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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

THURSDAY, 17 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, STANDING ORDER 103 AND STANDING ORDER 106:** 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, standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) and standing order 106 (grievance debate), as amended by sessional order, be suspended for this sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 71

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

## NOES, 52

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 3 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **BANK ACCOUNT DEBITS TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bank Account Debits Tax Act 1982*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hurford moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 5 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY STAMP DUTY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty Act 1969*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hurford moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 7 **HEALTH LEGISLATION 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—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Administrator:* Message No. 77, dated 4 October 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.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 9, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 10 and 11, by leave, taken together.

Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Bilney	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lamb	Mr Simmons*
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	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	

## NOES, 55

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

## \* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 12 to 56, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 57 to 66, by leave, taken together.

On the motion of Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 59, page 34, lines 28 and 29, omit "the planning and development of the organisation required to implement", substitute "planning for the establishment of".

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

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

- 8 **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 Housing and Construction, \$696,217,000—

Department of Local Government and Administrative Services, \$535,978,000—  
together debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment, \$179,898,000—

Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$78,946,000—

Department of Territories, \$181,715,000—

together debated.

Mr Milton addressing the committee—

It being 2 p.m., in accordance with standing order 101, as amended by sessional order—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 9 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Taxation—Comparative tables relating to company tax.

Questions without notice continued.

- 10 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Bowen (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the forthcoming absence abroad of Mr Jones (Minister for Science), Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) would act as Minister for Science.
- 11 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:  
Department of Communications—Report for 1984-85.
- 12 **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS—STATEMENTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:**  
Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following papers:  
Illegal immigrants—Policy—Statement by Mr Hurford, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, dated October 1985.  
Immigration serving immigrants and Australia—Statement by Mr Hurford, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, dated October 1985.  
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.
- 13 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Chynoweth, Ms Fatin, Mr Hollis, Mr Langmore, Ms McHugh, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Snow, Mr Staples and 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 Beale, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Halverson and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
  - Mr Drummond and Mr Fife—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
  - Mr Andrew, Mr Hurford 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 Beale, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase the burden of capital gains and wealth taxes be rejected.
  - Mr Andrew and 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 E. C. Cameron and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.
  - Mr Kent and Mr Staples—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 and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
  - Mr Andrew—from certain citizens praying that the concessional price of fuel in rural areas be restored.
  - Mr Andrew—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
  - Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.

- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that all changes to benefits for veterans and conditions of service for military personnel announced in the May Economic Statement be withdrawn.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the excise on beer, following an increase in the CPI, be repealed.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that depreciation be allowed on all buildings used to produce rental income.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the total ban on entertainment expenses be abandoned and tax deductibility be allowed for legitimate and necessary expenses.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that urgent financial assistance be provided to the sugar industry.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that no change be made to the funding of local government without the consent of representatives of local government.
- 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 Duncan—from certain citizens praying that all politicians unite nationally to do all within their power to reduce interest rates.
- Mr Grace—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that no airport be built at Badgery's Creek, NSW, and surrounding districts.
- Mr Howard—from certain citizens praying that alliances such as ANZUS be supported and that mutual and verifiable nuclear disarmament be pursued.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that compulsory identity cards not be introduced.
- 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 Staples—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the assets test be reconsidered.

Petitions received.

- 14 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 12 November 1985, unless Mr Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO SUPPORT UNITED STATES:** The House was informed that Mr Peacock had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The continuing failure of the Hawke Government to give support to the United States when it is right to do so, as most recently evidenced by the Achille Lauro incident".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**16 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

16 October 1985—Message—

No. 152—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1985.

No. 153—Income Tax (Individuals) 1985 (*without requests*).

No. 154—Income Tax (Companies, Corporate Unit Trusts and Superannuation Funds) 1985 (*without requests*).

No. 155—Medicare Levy 1985 (*without requests*).

No. 156—Social Security and Repatriation (Budget Measures) Amendment 1985.

**17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the construction of a Commonwealth Law Courts building, Parramatta (10th report of 1985)—

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

**18 REFORM OF THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION SYSTEM—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 8 October 1985*), viz.:

Reform of the Australian taxation system—Ministerial statement by Mr Keating, Treasurer, dated September 1985, together with attachments—

*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Carlton, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “this House, whilst welcoming the promised relief of double taxation of dividends and the promised reductions in marginal taxation rates, believes that the tax package presented by the Treasurer falls well short of the fundamental and lasting reform of our taxation system so frequently promised by the Government, and more specifically—

- (1) condemns the proposed introduction of the new capital gains tax;
- (2) notes that under the Government’s proposals the share of revenue carried by personal income tax will continue to rise;
- (3) condemns the arbitrary nature of the attack on fringe benefits and entertainment expenses;
- (4) expresses grave concern over the effects on enterprise, investment and employment due to the additional cost burdens on business arising from the capital gains tax, the higher rate of company tax, the fringe benefits tax and the loss of deductions for legitimate entertaining expenses;
- (5) regrets the package will have an adverse and discriminatory impact upon rural Australia;
- (6) notes the particular discriminatory nature of the attack on the deductibility of farm losses against non-farm income, and
- (7) condemns the proposed foreign tax credit system as likely to discourage investment by Australian companies in our region”—

Debate resumed.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a further period not exceeding 15 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, moved—That so much of the

standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Keating (Treasurer) speaking for a period not exceeding 30 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

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

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

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment, \$179,898,000—

Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$78,946,000—

Department of Territories, \$181,715,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Communications, \$482,958,000—

Department of Science, \$494,972,000—

together debated.

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

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The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 20 **ARTS POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the implementation of the Government's policy objectives in the Arts, and presented the following paper:

Arts policy—Copy of letter from Mr Cohen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment, to Professor D. Horne, AO, Chairman, Australia Council, dated 5 September 1985.

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

- 21 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—5TH REPORT:** Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the 5th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

**5TH 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 employment and training programs—Report of Committee of Review (Chairman: Mr M. Miller), dated 27 August 1985.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Reports by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner—

Gurindji Land Claim to Daguragu Station, dated April 1985.

Mount Allan Land Claim, dated 4 March 1985.

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Annual Report 1984-85.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation—Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia

- and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Annual Reports 1984-85.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report (52nd) 1985.
- Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Report for 1986: Response to Government Guidelines, dated September 1985.
- Department of the Treasury—Annual Report (7th) 1984-85.
- Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report 1984-85.
- Film Censorship Board—Report of activities, for 1984.
- Governor-General Act—Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General—Report (1st), for period 24 December 1984 to 30 June 1985.
- Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 15—The human rights of Australian-born children: A report on the complaint of Mr and Mrs M. Yilmaz.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Interim Report on Outboard Engines, dated 3 September 1985 (No. 370).
- Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report 1984-85.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Annual Report (62nd) 1984-85.
- Prices Surveillance Act—Prices Surveillance Authority—Annual Report 1984-85.
- Primary Industry Bank Act—Primary Industry Bank—Annual Report (7th) 1984-85.
- Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Annual Report 1984-85.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report for year ended 31 March 1985.
- Reform of the Australian taxation system—Statement by the Treasurer, the Hon. Paul Keating, MP, dated September 1985, together with attachments.
- 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 and others.
- 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.
- Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—Annual Report (10th) 1984-85.

J. M. BRUMBY  
Chairman

17 October 1985

Mr Brumby, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

- 22 **CSIRO FLOREAT PARK LABORATORIES, PERTH—LABORATORY DEVELOPMENT—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Laboratory development at CSIRO Floreat Park Laboratories, Perth.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 23 **COMMONWEALTH CENTRE, MELBOURNE—REFURBISHMENT—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*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Refurbishment of Commonwealth Centre and associated major fitout works, Melbourne.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 24 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CANBERRA MAIL CENTRE, Fyshwick:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Canberra Mail Centre, Fyshwick.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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*In the committee*

Schedule 2—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Communications, \$482,958,000—

Department of Science, \$494,972,000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 26 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1985-86:** 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.

- 27 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1985-86:** 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, and agreed to, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LOANS BILL 1985: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 157

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorise the borrowing and expending of money for certain purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

D. MCCLELLAND  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 17 October 1985

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Page 1, clause 1, line 5, leave out "*Loans*", insert "*Loan*".  
No. 2—Page 1, clause 3, definition of "prescribed year", paragraph (b), line 13, leave out the paragraph.  
No. 3—Page 2, clause 3, definition of "relevant Act", line 1, leave out "a prescribed year", insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 4—Page 2, clause 3, definition of "relevant Act", paragraph (a), line 2, leave out "(a) in the case of the prescribed year ending on 30 June 1986—".  
No. 5—Page 2, clause 3, definition of "relevant Act", paragraph (b), lines 9 to 12, leave out the paragraph.  
No. 6—Page 2, clause 3, definition of "relevant service", line 13, leave out "a prescribed year", insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 7—Page 2, clause 4, line 19, leave out "a prescribed year", insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 8—Page 2, clause 4, lines 19 to 27, leave out "that prescribed year" (wherever occurring), insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 9—Page 2, clause 5, line 29, leave out "a prescribed year", insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 10—Page 2, clause 5, line 31, leave out "that prescribed year", insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 11—Page 2, clause 6, line 37, leave out "a prescribed year", insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 12—Pages 2 and 3, clause 6, line 37 (page 2) to line 11 (page 3), leave out "that prescribed year" (wherever occurring), insert "the prescribed year".  
No. 13—Page 3, sub-clause 9(1), lines 23 to 29, leave out "that prescribed year" (wherever occurring), insert "the prescribed year".

No. 14—Page 3, clause 9, lines 23 to 32, leave out “a prescribed year” (wherever occurring), insert “the prescribed year”.  
On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.  
Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr Hurford, the House adopted the report.

29 **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 11.32 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 12 November 1985, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 October 1985:

Fisheries Act—Notices, Nos. 149, 151.

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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\*, Mr Jones, 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