

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 68

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 1986

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION 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 O'Keefe), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 3 **DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:** The following warrant nominating Deputy Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to standing order 18, was laid upon the Table by Madam Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 18, I nominate—

Cecil Allen Blanchard,
David Bruce Cowan,
Elaine Elizabeth Darling,
Peter Hertford Drummond,
Leonard Joseph Keogh,
John Barry Mildren,
Percival Clarence Millar,
John Graham Mountford,
Allan Charles Rocher, and
Philip Maxwell Ruddock

to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand on 12 February 1986.

JOAN CHILD
SPEAKER

- 4 **FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION 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.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation), the Bill was read a third time.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Hodgman, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr Hawke (Prime Minister)—

Mr Hawke laid upon the Table the following paper:

Sale of Belconnen Mall—Notes.

Questions without notice continued.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Albury-Wodonga Development Act—Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—12th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Act—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—6th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—19th Report (Final), for 1984-85.

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report on grants approved for 1986.

Australian Wine Research Institute—Report for 1984-85.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Biological control of *Echium* species (including Paterson's Curse/Salvation Jane), dated 30 September 1985 (No. 371).

Cherries in brine or other preservative, from Italy (anti-dumping), dated 25 June 1985 (No. 366).

Heavy engineering industry, dated 28 November 1985 (No. 375).

Passenger concessions, dated 6 November 1985 (No. 374).

National Training Council—Report for period 1 July 1982 to 30 June 1984.

Oilseeds Levy Collection and Research Act—Oilseeds Research Committee—Report for 1984-85.

7 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY POLICY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council—Report for period 6 July 1984 to 30 June 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.

8 AUSTRALIAN DAIRY CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—10th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

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.

9 AUSTRALIAN WOOL CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

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.

10 JAPANESE TUNA LONG-LINE FISHING—SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Fisheries Act—Subsidiary agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan concerning Japanese tuna long-line fishing, done at Canberra on 31 October 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.

11 PRIMARY INDUSTRY STATUTORY MARKETING AUTHORITIES—REFORM—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Reform of Commonwealth primary industry statutory marketing authorities—Government policy statement, dated January 1986.

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.

12 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction) presented the following paper:

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—21st Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

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.

13 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following paper:

Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Report for 1984-85, including report on the Adult Migrant Education Program pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act.

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.

14 SUPERANNUATION FUND INVESTMENT TRUST AND COMMISSIONER FOR SUPERANNUATION—REPORTS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented the following paper:

Superannuation Act—

Report and financial statements of the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85, and Report of the Commissioner for Superannuation for 1984-85.

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.

15 DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, RECREATION AND TOURISM—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented the following paper:

Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism—Report for 1984-85.

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.

16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:

Department of Health—Report for 1984-85.

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.

17 COMMONWEALTH SERUM LABORATORIES COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—24th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

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.

18 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:

Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—11th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

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.

- 19 **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STATEMENT 1985-86—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science) presented the following paper:
 Science and Technology Statement 1985-86, dated 25 November 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 **AUSTRALIAN BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following paper:
 Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Report for 1984-85.
 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 **MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following paper:
 Museum of Australia Act—Museum of Australia—5th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.
 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.
- 22 **BUSHFIRES—REPORTS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation on bushfires and the Australian environment and to the report of the Standing Committee on Forestry of the Australian Forestry Council on the 1982-83 bushfires, and presented the following papers:
 Environment and Conservation—Standing Committee—Report on bushfires and the Australian environment—Government response.
 Australian Forestry Council—Standing Committee on Forestry—Report on the 1982-83 bushfires—Government response.
 Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Milton), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 Mr Cross, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr MacKellar and Mr Tickner—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 Blunt and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
 Mr Blunt and Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the regulation requiring a licence fee to operate a marine band radio be rescinded.
 Mr Downer and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that both the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Bill be rejected.

- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- Mr Coleman—from certain citizens praying that adequate support be given to the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters.
- Mr Coleman—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.
- Mr Conquest—from certain citizens praying that the importation and sale of hard core pornography and grossly obscene publications be prevented and that certain other action be taken in relation to censorship.
- Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the Kerin dairy plan be rejected.
- Mr Downer—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be rejected.
- Mr Duncan—from certain citizens praying that interest rates on home loans be reduced by 2% annually for the next 5 years or until they are 6%.
- Mr Hurford—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Senate Select Committee on Animal Welfare on the export of live sheep from Australia be accepted.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that the export of koalas be discontinued, their habitats be revegetated and funding be made available for research into koala diseases.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that a national park be set aside for wild horses and action be taken to ensure that killing of feral animals be undertaken in a humane manner.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into the imprisonment of Mrs Lindy Chamberlain.
- Mr Milton—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- 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 biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.
- Mr Sharp—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 Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the Illawarra region's only locally-based television station not be removed from VHF to UHF transmission.
- Mr Sharp—from certain residents of the Division of Gilmore praying that the Bureau of Mineral Resources be funded to provide earthquake monitoring equipment in the Dalton area, NSW.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- 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.

Petitions received.

- 24 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—DAMAGE TO SMALL BUSINESSES:** The House was informed that Mr Tuckey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The damage that will be done to the living standards and security of

Australian small businesses and their families as a result of Government policies on fuel pricing, interest rates, and the ALP-ACTU Accord”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tuckey addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 25 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 26 **CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminology Research Act 1971*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 12 of the *Community Employment Act 1983*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Willis moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 28 **TRADE UNION TRAINING AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 20 of the *Trade Union Training Authority Act 1975*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Willis moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 29 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Ministers of State Act 1952*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Young moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 30 **APPLE AND PEAR EXPORT UNDERWRITING AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Apple and Pear Export Underwriting Act 1981*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 31 **AUSTRALIAN APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act 1973*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 32 **BARLEY RESEARCH LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Barley Research Levy Act 1980*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 33 **DRIED FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 34 **LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 35 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 36 **MEAT CHICKEN LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 37 **PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Macphee), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 38 **WOOL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to wool research and development, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 39 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 228

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act 1977', and for related 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, 12 February 1986

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

- 40 SOCIAL SECURITY (PROPORTIONAL PORTABILITY OF PENSIONS) 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 Baldwin), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 41 SOCIAL SECURITY OVERPAYMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of moves to reduce social security overpayments and to improve the administration of pensions, benefits and allowances.

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

- 42 SOCIAL SECURITY (PROPORTIONAL PORTABILITY OF PENSIONS) 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.

- 43 ADJOURNMENT: It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Statement by Madam Speaker: Madam Speaker made a statement informing the House of the circumstances surrounding the delay in delivery of *Hansard* for Tuesday, 11 February 1986.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mrs Sullivan, by leave, presented the following paper:

Women's Electoral Lobby—Membership of WEL's alternative Constitutional Commission.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

- PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 12 February 1986:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1986/1—Part-time holders of public offices on the Committee to review efficiency and effectiveness in higher education.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Burr, Mr Dawkins, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hicks, Mr Jull and Mr Maher.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives