

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 113

FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST 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 **NEWSPAPER REPORT—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker referred to a report in *The Canberra Times* of 22 August 1986 containing remarks attributed to the Leader of the National Party of Australia and stated that since the Leader of the National Party of Australia had been suspended from the service of the House until 2.17 p.m. this day, she would not pursue the matter until he had the opportunity to return to the House.
  - 3 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 16 September 1986, at 2 p.m., unless Madam Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.  
Question—put and passed.
  - 4 **COMMONWEALTH APPROVED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 1986-87—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Commonwealth's proposed expenditure on Budget-funded capital works and presented the following papers:  
Commonwealth approved capital works program 1986-87—  
Ministerial statement, 22 August 1986.  
Paper, dated August 1986.  
Mr Beale, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.
  - 5 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Downer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:  
253rd Report—Proposed computer acquisition by the Australian Audit Office—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.
  - 6 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—OTTAWA CONFERENCE, 1985—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Wilson, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Inter-Parliamentary Union—74th Conference, Ottawa, Canada, 2-7 September 1985—Report of the Australian Delegation—  
and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the paper.
  - 7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1986-87—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.  
Mr Cowan addressing the House—  
It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

8 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

*Newspaper report—Statement by Madam Speaker:* Madam Speaker again referred to remarks reported in *The Canberra Times* on 22 August 1986 (see entry No. 2) and stated that, if the remarks were made as reported, the Leader of the National Party of Australia should withdraw the allegations and imputations contained in the remarks and apologise to the Chair.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) stated that he had not intended the remarks to be directed at the Speaker, withdrew the remarks and apologised to the Chair.

Questions without notice continued.

9 POLICE IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER: Madam Speaker referred to a matter raised yesterday by Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) relating to the presence of police in Parliament House on the evening of Tuesday, 19 August 1986.

Madam Speaker stated that under the authority of the Parliament vested in both Presiding Officers, they had authorised the presence of additional police after having been advised that a demonstration would take place in King's Hall during the Treasurer's Budget speech. Madam Speaker assured the House that the number of police on duty at Parliament House at any time was the minimum considered necessary to ensure the security of the Parliament.

Mr Sinclair addressed himself to the matter raised.

10 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report for 1985.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1985—Part I—Report.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985.

Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce—Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee—Report for 1984-85.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Aluminised steel for use in muffler components and exhaust systems (concessional arrangements), dated 28 May 1986 (No. 389).

Certain aircraft parts and servicing equipment (concessional arrangements), dated 17 June 1986 (No. 392).

Certain fluorescent lamps (tubes) from the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada (anti-dumping), dated 21 April 1986 (No. 383).

Certain knife blades and cutlery blanks (concessional arrangements), dated 28 May 1986 (No. 388).

Chemicals and plastics industries—Report, dated 30 May 1986 (No. 390)—Tariff harmonization schedule.

Volume 1—Part I—Overview and recommendations and Part II—Report.

Volume 2—Part III—Appendices.

Crop and rainfall insurance, dated 20 June 1986 (No. 393).

Cultivation machinery, dated 16 June 1986 (No. 391).

Outboard engines, dated 20 May 1986 (No. 387).

Power electronics industry, dated 13 February 1986 (No. 380)—Report.

Volume 2—Appendix H—Imports cleared for home consumption.

Marine Research Allocations Advisory Committee—Report on Marine Sciences and Technologies Grants for 1986—Grants approved and Fellowships awarded.

Maritime College Act—Council of Australian Maritime College—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985.

- 11 **COMMONWEALTH SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—LONG TERM COSTS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hurford (Minister representing the Minister for Finance) presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Long-term costs using data to 30 June 1984—Report by Australian Government Actuary, dated 22 May 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 **ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented the following paper:

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—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 **TEXTILE, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES—REPORT BY INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented the following paper:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Textile, clothing and footwear industries, dated 19 May 1986 (No. 386)—

Volume 1 (Chapters).

Volume 2 (Appendixes).

Volume 3 (Appendixes).

