9—Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.
1985/10—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders and Members of the Parliament.
1985/11—Entitlements of Members of the Parliament.
1985/12—Secretaries of Departments and Holders of Public Offices.
1985/13—Members of Aboriginal Land Councils.
1985/14—Members of the Australian Capital Territory House of Assembly.
1985/15—Members of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly.

Reports—

1985/1—Ministers of State.

1985/2—Judges.

1985/3—President and Members, Inter-State Commission.

Statement.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

19 ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:

Aboriginal employment and training programs—Report of Committee of Review, dated 27 August 1985.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

20 AVIATION INDUSTRY—OUTLOOK—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation) presented the following paper:

Outlook for the aviation industry—Information paper by the Department of Aviation, dated September 1985.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

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

Mr Cadman, Mr Fife, Mr McArthur and Mr Miles—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.

Mr Dobie, Mr Hollis, Mr Sinclair and Mr Tickner—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 J. J. Brown, Mr Carlton, Ms Fatin, Mr Hollis and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Andrew, Mr Porter and Mr Wilson—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.

Mr Carlton, Mr Simmons and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.

Mr Dobie, Mr Fife and Mr Ruddock—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 Andrew and Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that a service tax not be imposed.

Mr Andrew and Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that the concessional price of fuel in rural areas be restored.

Mr Beale and 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 Andrew—from certain citizens praying that proposals for cuts in children's services be reversed.

- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to allow full compensation to all Australians when the Government requires the use of private property.
- 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 Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre.
- Mr Andrew, Mr Fife and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that \$20 million be restored to the ABC's budget for 1985-86 and that certain other steps be taken to ensure that ABC services are maintained.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hollis—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
- Mr Jones—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Australia continue to protest to the South African Government.
- 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 Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that the signal from Adelaide commercial television be boosted to cover a wider area and to regain channels lost by boosted signals from Channel 6 at Ballarat.
- 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 Sharp—from certain citizens praying that a fuel price reduction policy be introduced immediately.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the assets test be reconsidered.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Smith—from certain citizens praying that sales tax be replaced by a broad based consumption tax with a uniform ad valorem rate.
- Mr Tickner—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 Young—from certain citizens praying that cuts to pre-school funding be reversed.

Petitions received.

22 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RURAL AUSTRALIA—EFFECT OF TAX POLICIES: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Cobb had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The devastating effect on rural Australia of the Government's tax policies".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Cobb rising to address the House—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

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

*Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 23 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

Leave granted for a Minister to complete the second reading speech at a later hour this day.

- 24 **REFORM OF THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION SYSTEM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning reform of the Australian taxation system.

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

- 25 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

26 SALES TAX (NOS. 1 TO 4) AMENDMENT BILLS 1985, SALES TAX (NO. 5) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985 AND SALES TAX (NOS. 6 TO 9) AMENDMENT BILLS 1985: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following Bills:

- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930*, and for related purposes;
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930*, and for related purposes, and
- A Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930*, and for related purposes.

Bills together read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

27 SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented a Bill for an Act to amend various laws related to sales tax, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

28 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), for Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), completed the second reading speech on the motion—That the Bill be now read a second time (*see* entry No. 23).

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

29 INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) BILL 1985: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax upon incomes, other than incomes of companies, corporate unit trusts, superannuation funds and certain other trusts.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett 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.

30 INCOME TAX (COMPANIES, CORPORATE UNIT TRUSTS AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 1985: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax upon incomes of companies, corporate unit trusts, superannuation funds and certain other trusts.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett 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.

- 31 **MEDICARE LEVY BILL 1985:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Medicare levy upon certain incomes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett 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 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Tickner presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

237th Report—Finance Minute on 225th Report—Department of Social Security Stratplan—Response—

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

- 33 **PETERMANN ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST (BOUNDARIES) BILL 1985:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the boundaries of the land held by the Petermann Aboriginal Land Trust established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding 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.

- 34 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—4TH REPORT:** Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the 4th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

4TH 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—Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji) Land Claim—Report by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, dated 20 November 1984.

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Annual Report 1983-84.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement of Heads of Expenditure and the amounts charged thereto, pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*, for the year ended 30 June 1985.

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Report 8—Implications of constitutional recognition for Australian local government.

Australia New Zealand Foundation—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84.

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—Annual Report (10th) 1984.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report 1984-85.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report 1984-85.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee—Report 1984-85.

Australian Postal Commission—Service and Business Outlook 1985-86, dated August 1985.

Australian Safeguards Office—Annual Report 1983-84.

- Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and Business Outlook 1985-86, dated August 1985.
- Bankruptcy Act—Report 1983-84.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Remote Commercial Television Services—1st Report, dated June 1985.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report of Council 1984.
- Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Annual Report (5th) 1984.
- Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Annual Report 1984.
- Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report (4th) for period 31 January 1984 to 28 January 1985.
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report 1984-85.
- Department of the Senate—Annual Report 1984-85, pursuant to the Public Service Act, together with Annual Report 1984-85 of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing, pursuant to Resolution of the Senate of 25 March 1982.
- Family Law Act—Family Law (Institute of Family Studies) Regulations—Institute of Family Studies—Annual Report (5th) 1984-85.
- Family Law Council—Creating Children—A Uniform approach to the Law and Practice of Reproduction Technology in Australia—Report, dated July 1985.
- Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
- Castors (Developing Country Preferences), dated 4 July 1985 (No. 367).
 - Ceramic Electric Jug Bodies—Developing Country Preferences, dated 4 March 1985 (No. 359).
 - Electric Lamps—Filament Lamps (Interim Report), dated May 1985 (No. 365).
 - Vinyl Planar Forms (Developing Country Preferences), dated 5 July 1985 (No. 368).
- Inter-State Commission Act—Report 1984-85 on operations of the Commission.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report (No. 26 Interim)—Evidence (2 Vols).
- Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House—Proposed Work in the Parliamentary Zone—Australian National Gallery Administrative Accommodation.
- Maritime College Act—Australian Maritime College—Annual Report of Council (6th) 1984.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Annual Report (62nd) 1984-85.
- National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—Annual Report (11th) 1983-84.
- National Health Act—Operations of Registered Health Insurance Organizations—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Official Establishments Trust—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report on year ended 31 March 1985.
- Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman—Special Report No. 1—The Cotton Case involving the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, dated 2 September 1985.
- Portfolio Program Statements 1985-86.
- Public Service Act—
- Department of the House of Representatives—Report 1984-85.
 - Joint House Department—Annual Report 1984-85.

- Reserve Bank Act—Annual Report 1984-85 of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia.
- River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Services Trust Fund Act—
- Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (38th) 1984 by Trustees.
- Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report (37th) 1984 by Trustees.
- Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report 1984 by Trustees.
- Services Canteen Trust Fund—Annual Report (37th) 1984 by Trustees.
- Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—Annual Report 1984-85.
- Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Annual Report 1984.
- Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Annual Report (11th) 1984-85.
- Use and Effects of Chemical Agents on Australian Personnel in Vietnam—Royal Commission (Commissioner: The Hon. Mr Justice P. Evatt)—Reports, dated 31 July 1985—
- Introduction and Exposure (vol. 1).
- Toxicology and General Health (vol. 2).
- Birth Anomalies (vol. 3).
- Cancer (vol. 4).
- Mental Well-being (vol. 5).
- Mortality, Class Action VVAA and Section 47 (vol. 6).
- Benefits and Treatment (vol. 7).
- Conclusions, Recommendations and Epilogue (vol. 8).
- Exhibits List and Bibliography (vol. 9).
- United Nations—Commission on Human Rights—41st Session, Geneva, 4 February to 15 March 1985—Report of Australian delegation.

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J. M. BRUMBY
Chairman

Mr Brumby, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

- 35 STATES GRANTS (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS) 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.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 69, dated 18 September 1985, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Braithwaite, the following amendment was made, after debate:

Clause 3, page 3, paragraph (2) (d), proposed sub-section 5 (8), definition of “mini-refinery”, omit “238,500 litres of petroleum daily”, substitute “a quantity of petroleum daily which is the prescribed quantity for the purposes of this section”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 36 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Connolly to be a member of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs in place of Mr Everingham.
- 37 **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION—SELECT COMMITTEE:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Opposition Whip had nominated Mr Connolly to be a member of the Select Committee on Aboriginal Education in place of Mr Everingham.
- 38 **COMMONWEALTH OFFICE BUILDINGS USING INSTALMENT PURCHASE PROCEDURES—CONSTRUCTION—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, 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 works be carried out without having been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works: Construction of Commonwealth Office buildings at Parramatta, Fremantle, Wollongong, Dubbo, Rockhampton, Cairns and Mackay using instalment purchase procedures.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 39 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 8 October 1985, at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 September 1985:

- Australian National Railways Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 231.
- Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 232.
- Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 229.
- Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 230.
- Public Service Act—Determinations—1985—Nos. 71, 77.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—1985—
No. 46—World Cup Athletics (Security Arrangements).
No. 47—Seat of Government (Administration) (Amendment).
No. 48—Statistics (Repeal).
No. 49—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 5).
No. 50—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 6).
No. 51—Motor Traffic (Alcohol and Drugs) (Amendment).
Regulations—1985—No. 24 (Bookmakers Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Bowen, Mr Humphreys, Mr Jacobi, Mr Jull and Mr Rocher.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives