

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1985

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That standing order 48A, as amended by sessional order, relating to the adjournment of the House, and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Katter	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Everingham	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	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 Conquest	Mr Hodges	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson	
Mr Downer	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Drummond	Mr Jull	Mr Shack	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 3 SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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 Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 4 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:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bills be now read a second time—  
 Question—put and passed—Bills together read a second time.  
 Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.  
 On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bills were together read a third time.
- 5 SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.
- 6 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 7 PAPER:** The following paper was presented:  
 Prices Surveillance Act—Prices Surveillance Authority—Report for 1984-85.
- 8 COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Kerin (Minister representing the Minister for Education) presented the following papers:  
 Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Report for 1986—Response to Government guidelines, dated 19 September 1985, together with statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education.  
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
 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.
- 9 NATIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR AUSTRALIA—INTERIM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following papers:  
 National conservation strategy for Australia—Final report by Interim Consultative Committee, dated 20 August 1985, together with statement by Mr Cohen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment.  
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
 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.
- 10 RAINFOREST CONSERVATION IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT BY WORKING GROUP—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following papers:  
 Rainforest conservation in Australia—Report by working group, dated 18 September 1985, together with statement by Mr Cohen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment.

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

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.

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

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

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 Beale and Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase the burden of capital gains and wealth taxes be rejected.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that legislation be enacted to allow full compensation to all Australians where the Government requires the use of private property.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre and that certain other action be taken in relation to petrol pricing.

Mr Holding—from certain citizens praying that cuts in pre-school and child care funding be reconsidered.

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 decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.

Mr Maher—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 Snow—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.

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 Smith—from certain ex-service persons of the Division of Bass praying that certain parts of the Veterans' Entitlements Bill 1985 be repealed and that a summit meeting be held with ex-service organisations.

Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

Mr West—from certain electors of the Division of Cunningham praying that Living Music Radio be allocated a new FM frequency and that it reduce its power output.

Petitions received.

12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—POSTAL SERVICE:** The House was informed that Mr Macphee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The

Government's failure to ensure that the public receives a reliable, cheap and efficient postal service".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Macphee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 14 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make various amendments of the statute law of the Commonwealth, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen 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.
- 15 **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen 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.
- 16 **EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence Act 1905*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Bowen 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.
- 17 **PETROLEUM REVENUE BILL 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act relating to revenue from petroleum.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Excise Tariff Act 1921*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **SOCIAL SECURITY (POVERTY TRAPS REDUCTION) BILL 1985:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to social security.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Howe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS BILL 1985:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of pensions and other benefits to, and to provide

medical and other treatment for, veterans and certain other persons, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding 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.

- 21 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make certain transitional provisions and consequential amendments related to the enactment of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1985*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding 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.

- 22 **MESSAGES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Administrator were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, has assented to the following Bills:

16 October 1985—Message—

No. 74—National Crime Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1985.

No. 75—

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Amendment 1985.

Grain Legumes Levy 1985.

Grain Legumes Levy Collection 1985.

Wheat Tax Amendment 1985.

Petermann Aboriginal Land Trust (Boundaries) 1985.

No. 76—Export Market Development Grants Amendment 1985.

- 23 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1985-86:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Defence, \$6,212,321,000—

Department of Foreign Affairs, \$1,129,023,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Transport, \$176,363,000—

Department of Aviation, \$443,734,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Trade, \$222,687,000—

Department of Resources and Energy, \$171,530,000—

Department of Primary Industry, \$213,276,000—

together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Education, \$958,429,000—

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$160,346,000—

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$231,924,000—

together debated.

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.02 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

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

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1985—No. 4—Marine, Part 2.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Administrator fixing the date on which the following Act shall come into operation—*Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Amendment Act 1985*—16 October 1985.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Determinations listing fees, etc., for purposes of—

Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance, dated 30 September 1985.

Motor Traffic Ordinance, dated 11 October 1985.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 10 October 1985.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred\*, Mr Braithwaite, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Dawkins, Mr Dobie, Mr Hawke, Mr Humphreys\*, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lindsay\*, Mr McVeigh, Mr Price, Mr Rocher\* and Mr Scott.

\* On leave

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