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 **HARMONIZATION OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF—REPORT BY INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented the following paper:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Harmonization of the Customs Tariff, dated 14 February 1986 (No. 381)—  
Report.

Volume 2—Appendix F: Options 1 and 2—Chapters 1 to 67.

Volume 3—Appendix F: Options 1 and 2—Chapters 68 to 99.

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 **COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING SERVICES—FUTURE DIRECTIONS—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) presented the following papers:

Equalisation of regional commercial television—Draft indicative plan, dated August 1986—

Part 1—general considerations and Part 2—consultants' methodologies and general reports.

Part 3—Discussion of individual approved markets.

Future directions for commercial radio—Report—

Volume 1—Report.

Volume 2—Appendices.

Volume 2 (Part II).

Ownership and control of commercial television—Future policy directions—  
Report, dated August 1986—  
Volume 1—Report.  
Volume 2—Appendices.

Mr Duffy, by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of progress on several projects concerning regional commercial broadcasting services and presented the following paper:

Commercial broadcasting services—Future directions—Ministerial statement, 22 August 1986.

Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) 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.

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

Mr Aldred, Mr Beale, Mr Bilney, Mr Burr, Mr Cadman, Mr Charles, Mr Cobb, Mr Coleman, Mr Connolly, Mr Downer, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fife, Mr Free, Mr Halverson, Mr Hollis, Mr Kent, Mr Langmore, Mr Lee, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur, Mr McVeigh, Mr Martin, Mr Porter, Mr Robinson, Mr Scott, Mr Shipton, Mr Smith, Mr Uren, Mr White and Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Chynoweth, Ms Fatin, Mr Hand, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Kent, Mr Langmore, Ms McHugh, Mr Milton, Mr Saunderson, Mr Scott and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that importation of cobalt 60 and other radioactive substances be banned and regulations permitting irradiation of food in Australia be disallowed.

Mr Aldred, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Halverson, Mr Hand, Mr Jones, Mr Kent, Mr McArthur and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.

Mr Beale, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Coleman, Mr Drummond, Mr Halverson and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens; Mr Blunt and Mr Hicks—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond; and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.

Mr Everingham, Mr Halverson and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that no cutbacks be made to the portfolio of Veterans' Affairs and certain action be taken to assist ex-servicemen and women.

Mr Blunt and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens; and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Cadman, Mr Hawker and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Cobb and Mr Halverson—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Fife—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Hayden, Mr Punch and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the members of the Film Censorship Board be replaced.

- Mr Blunt and Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that 1988 be proclaimed the first International Earth Repair Year.
- Mr Cadman and Mr Free—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- Mr Carlton and Mrs Jakobsen—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.
- Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25 per cent of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.
- Ms Fatin and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to relieve housing-related poverty.
- Mr Hand and Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Hollis and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funding for English as a second language programs be restored to the 1985 level.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that capital funding be provided for the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education.
- 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 a bi-partisan commitment to world-wide nuclear disarmament be made.
- Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Campbell—from certain residents of the Division of Kalgoorlie praying that measures be taken to ensure that financial institutions conduct their business with proper regard to morality and business ethics.
- Mrs Darling—from certain electors of the Division of Lilley praying that consideration be given to providing parkland for the people of Nudgee, Qld, and surrounding area.
- Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax be cancelled.
- Mr Duncan—from certain residents of South Australia praying that expenditure be increased in the areas of education, health, welfare, children's services and public housing.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the extinction of Aboriginal and Islander languages.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that national Aboriginal land rights legislation be established.
- Mr Halverson—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be withdrawn.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be opposed and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.

- 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 Kent—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that the Lucas Heights, NSW, nuclear reactor be closed down.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens; and 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 Punch—from certain members of the Coptic community in New South Wales praying that funding of the Coptic Orthodox Church, NSW, under the grant-in-aid scheme be restored.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr Hunt and Mr Smith—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- 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 Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Marsfield Post Office, NSW, be prevented.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the Otway Forests, Vic., be protected and that no licence be granted to export woodchips from the Otways.
- Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that the proposed gold tax not be introduced.
- Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their former level.
- Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that measures be taken to reduce the burden of imposed costs and regulation on Australian horticultural growers.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that home loan interest rates be tax deductible.
- 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 means be sought for the protection of the people's interests to reverse the decision to hand Ayers Rock over to an Aboriginal Land Council.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the fringe benefits tax be abandoned.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the assets test be reconsidered.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights, NSW.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that an Australian republic be created on or before 1 January 1988.

Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that the living standards of those least able to provide for themselves not be reduced.  
Petitions received.

- 17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TRADE CRISIS:** The House was informed that Mr Braithwaite had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to respond appropriately to Australia's trade crisis, the resultant record trade deficit and the consequent lowering of living standards for all Australians". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Braithwaite addressing the House—

*Adjournment negatived:* It being 3.45 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—  
Question—put and negatived.

Discussion continued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 18 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—12TH REPORT:** Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the 12th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 12TH 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 Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Warlpiri Kukatja and Ngarti Land Claim—Report by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner.

Administrative Review Council—Report No. 25—Review of Migration Decisions.

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Annual Report 1984-85.

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Consultation and Co-ordination for Matters affecting Australian Local Government—Report 11.

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—Annual Report 1985.

Australian Postal Commission—Service and Business Review and Outlook, dated August 1986.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—New Office Technology—Report by the Technological Change Committee, dated 18 July 1986.

Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and Business Outlook for 1986-87.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report of Council 1985.

Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Annual Report 1985.

Committee of Members' Interests—Report relating to the requirement of the annual registration of interests, dated 14 August 1986.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Elections 1984—Report (Final) on election funding and financial disclosure, dated 30 June 1986.

- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—2nd Report (1986) on financing the Australian Capital Territory.
- Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Report on long-term costs by the Australian Government Actuary, dated 22 May 1986.
- Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act—Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1985-87 Triennium—Technical and Further Education Council—Supplementary Advice for 1987, dated 14 March 1986.
- Department of Local Government and Administrative Services—Annual report 1984-85.
- Department of the Senate—Annual Report 1985-86, pursuant to the Public Service Act, together with Annual Report 1985-86 of the Standing Committee on Appropriations and Staffing, pursuant to Resolutions of the Senate.
- Export Expansion Grants Act and Australian Trade Commission (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act—Export Development Grants Board—Final Report for period 1 July 1985 to 5 January 1986.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
- Aluminised Steel for Use in Muffler Components and Exhaust Systems (Concessional Arrangements), dated 28 May 1986 (No. 389).
  - Certain Aircraft Parts and Servicing Equipment (Concessional Arrangements), dated 17 June 1986 (No. 392).
  - Certain Fluorescent Lamps (Tubes) from the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada (Anti-Dumping), dated 21 April 1986 (No. 383).
  - Certain Knife Blades and Cutlery Blanks (Concessional Arrangements), dated 28 May 1986 (No. 388).
  - Chemicals and Plastics Industries, dated 30 May 1986 (No. 390)—
- Vol. 1—
    - Part I—Overview and Recommendations.
    - Part II—Report.
  - Vol. 2—Part III—Appendices.
  - Tariff Harmonization Schedule.
- Crop and Rainfall Insurance, dated 20 June 1986 (No. 393).
  - Cultivation Machinery, dated 16 June 1986 (No. 391).
  - Harmonization of the Customs Tariff (3 vols), dated 14 February 1986 (No. 381).
  - Outboard Engines, dated 20 May 1986 (No. 387).
  - Power Electronics Industry (2 vols), dated 13 February 1986 (No. 380).
  - Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industries (3 vols), dated 19 May 1986 (No. 386).
- Maritime College Act—Australian Maritime College—Annual Report of Council 1985.
- National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—12th Report, for 1984-85.
- Official Establishments Trust—Annual Report 1984-85.
- Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry—
- Special Report, dated 6 August 1986 which covers the effect of Mr Justice Murphy's illness upon the Commission's proceedings.
  - Further Special Report, dated 19 August 1986, which deals with the publication by the Commission of reasons for its ruling given on 5 August 1986 on the meaning of 'misbehaviour' for the purposes of section 72 of the Constitution.
- Ruling on Meaning of 'Misbehaviour' re The Honourable Mr Justice L. K. Murphy—Reasons of—
- The Honourable Sir George Lush.
  - The Honourable Sir Richard Blackburn, OBE.
  - The Honourable Andrew Wills, QC.



Phosphate Mining Company of Christmas Island Limited—Annual Report 1984-85.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1986 Review—Determinations 1986—

No. 6—Ministers of State.

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No. 9—Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.

No. 10—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers and others.

No. 11—Entitlements of Members of the Parliament.

No. 12—Secretaries of Departments and Holders of Public Office.

No. 13—Members of Aboriginal Land Councils.

No. 14—Members of the Australian Capital Territory House of Assembly.

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Reserve Bank Act—Annual Report 1985-86 of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report 1985.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report 1985.

Services Canteens Trust Fund—Annual Report 1985.

J. M. BRUMBY  
Chairman

22 August 1986

Mr Brumby, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (REPEAL) BILL 1986: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 323

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to repeal the 'Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry Act 1986', 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, 22 August 1986

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

*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Page 2, clause 5, lines 3 to 11, leave out the clause.

No. 2—Page 2, sub-clause 7 (3), line 25, after "law", insert ", during the period of 30 years after the commencement".

No. 3—Page 2, sub-clause 7 (4), lines 38 to 40, leave out the sub-clause, insert the following sub-clause:

“(4) Notwithstanding any other law, a person is not entitled to have access to, or to make use of—

(a) a class A document after the end of the period of 30 years after the commencement; or

(b) a class B document at any time,

except in accordance with the written authority of the Presiding Officers.”.

No. 4—Page 3, clause 8, lines 15 to 27, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

“8. (1) A person who is, or has at any time been, a member of the Commission, a member of the staff of the Commission or counsel assisting the Commission shall not, directly or indirectly, disclose to any other person or make use of any document or information to which the first-mentioned person has had access by reason of being or having been such a member or counsel.

Penalty: \$5 000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.

“(2) Sub-section (1) does not prevent or hinder—

(a) the performance of any act otherwise authorised by this Act or the repealed Act as continued in effect by this Act; or

(b) the participation of a person in any investigation undertaken by a person or organization referred to in section 7, or any proceedings, in which use is made of information or documents referred to in section 7.

“(3) Sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to anything done in accordance with an authority given under sub-section 7 (4).”.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to, after debate.

Mr Bowen moved—That Senate amendment No. 4 be disagreed to, but that, in place thereof, clause 8 be omitted and the following clause be substituted in the Bill:

“8. (1) A person shall not publish, or otherwise disclose to any other person, the whole or any part of a class A document that has been prepared by the Commission, the staff of the Commission, or counsel assisting the Commission.

Penalty:

(a) where the defendant is a natural person—\$5,000 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both; or

(b) where the defendant is a corporation—\$100,000.

“(2) Sub-section (1) does not apply in relation to anything done—

(a) in accordance with an authority given under sub-section 7 (4); or

(b) for the purposes of any proceedings for an offence against sub-section (1).

“(3) In this section, ‘class A document’ has the same meaning as in section 7.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Ruddock reported accordingly.

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

20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.44 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 16 September 1986, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 August 1986:

- Air Navigation (Charges) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 211.
- Australian Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 209, 210.
- Bounty (Steel Mill Products) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 214.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 215.
- National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 208.
- Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 212.
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances—1986—
  - No. 40—Co-operative Societies (Amendment) (No. 3).
  - No. 41—Liquor (Amendment).
  - No. 42—Poker Machine Control (Amendment).
  - No. 43—Rabbit Destruction (Amendment).
  - No. 44—Real Property (Amendment) (No. 2).
  - No. 45—Stock (Amendment).
- Regulations—1986—
  - No. 11 (Rabbit Destruction Ordinance).
  - No. 12 (Poker Machine Control Ordinance).

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Carlton, Mr Connolly, Mr Everingham, Mr Fife, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hayden, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman, Mr MacKellar, Mr Macphee, Mr Miles, Mr Mountford, Mr Punch, Mr Shack, Dr Watson and Mr White.

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives