

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 78

FRIDAY, 14 MARCH 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 **ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at 2 p.m.
 Question—put and passed.
- 3 **COMPANIES AND SECURITIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to companies and securities.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Bowen presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Hodgman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 4 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STATE MAIL CENTRE, PORT MELBOURNE:** 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 State Mail Centre, 501 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne.
 Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 5 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CARPARK LIGHTING—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposal contained in the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House presented to the House on 11 March 1986, namely: The construction of carpark lighting at Section 21, Parkes, adjacent to the Administrative Building.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6 **PROTECTION OF THE SEA (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** 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 Humphreys), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

7 EXCISE TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 1 (1986) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 3 (1986): Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) moved—

Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1986), and
Customs Tariff Proposals No. 3 (1986).

Debate ensued.

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

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIA CARD—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 230

Madam Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:

That the following amendment be made to the Resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on an Australia Card, viz.:

Paragraph (12), leave out the paragraph, insert the following paragraph:
“(12) That the committee report by 30 April 1986.”

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this Resolution.

D. MCCLELLAND
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 14 March 1986

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) moved—

- (1) That the House concurs in the resolution transmitted in message No. 230 of the Senate relating to the resolution of appointment of the Joint Select Committee on an Australia Card, and
- (2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9 PROTECTION OF THE SEA (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS) AMENDMENT BILL 1986: 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

10 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE: The House was informed that Senator Morris had been appointed a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in place of Senator McKiernan.

11 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Superannuation and the scope of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission:

A discussion paper—Minute to Mr Brosnan, Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislation Branch, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Questions without notice continued.

- 12 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
- Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.
 - Community Employment Program—Copy of letter from Jill Lang, Chairperson, ACT Employment Advisory Committee, to Hon. Tom Uren, MP, Minister for Territories and Local Government, dated 23 November 1983.
 - Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Arbitration Inspectorate—Report for 1984-85.
 - National Gallery Act—Council of the Australian National Gallery—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.
 - Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.
- 13 **COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That Mr Spender be appointed a member of the Committee of Privileges to fill the vacancy now existing on the committee.
Question—put and passed.
- 14 **ASEAN AND THE PHILIPPINES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visit to Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and The Philippines, and presented the following paper:
ASEAN and The Philippines—Ministerial statement, 14 March 1986.
Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 15 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Downer, Mr Hollis, Mr Hunt and Mr McLeay—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25% of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.
 - Mr Hollis, Mr Kent, Mr Price and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the Government of Sri Lanka be persuaded to pursue a political solution to allow the Tamils to live in peace and dignity and certain other action be taken to aid the Tamils.
 - Mr Hawker, Mr McArthur and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Cowan and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Hicks, Mr Hodges and Mr Jull—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
 - Mr Beddall and Mr Cross—from certain residents of Queensland praying that a review of child care funding be conducted.
 - Mr Hand—from certain residents of Victoria in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Conquest and Mr Webster—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 Free and Mr Price—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
 - 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 Blunt—from certain citizens praying that those laws which automatically increase the price of petrol following an increase in the CPI be repealed.
- 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 Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the oil world parity pricing policy be adhered to and the full flow on of the drop in world oil prices be given to the Australian public and business sector.
- Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the South Dubbo Post Office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the Kerin dairy plan be rejected.
- Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that the decision to cut funding to child care centres be revoked.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vjc., be reversed.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying for official recognition of the African National Congress and the South West Africa Peoples Organisation and that certain other financial and humanitarian support be given to the South African and Namibian people.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr McArthur—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 Nehl—from certain electors of the Division of Cowper praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill and associated bills be rejected, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission be abolished and ratification of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights be withdrawn.
- 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 Simmons—from certain citizens praying for cessation of all investigations, studies and proposals for the relocation of the Army training facilities to the Central Tablelands area, NSW, including the Macquarie River.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that all federal funding to children's services be restored.
- 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.
- Dr Watson—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Dr Watson—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Petitions received.

16 **ADJOURNMENT NEGATIVED:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and negatived.

17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EMPLOYMENT SITUATION:**
The House was informed that Mr N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The urgent need for new economic policies to prevent a further deterioration of Australia’s employment situation”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr N. A. Brown addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

18 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
14 March 1986—Message No. 231—Social Security (Proportional Portability of Pensions) Amendment 1985.

19 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 4.30 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday next, at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 March 1986:
Census and Statistics Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 30.
Defence Act—Determination—1986—No. 11—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for telecommunications services—Parish of Bellarine, Vic.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Gorman, Mr Hunt, Mr Kerin, Mr Millar and Mr Moore.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives