

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 114

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1986

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH:** Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) raised, as a matter of privilege, the content of an article in *The Daily Telegraph* of 1 September 1986 which referred to reported statements by the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Mr Sinclair produced a copy of the article.

Madam Speaker stated that she would consider the matter and advise the House in due course.

3 **LEADER OF THE NATIONAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA (MR SINCLAIR)—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker informed the House that she had appraised the statement made by the Leader of the National Party of Australia on 22 August 1986 following her reference in the House to remarks reportedly made by him at a press conference on 21 August 1986 and reported in *The Canberra Times*.

Madam Speaker stated that she had accepted the apology on the assumption that the remarks of the Right Honourable Member had been inaccurately reported but having examined the transcript of his remarks at the press conference and comparing them to his statement to the House, she could only conclude that he had misled the House. This action, in her opinion, constituted a contempt of the House.

Mr Sinclair addressed himself to the matter.

Mr McLeay moved—That this House—

(1) is of the opinion that—

(a) the comments made by the Leader of the National Party of Australia during a press conference on Thursday, 21 August 1986, and correctly reported in *The Canberra Times* the following day were highly critical of Madam Speaker and—

(i) constitute a breach of the privileges of this House, and

(ii) were deliberately calculated to attack the Speaker's right to discipline Members by calling into question her personal character, and

(b) the Leader of the National Party's statement to the House on Friday, 22 August, being clearly at odds with his original comments, misled the House, and thus constitutes a contempt of the House, and

(2) condemns the Leader of the National Party of Australia for his personal reflections upon the character and integrity of the Speaker of this House and her capacity to perform her duties as Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Mr Sinclair having withdrawn the remarks to which the attention of the House had been drawn, and having apologised to the Speaker—
Motion withdrawn, by leave.

- 4 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE L. H. E. BURY):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable L. H. E. Bury, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, on 7 September 1986, of the Honourable Leslie Harry Ernest Bury, CMG, a Member of this House for the Division of Wentworth from 1956 to 1974 and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

And Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 5 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (THE HONOURABLE DAME ANNABELLE RANKIN):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable Dame Annabelle Rankin, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death, on 30 August 1986, of the Honourable Dame Annabelle Jane Mary Rankin, DBE, a Senator for Queensland from 1946 to 1971, a former Minister of the Crown, and High Commissioner to New Zealand from 1971 to 1974, places on record its appreciation of her long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to her family in their bereavement.

And Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—

Question—passed.

- 6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade), Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Trade and undertaking Mr Dawkins' representative duties in the House.

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

- 8 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts, dated 15 September 1986.

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General upon audits, examinations and inspections under the Audit and other Acts—September 1986, and

- (2) That the paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—Report 12—Population monitoring and forecasting: Intergovernmental issues, concerns and options—Relationships reference.

Australian Trade Commission (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act—

Australian Overseas Projects Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1985 to 5 January 1986.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Final report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 1 July 1985 to 5 January 1986.

Defence Act—

Army and Air Force Canteen Service Regulations—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report and financial statements, together with the auditor's report, for period 29 January 1985 to 27 January 1986.

Royal Military College—Report for period 1 February 1985 to 31 January 1986.

Public Service Act—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1985-86.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—11th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.

10 LEGAL AID NEEDS OF YOUTH—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following papers:

Legal aid needs of youth—Report by Ian O'Connor and Clare Tilbury for Legal Aid Branch, Attorney-General's Department, dated April 1986, together with statement by Mr Bowen, Attorney-General.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) 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.

11 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for 1 month be given to Mr Shipton, on the ground of parliamentary business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

12 PETITIONS: The Deputy Speaker informed the House that due to the number of petitions to be presented it had not been possible to prepare the announcement of petitions lodged in the time available.

Leave granted for petitions to be announced at a later hour this day.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

22 August 1986—Message No. 324—Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) 1986.

14 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL: A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

3 September 1986—Message No. 176—Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) 1986.

15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTERNATIONAL CREDIT RATING: The House was informed that Mr Carlton had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The total failure of the Government's economic management resulting in the loss of Australia's AAA international credit rating".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Carlton addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

Mr Adermann, Mr Andrew, Mr Baldwin, Mr Beale, Mr Beazley, Mr Blanchard, Mr Blunt, Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr N. A. Brown,

- Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Burr, Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Campbell, Mr Carlton, Mr Cobb, Mr Conquest, Mr Cunningham, Mr Drummond, Mr Duncan, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Gear, Mr Grace, Mr Hall, Mr Hawke, Mr Hawker, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodges, Mr Holding, Mr Hollis, Mr Hunt, Mr Jones, Mr Jull, Mr Katter, Mr Keating, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kent, Mr Keogh, Dr Klugman, Mr Lamb, Mr Langmore, Mr Lee, Mr Lindsay, Mr Lloyd, Mr MacKellar, Mr McLeay, Mr Mildren, Mr Millar, Mr Milton, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr O'Keefe, Mr O'Neil, Mr Peacock, Mr Porter, Mr Robinson, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes, Mr Scott, Mr Sharp, Mr Shipton, Mr Sinclair, Mr Snow, Mrs Sullivan, Mr West, Mr Wilson and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.
- Mr Bilney, Mr Brumby, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Hawker, Mr Howe, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Kent, Mr Lamb, Mrs Mayer, Mr Reith and Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.
- Mr Beale, Mr Beazley, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Conquest, Mr Drummond, Dr Klugman, Mr McGauran, Mr Maher, Mr Rocher and Mr Smith—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Baldwin, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gear, Mr Hodges, Mr Peacock, Mr Spender and Mr West—from certain citizens praying that 1988 be proclaimed the first International Earth Repair Year.
- Mr Beazley, Mr Drummond, Mr Duffy, Ms Fatin, Mr Gear and Mr Maher—from certain citizens praying that the members of the Film Censorship Board be replaced.
- Mr Blanchard, Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Saunderson and Mr Scott—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 I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Sharp—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—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt and Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Maranoa, respectively, praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill be repealed.
- Mr Sharp and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Divisions of Gilmore and Fisher, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker and Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Grace, 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 Hunt—from certain citizens; and Mr Hawker and Mr Ruddock—from certain residents of Victoria and New South Wales, respectively, praying that the proposed capital gains tax legislation be introduced without delay and that it be rejected.
- Mr Baldwin and Mr A. A. Morris—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 Blunt—from certain citizens; and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Cadman 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 Webster—from certain residents of New South Wales in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Drummond and Mr Keogh—from certain citizens praying that all advertising of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products be prohibited.
- Mr Hollis and Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs' Wollongong area office be kept operational and fully staffed.
- Mr Keating and Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that aid be provided to the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and that certain other action be taken in relation to the disaster.
- Mr Rocher and Mr Sinclair—from certain citizens praying that fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Drummond, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Hunt and Mr Smith—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- 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 Smith and Mrs Sullivan—from certain citizens praying that the right of employees to select their own superannuation scheme be guaranteed and certain other action be taken in relation to superannuation.
- Mr Aldred—from certain citizens praying that the decision to phase down the Glen Waverley Rehabilitation Centre, Vic., be reversed.
- Mr Baldwin—from certain citizens praying that helicopter access and transit lanes passing Birchgrove and Balmain, NSW, be removed or relocated.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.
- Mr Beazley—from certain citizens praying that sub-section 16 (2) of the Broadcasting and Television Act be amended so that the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal shall consult the public when determining television standards and screening hours.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that a bi-partisan commitment to world-wide nuclear disarmament be made.
- 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 N. A. Brown—from certain residents of the Division of Menzies praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.
- Mr Burr—from certain citizens praying that the stud stock tax be reconsidered and the stud breeding industry be deregulated.
- Mr Burr—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill lie before the House to allow reasoned debate and that certain other action be taken in regard to the Bill.
- Mr Burr—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that family allowance payments be indexed to CPI movements.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Government launch a public appeal to help the Chernobyl victims and certain action be taken to restrict Soviet nuclear activity.
- Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that Tertiary Education Assistance allowance be raised to the level of the unemployment benefit.
- Mr Campbell—from certain citizens praying that the proposed gold tax not be introduced.

- Mr Carlton—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 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 Cowan—from certain citizens praying that a treaty providing full land rights be negotiated with the Aboriginal people.
- Mr Duncan—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to reduce interest rates.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer praying that tariff protection for the clothing, textile and footwear industry not be withdrawn.
- Mr Free—from certain citizens praying that the nation's total dependence on God the Creator in accordance with the Constitution and the standing orders of the House of Representatives be reaffirmed.
- 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 citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the extinction of Aboriginal and Islander languages.
- Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that the tertiary administration fee be withdrawn.
- Mr Hodgman—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill 1984 be presented to the House of Representatives at the earliest possible time.
- Mr Spender—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that a television translator be erected to improve the reception of the Brisbane SBS UHF television station.
- Mr Keating—from certain citizens praying that society be protected from taxation changes and the introduction of new taxes.
- Mr Keating—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 Keating—from certain citizens praying that a parliamentary committee be appointed to consider proposals for a new national flag.
- Mr Keating—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights or elsewhere in Australia.
- 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 all prescribed medicines be provided to pensioners free of charge.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.
- Mr Keogh—from certain citizens praying that child endowment not be cut.
- Mr Kerin—from certain citizens praying that the Otway Forests, Vic., be protected and that no licence be granted to export woodchips from the Otways.
- Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to encourage the Polish Government to alleviate the suffering of Polish people and recognise human rights and freedoms.

- Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that the Human Rights Commission be given adequate resources for handling complaints and for community education in the areas of human rights and equal opportunity.
- Mr Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr Lloyd—from certain residents of the Division of Murray praying that SBS television be made available to their electorate.
- Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that the Pine Gap lease not be renewed and all US bases in Australia be closed.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.
- Mr Milton—from certain residents of Victoria praying that the decision to sell uranium to France be reversed.
- Mr A. A. Morris—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent people being forced into subscribing to private health insurance.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens 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 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 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 Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.
- Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Constitution be reformed in order to recognise significant public expressions of concern.
- Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to analyse the full impact of plant variety rights legislation on agriculture and the nation.
- 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 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 Queensland 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 Queensland praying that the proposed fringe benefits tax be abandoned.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that pharmaceutical benefits be restored to their former level.
- 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 Smith—from certain citizens praying that cost recovery methods in the aviation industry which could jeopardise the operations of Airlines of Tasmania not proceed.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that the Illawarra planetarium project be given sufficient funding to proceed.

Petitions received.

- 17 **COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING SERVICES—FUTURE DIRECTIONS—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 22 August 1986*), viz.:

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

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—

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Jones (Minister for Science), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Macphee speaking for a period not exceeding 17 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the House take note of the papers—put and passed.

- 18 **LOANS 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 177, dated 20 August 1986, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Carlton, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 1, page 1, line 5, omit "*Loans*", substitute "*Loan*".

Clause 3—

Page 1, line 11, omit from the definition of "'defence service'" "a financial year", substitute "the financial year".

Page 2, lines 1-3, omit the definition of "'financial year'", substitute the following definition:

"'financial year' means the year ending on 30 June 1987;"

Page 2, lines 4-15, omit the definition of "'relevant appropriation Act'", substitute the following definition:

"'relevant appropriation Act' means—

(a) the *Supply Act (No. 1) 1986-87*; or

(b) an Act, whether passed before or after the commencement of this Act, appropriating the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the financial year ending on 30 June 1987, being an Act that is expressed to have effect subject to this Act."

Clause 4—

Page 2, line 19, omit “a financial year”, substitute “the financial year”.

Page 2, omit “that financial year” (wherever occurring), substitute “the financial year”.

Clause 5—

Page 2, line 29, omit “a financial year”, substitute “the financial year”.

Page 2, line 31, omit “that financial year”, substitute “the financial year”.

Clause 6—

Page 2, line 37, omit “a financial year”, substitute “the financial year”.

Page 3, omit “that financial year” (wherever occurring), substitute “the financial year”.

Clause 9—

Page 3, omit “a financial year” (twice occurring), substitute “the financial year”.

Page 3, omit “that financial year” (wherever occurring), substitute “the financial year”.

Page 3, after sub-clause (2) add the following sub-clause:

“(3) Nothing in this Act shall be taken to authorise expenditure (otherwise than for the expenses of borrowing) after 30 June 1987.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Conquest	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson
Mr Beale	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Burr	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Everingham	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Dr Watson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Goodluck	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keogh	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Klugman	Mr Sanderson
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 Charles	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report.

Mr Hurford, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 19 **PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker referred to the matter raised earlier this day by Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) (*see* entry No. 2) concerning media reports of a matter involving the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Madam Speaker referred to the remarks her predecessor had made in response to a similar complaint raised in this House on 9 November 1983 and stated that, on the basis of the material before her and in the light of such precedents as were available, she would not accord precedence to a motion in respect of the matter.

Mr Sinclair and Mr Cadman addressed themselves to the matter.

- 20 **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.

Paper: Mr Lindsay, by leave, presented the following paper:

What do we want from the Government—Paper prepared by Rescue Australia's Collapsed Economy Committee.

Mr Carlton moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House condemns the Government for—

- (1) the failure of the Budget to tackle Australia's fundamental economic problems, namely—
 - (a) the record and rising level of overseas debt;
 - (b) excessively high levels of government spending and taxation;
 - (c) an inflation rate 4 times the average of our major trading partners;
 - (d) interest rates once again approaching 20%;
 - (e) a wages policy that does not take account of the capacity of individual enterprises to pay, and
 - (f) the pernicious effects of the anti-business, anti-investment taxes such as the capital gains tax and the fringe benefits tax, and
- (2) the loss of Australia's AAA international credit rating following the failure of the Budget”.

Debate continued.

Mr Maher addressing the House—

- 21 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.04 p.m., Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 September 1986:

Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 235.

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 232.
- Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 233.
- Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 238, 246.
- Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 219.
- Australian Citizenship Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 223.
- Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 242, 243, 244, 245.
- Commonwealth Teaching Service Act—Determination—1986—No. 2.
- Copyright Act—Declaration pursuant to paragraph 10A (1) (b), dated 5 June 1986.
- Customs Act—Notices—1986—Nos. 6, 7.
- Dairy Produce Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 237.
- Defence Act—
Defence Force Regulations—Declaration of defence practice areas—Army 1/86, dated 21 August 1986.
- Determinations—1986—
No. 49—Attendance Allowance.
No. 50—Sinai Allowance.
No. 51—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and other allowances.
No. 52—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.
No. 53—Overseas Living Out Allowance and other allowances.
No. 54—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and other allowances.
No. 55—Overseas Rental and Utilities Allowance.
- Defence (Re-establishment) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 231.
- Dried Fruits Levy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 220.
- Excise Act—Notices—1986—Nos. 9, 12.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1986—No. 8—Prescribed Goods (General) as amended (Amendment).
- Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 216.
- Fisheries Act—
Notice—No. 172.
Plan of Management—No. 10—Northern Prawn Fishery (Amendment).
- Fisheries Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 236.
- Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of Ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA, dated 8 September 1986.
- International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 239, 240, 241.
- Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 22 August 1986.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
Land acquired for—
Defence purposes—Parish of Tomerong, NSW.
Pipeline Authority purposes—NSW.
Statements (2) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
- Maintenance Orders (Commonwealth Officers) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 230.
- Marriage Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 227, 229.
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 224.
- National Museum of Australia Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 217.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 226.

Navigation Act—

Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Order—1986—No. 12—Marine, Part 32.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 225.

Oilseeds Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 221, 222.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the date on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—*Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1986*—Section 5 and the amendments of sections 46, 148D and 424 and the repeal of sections 86, 87, 100, 105 to 107 (inclusive), 111, 112, 114, 115, 179, 181, 387B and 398 of the *Navigation Act 1912*—1 September 1986.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1986—Nos. 57, 65, 68.

Radiocommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 213.

Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 228.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Blood Donation (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Ordinance—Form of declaration—Approval pursuant to paragraph 5 (a), dated 1 August 1986.

Determinations—

Listing fees and/or charges for purposes of the following ordinances—

Dated 20 August 1986—

Adoption of Children.

Agents.

Architects.

Building.

Building and Services.

Co-operative Societies.

Credit.

Dangerous Goods.

Dog Control.

Fishing.

Hawkers.

Lakes.

Liquor.

Lotteries.

Machinery.

Motor Traffic.

Nature Conservation.

Plumbers Drainers and Gasfitters Board.

Poker Machine Control.

Pounds.

Rabbit Destruction.

Racecourses.

Real Property.

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Roads and Public Places.

Sales of Motor Vehicles.

Scaffolding and Lifts.

Stock.

Surveyors.

Water Rates.

Weights and Measures.

Motor Omnibus Services, dated 22 August 1986.

Optometrists, dated 18 August 1986.

Rates, dated 1 September 1986.

Sewerage Rates, dated 1 September 1986.

Ordinances—1986—

- No. 46—Betting (Totalizator Agency) (Amendment).
- No. 47—Blood Donation (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) (Amendment).
- No. 48—Motor Omnibus Services (Amendment).
- No. 49—Tobacco Products (Health Warnings).
- No. 50—Radiation (Amendment).
- No. 51—Optometrists (Amendment).
- No. 52—Domestic Violence.
- No. 53—Domestic Violence (Miscellaneous Amendments).
- No. 54—Statutory Authorities (Temporary Provisions).
- No. 55—Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) (Amendment).

Regulations—1986—

- Nos. 13 and 14 (Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).
- No. 15 (Apprenticeship Ordinance).
- No. 16 (Optometrists Ordinance).
- Nos. 17, 18 and 19 (Credit Ordinance).
- No. 20 (Liquor Ordinance).
- No. 21 (Bookmakers Ordinance).

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendment of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 25 August 1986.

Statutory Rules Publication Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 218.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 234.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 70.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cleeland, Mr Dawkins, Mr Free, Mr Griffiths, Mr Halverson, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mrs Kelly, Mr Shack, Mr Shipton*, Mr Staples, Mrs Sullivan and Mr West.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives