

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 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 **PROTECTION OF MOVABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE BILL 1985:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to protect Australia's heritage of movable cultural objects, to support the protection by foreign countries of their heritage of movable cultural objects, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

3 **AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES—ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORT ON OFFICE OF NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS AND JOINT INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the recommendations concerning the Joint Intelligence Organisation contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Australia's Security and Intelligence Agencies on the Office of National Assessments and the Joint Intelligence Organisation, and presented the following paper:

Australia's Security and Intelligence Agencies—Royal Commission—Report on the Office of National Assessments and the Joint Intelligence Organisation—Government response on recommendations concerning the Joint Intelligence Organisation—Ministerial statement, 27 November 1985.

Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

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

4 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 2) 1985:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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In the committee

Clauses 1 to 16, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Schedule 1—

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made: Page 22, before the proposed amendment to sub-section 13 (3) of the *Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966* insert the following amendment:

“Sub-section 4 (8)—

Omit ‘if a similar act or omission by an Australian citizen that took place outside Australia, would be an offence against a law of the Commonwealth’.”

Mr Macphee moved the following amendment: Page 36, in the amendments to the *Postal Services Act 1975*, after proposed sub-section 63 (2A) insert the following amendment of that Act:

“Section 85—

Add at the end the following sub-sections:

‘(3) Where the Minister, after consultation with the Commission, is satisfied that, by reason of an industrial dispute or for any other reason, the Commission is unable to operate its postal services in such a manner as will meet the social, industrial and commercial needs of the Australian people for postal services—

- (a) throughout Australia; or
- (b) in a particular part of Australia,

the Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette*, suspend the operation of sub-section (1) throughout Australia or in that part of Australia, as the case requires, until the notice is revoked.

‘(4) The Minister shall, by notice published in the *Gazette*, revoke a notice under sub-section (3) suspending the operation of sub-section (1) throughout Australia or in a part of Australia, upon becoming satisfied, after consultation with the Commission, that the Commission is then able to operate its postal services in such a manner as will meet the social, industrial and commercial needs of the Australian people—

- (a) in a case where the operation of sub-section (1) is suspended throughout Australia—for postal services throughout Australia or in a particular part of Australia; or
- (b) in a case where the operation of sub-section (1) is suspended in a particular part of Australia—for postal services in that part of Australia.

‘(5) Where, while a notice under sub-section (3) is in force suspending the operation of sub-section (1) in a particular part of Australia, a notice is made under sub-section (3) suspending the operation of sub-section (1) throughout Australia, the first-mentioned notice shall be deemed to be revoked by the second-mentioned notice.

‘(6) While a notice under sub-section (3) is in force suspending the operation of sub-section (1) throughout Australia, any person may—

- (a) carry or convey a letter for reward; or
- (b) cause a letter to be carried or conveyed for reward, otherwise than by the Commission,

from a place within Australia for delivery at a place within or outside Australia or from a place outside Australia for delivery within Australia.

‘(7) While a notice under sub-section (3) is in force suspending the operation of sub-section (1) in a particular part of Australia, any person may—

- (a) carry or convey a letter for reward; or
- (b) cause a letter to be carried for reward otherwise than by the Commission, from a place within that part of Australia for delivery at a place within or outside that part of Australia or from a place outside that part of Australia for delivery within that part of Australia.

'(8) Where a notice under sub-section (3) is revoked, sub-section (1) does not apply to the carriage or conveyance of a letter for reward after the revocation of that notice if—

- (a) that letter had been received or accepted for carriage or conveyance before that notice was revoked; and
- (b) the carriage or conveyance of that letter for reward would have been authorized by sub-section (6) or (7), as the case requires, if that notice had not been revoked.

'(9) In this section—

“Australia” includes—

- (a) the prescribed external Territories; and
- (b) the adjacent areas in respect of the States and Territories;

“industrial dispute” has the same meaning as it has in the *Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904* and includes a dispute (including a threatened, impending or probable dispute) as to industrial matters (within the meaning of that Act) that does not extend beyond the limits of any one State.’”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Schedule, 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 Millar reported accordingly.

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

- 5 **EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 3—

Page 1, line 14, omit “sub-section”, substitute “sub-sections”.

Page 2, lines 1-21, omit proposed sub-section (3), substitute the following sub-sections:

“(3) Evidence relevant to a matter mentioned in section 7B, 7D or 7E shall not be given under sub-section (1) by an authorised person unless it appears to the court that—

- (a) it is not reasonably practicable for a person who had, at the relevant time or afterwards, a responsible position in relation to the making or keeping of the records concerned to give that evidence; or
- (b) having regard to all the circumstances of the case, undue expense would be caused by calling a person referred to in paragraph (a) as a witness.

“(4) In this section, “authorised person” means—

- (a) in a case where the evidence is given at a place outside Australia—an Australian Diplomatic Officer or an Australian Consular Officer, as defined by the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, exercising functions in that place; or
- (b) in any case—a member of the Australian Federal Police of or above the rank of sergeant or a person authorised by the Attorney-General for the purposes of this section.’”.

Mr Spender addressing the committee—

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—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.

- 6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 7 **PAPER:** Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 24 April to 21 November 1985, and outstanding responses to reports presented from 1980.

- 8 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for 1984-85.

Australian Sports Commission—Report for period 13 September 1984 to 30 June 1985.

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for 1984-85.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for 1984-85.

Canberra Development Board—Report 1984-85.
 Christmas Island—Report for 1984-85.
 Department of Resources and Energy—Report for 1984-85.
 High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.
 Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Report for 1984-85.
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Fertilisers, dated 21 October 1985 (No. 372).
 National Film and Sound Archive Advisory Committee—Report on the future development of the National Film and Sound Archive, dated 15 October 1985.
 Primary Industry Bank Act—8th Report on the operation of Part II of the Act, dated 28 November 1985.

9 NUGAN HAND GROUP—FINAL REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:

Nugan Hand group—Final report of Royal Commission of Inquiry, dated 28 June 1985—

Volume 1.

Volume 2.

Mr Young, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the final report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the activities of the Nugan Hand group.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Young, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:

Nugan Hand group—Final report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry—Ministerial statement, 27 November 1985.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the House take note of the papers. Debate ensued.

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

10 ROAD SAFETY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY GENERALLY—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Standing Committee on Road Safety on road safety generally, and presented the following paper:

Road Safety—Standing Committee—Report on road safety generally—Government response—Ministerial statement, 27 November 1985.

Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr White), 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.:

Ms Fatin, Mr Hand, Mr Hollis, Mr Kent, Mrs Mayer and Mr Snow—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 Halverson, Mr Hawker and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

- Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Halverson, Mr McArthur and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the Government uphold the Articles of the UN Convention on Women and request the Victorian Government to repeal the *Planning (Brothels) Act 1984*.
- Mr Dobie 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 Downer and Mr Hurford—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the proposed Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be rejected.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to increase the burden of capital gains and wealth taxes be rejected.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, and entitlements of de facto spouses of Parliamentarians and homosexual partners of ABC employees.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.
- Mr Hawker—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 Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the last line of each verse of the Australian national anthem be altered to read "In joyful strains then we all sing God bless Australia fair".
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.
- 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 Maher—from certain citizens praying that new initiatives be taken to encourage all member states of the United Nations to conclude a treaty banning all nuclear weapon tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapon tests.
- Mr Maher—from certain citizens praying that debate on the Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be deferred for 12 months and that the Bill be circulated for 12 months for the widest possible debate, scrutiny and discussion.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- 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 Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the tax proposals outlined in the Government's White Paper be rejected.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that means be sought for the protection of the people's interests to prevent Ayers Rock being handed over to an Aboriginal Land Council.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.

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 Tickner—from certain residents of Sutherland Shire, NSW, praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights, NSW.

Petitions received.

- 12 ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME—PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON GROUP—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the implementation of a national strategy to contain the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and the establishment of a Parliamentary Liaison Group on AIDS.

Mr Porter, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

- 13 FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR CSIRO AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AUSTRALIA—REPORTS BY AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science) presented the following papers:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report on—

Future directions for CSIRO, dated 15 November 1985.

Public investment in research and development in Australia, dated 15 November 1985—

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

Mr Beale, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the reports.

- 14 ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Government's policy in relation to Aboriginal and Islander broadcasting and communications, and presented the following paper:

Aboriginal and Islander broadcasting and communications—Report of task force—Schedule of Government's responses to recommendations.

Mr Connolly, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

- 15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—STOREMEN AND PACKERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND:** The House was informed that Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The implications for the Australian economy and the arbitration system of last night's agreement concerning the Storemen and Packers' superannuation fund".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 16 EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Bill as a whole—

Debate resumed on the amendments moved together by Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) (*see* entry No. 5).

Amendments agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 17 **COMPANIES AMENDMENT 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 1, sub-clause 2 (2), line 9, leave out “3”, insert “2A”.

No. 2—Page 1, after clause 2, insert the following new clause:

Persons having dealings with companies, &c.

“2A. Section 68A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (3) (b) ‘or with the Registrar of Companies under the’ and substituting ‘or 263 or with the Registrar of Companies under a’.”.

No. 3—Page 5, clause 9, proposed new sub-section 275A (1), line 25, after “company” (first occurring), insert “(not being an exempt proprietary company that is an unlimited company)”.

No. 4—Pages 5 and 6, clause 9, proposed new sub-section 275A (4), line 37 (page 5) to line 6 (page 6), leave out the proposed sub-section, insert the following new sub-section:

“(4) A company is not required to lodge a copy of a particular document with the Commission pursuant to a notice under sub-section (1) if, as at the time when the notice is served, the document has not been made out, but, if the document is made out after that time, the company shall lodge a copy of the document with the Commission within 14 days after the document is made out.”.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), the amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 18 **JUDICIAL AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES) 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 Governor-General: Message No. 98, dated 14 November 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Young (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 **EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr McLeay (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Expenditure:

No port in a storm: Report on the Darling Harbour fiasco, dated November 1985, together with extracts from the minutes of proceedings, and submissions authorised for publication.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr McLeay, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the report of the Standing Committee on Expenditure entitled *No port in a storm: Report on the Darling Harbour fiasco*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr McLeay, Mr Hawker and Mrs Kelly, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 20 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the fitout of office space at Canberra National Convention Centre, Canberra City, for Commonwealth use (14th report of 1985).

Report relating to Telecom Australia—Construction of new accommodation at Resources Management Centre, Clayton, Vic. (15th report of 1985).

- 21 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—LOMÉ CONFERENCE, 1985—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Wilson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—73rd Conference, Lomé, Togo, 25-30 March 1985—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Mr Wilson, Mrs Darling, Mr McGauran and Mr Hollis, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 22 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 12, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 23 **RESTORATION OF FACADE, GPO, SYDNEY—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: Restoration of facade, General Post Office, Martin Place, Sydney.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 24 **CONSTRUCTION OF MELBOURNE MAIL CENTRE—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: Construction of Melbourne Mail Centre, Spencer and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 25 **REPATRIATION GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEIDELBERG, VIC.—CONSTRUCTION WORK—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: Construction of new ward block and outpatients department, Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 26 **COMMONWEALTH LAW COURTS BUILDING, PARRAMATTA—CONSTRUCTION—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: Construction of Commonwealth Law Courts building, Parramatta.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 27 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, DALLEY STREET, SYDNEY:** 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: Construction of new telephone exchange building for Telecom Australia at Dalley Street, Sydney.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 28 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 13 to 17, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 29 **SUBSIDY (GRAIN HARVESTERS AND EQUIPMENT) BILL 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of subsidy on the production, or in respect of the importation, of certain grain harvesters and related equipment, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 30 **CUSTOMS UNDERTAKINGS (PENALTIES) 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.

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

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

27 November 1985—Message—

No. 164—Appropriation (No. 1) 1985-86 (*without requests*).

No. 165—Appropriation (No. 2) 1985-86.

- 32 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 27 November 1985:

Defence Act—Determinations—1985—

No. 69—Attendance Allowance and other allowances.

No. 70—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and other allowances.

No. 71—Field Allowance and Travelling Allowance.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 3 December 1985 as the date on which section 178 of the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act (No. 2) 1982* shall come into operation.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred*, Mr Coleman, Mr Humphreys*, Mr Punch and Mr Shack.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives