

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 146

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1987

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

2 **DEATHS OF FORMER MEMBERS (MR F. W. COLLARD AND MR S. M. KEON):** Madam Speaker informed the House of the deaths of:

Mr Frederick Walter Collard, on 1 December 1986, a Member of this House for the Division of Kalgoorlie from 1961 to 1975, and

Mr Standish Michael Keon, on 22 January 1987, a Member of this House for the Division of Yarra from 1949 to 1955.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 **MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that following the resignation of Senator Grimes as Minister for Community Services, the following ministerial changes had occurred on 16 February 1987:

Senator Tate had been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Ministry as Special Minister of State.

Mr Young had been appointed Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Mr Hurford had been appointed Minister for Community Services.

Mr Hawke also informed the House that Mr Young would be Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Multicultural Affairs.

The Ministry, including Ministers assisting and representational arrangements, was as follows:

	<i>Representation in other Chamber</i>
*Prime Minister	The Hon. R. J. L. Senator Button Hawke, AC, MP
*Deputy Prime Minister, Attorney-General, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Commonwealth-State Relations and Vice-President of the Executive Council	The Hon. L. F. Bowen, Senator Evans MP
*Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce	Senator the Hon. J. N. Mr Jones Button

*Deputy Leader of the Government and Manager of Government Business in the Senate, Minister for Resources and Energy, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister and Minister Assisting the Minister for Foreign Affairs	Senator the Hon. G. J. Evans, QC	Mr Jones
*Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Industrial Matters	The Hon. R. Willis, MP	Senator Walsh
*Treasurer	The Hon. P. J. Keating, MP	Senator Walsh
*Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Leader of the House and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Multicultural Affairs	The Hon. M. J. Young, MP	Senator Evans
*Minister for Finance and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters	Senator the Hon. P. A. Walsh	Mr Hurford, Mr Willis
*Minister for Foreign Affairs	The Hon. W. G. Hayden, MP	Senator Evans
*Minister for Education and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women	Senator the Hon. S. M. Ryan	Mr Dawkins
*Minister for Trade and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Youth Affairs	The Hon. J. S. Dawkins, MP	Senator Button
*Minister for Primary Industry	The Hon. J. C. Kerin, MP	Senator Walsh
*Minister for Housing and Construction	The Hon. S. J. West, MP	Senator Ryan
*Minister for Defence	The Hon. K. C. Beazley, MP	Senator Evans
*Minister for Community Services and Minister Assisting the Treasurer	The Hon. C. J. Hurford, MP	Senator Tate
*Minister for Social Security	The Hon. B. L. Howe, MP	Senator Tate
Minister for Transport and Minister for Aviation	The Hon. P. F. Morris, MP	Senator Gietzelt
Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence	The Hon. J. J. Brown, MP	Senator Ryan
Minister for Health	The Hon. N. Blewett, MP	Senator Tate
Minister for Science and Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce	The Hon. B. O. Jones, MP	Senator Button

Minister for Territories	The Hon. G. G. D. Scholes, MP	Senator Gietzelt
Minister for Communications and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence	The Hon. M. J. Duffy, MP	Senator Walsh
Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Bicentennial	The Hon. B. Cohen, MP	Senator Ryan
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs	The Hon. A. C. Holding, MP	Senator Ryan
Minister for Veterans' Affairs	Senator the Hon. A. T. Gietzelt	Mr Holding
Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services	The Hon. T. