

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 70

FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 1986

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mrs Mayer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts: 242nd Report—Finance Minute on 198th Report—Government Aircraft Factories—Response.  
Mrs Mayer, Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia), Dr Theophanous and Mr Nehl, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
  - 3 **COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION 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 5, clause 15, proposed new sub-section 21A (1), at end of sub-section, add the following words: "or as the Council determines".

No. 2—Page 7, clause 20, proposed new sub-section 24A (1), at end of sub-section, add the following words: "or as the Council determines".

No. 3—Page 9, clause 25, proposed new sub-section 27A (1), at end of sub-section, add the following words: "or as the Council determines".

On the motion of Mr Young (Leader of the House), the amendments were agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

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

- 4 **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.  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

**5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION BILL 1986**  
**[1985]:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 229

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to establish a Federal Airports Corporation, 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, 14 February 1986

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

**6 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Paper:* Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following paper:

Belconnen Mall—Agreement for sale between Canberra Commercial Development Authority, the Commonwealth of Australia and Superannuation Fund Investment Trust and P.T. Limited, dated 17 December 1985.

Questions without notice continued.

**7 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Aboriginal Development Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Australia New Zealand Foundation—Report for 1984-85.

Australian Capital Territory—

Apprenticeship Board—48th Report, for 1984-85.

Schools Authority—Report and interim financial statements, for 1984-85.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—22nd Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Australian Film and Television School Act—Council of the Australian Film and Television School—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Broadcasting and Television Act—Special Broadcasting Service—7th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Department of Education—Report for period 1 Jan 1984 to 30 June 1985.

Department of Transport—Report for 1984-85.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—9th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of guarantees and payments for 1983-84.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Dining candles from the People's Republic of China (anti-dumping), dated 6 January 1986 (No. 378).

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights—2nd periodic report submitted by Australia in accordance with the Economic and Social Council Resolution 1988 (LX) concerning rights covered by Articles 10-12.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—25th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Parliament Act—Proposals, together with site plans and design sketches, for construction of—

National Bicentennial Science Centre.

Carpark lighting at the Administrative Building carpark, between Walpole Crescent and Kings Avenue, Parkes.

Parliamentary Zone—Development plan by the National Capital Development Commission, dated January 1986, together with statement by Mr Scholes, Minister for Territories.

Pork Promotion Act—Pork Promotion Committee—10th Report, for 1984-85, together with statement by Mr Kerin, Minister for Primary Industry.

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

Mr McArthur, Mr Shack and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Blunt and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

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

Mr Dobie and Mr Robinson—from certain citizens praying that the regulation requiring a licence fee to operate a marine band radio be rescinded.

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 McArthur and Mr McGauran—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 Milton and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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 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 capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.

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 D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the *Repatriation Legislation Amendment Act 1985* be repealed.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the tropical rainforests of north Queensland be nominated for inclusion in the world heritage list and certain other action be taken to conserve rainforests.

Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the Kerin dairy plan be rejected.

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 Hicks—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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.
- Ms McHugh—from certain citizens praying that community language resources centres be instituted and certain other action be taken to implement the teaching of community languages in schools.
- 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 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 Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the Illawarra region's only locally-based television station not be removed from VHF to UHF transmission.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the introduction of a compulsory identification card be rejected.
- 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 reaffirmed.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.
- Mr Staples—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 Staples—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 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 weapons tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapons tests.
- Mr Tickner—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights.

Petitions received.

- 9 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FUEL PRICING:** 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 impact on family motorists, rural producers, small business and other Australian consumers of the Government's deceptive conduct on fuel pricing".
- The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Howard addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.
- 10 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** It being 3.45 p.m.—The question was proposed—  
That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr Hurford (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—  
Question—put and negatived.
- 11 **FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION BILL 1986 [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 2, clause 3, after definition of “Schedule airport” insert the following new definition:  
 “‘securities’ includes stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, notes, bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange and similar instruments or documents;”.
- No. 2—Page 3, clause 3, at end of clause, add the following new sub-clause:  
 “(4) A reference in this Act to dealing with securities includes a reference to—  
 (a) creating, executing, entering into, drawing, making, accepting, indorsing, issuing, discounting, selling, purchasing or re-selling securities;  
 (b) creating, selling, purchasing or re-selling rights or options in respect of securities; and  
 (c) entering into agreements or other arrangements relating to securities.”.
- No. 3—Page 4, after paragraph 7 (2) (b), insert the following new paragraphs:  
 “(ba) ensures that, as far as is practicable, the level of noise at airports is not such as to be detrimental to the communities near airports;  
 “(bb) ensures that, where land at a Federal airport is to be used for a purpose not directly related to aviation, being land in respect of which a lease, licence or authority has been granted to a person (other than the Commonwealth), the use would, if the land were not in a Federal airport, be allowed by the law of the relevant State or Territory (including laws made by a relevant local government body);  
 “(bc) ensures that where a building is to be erected on land at a Federal airport for a purpose not directly related to aviation, being land in respect of which a lease, licence or authority has been granted to a person (other than the Commonwealth), the design and construction of the building would, if the land were not in a Federal airport, be allowed by the law of the relevant State or Territory (including laws made by a relevant local government body);  
 “(bd) ensures that the Corporation and the communities served by Federal airports are good neighbours;”.
- No. 4—Page 31, paragraph 56 (4) (c), line 2, before “the basis”, insert “shall specify”.
- No. 5—Page 31, paragraph 56 (4) (d), line 4, before “the reason”, insert “shall specify”.
- No. 6—Page 37, paragraph 72 (2) (c), line 43, leave out “offices”, insert “officers”.
- No. 7—Page 38, paragraph 72 (3) (c), line 21, leave out “offices”, insert “officers”.
- No. 8—Page 38, sub-clause 72 (3), line 24, leave out “(e)”, insert “(d)”.
- No. 9—Page 38, sub-clause 72 (3), line 30, leave out “(f)”, insert “(e)”.
- On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.  
 Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Keogh reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris, the House adopted the report.

12 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Papers:* Mr Sharp, by leave, presented the following papers:

Closure of Wollongong Commonwealth Police Office—

Copy of notice of motion by Senator Michael Baume, dated 13 February 1986.

Media release by Senator Michael Baume, dated 19 January 1986.

Debate continued.

*Debate extended:* It being 4.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 4.32 p.m., Madam Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 February 1986:

Air Navigation (Charges) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 14.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 8.

Banks (Shareholdings) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13.

Commonwealth Employees (Redeployment and Retirement) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 4, 5.

Customs Act—Notice—1986—No. 1.

Excise Act—Notice—1986—No. 1.

Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 6.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 1.

Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 3.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 7.

Rural Industries Research Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 2.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1985—No. 69—Health Authority.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 9, 15.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr Burr, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Dawkins, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Everingham, Mr Griffiths, Mr Jull, Mr Katter, Mr Macphee, Mr Maher, Mr Shack, Mrs Sullivan and Mr White.

**A. R. BROWNING**

Clerk of the House of Representatives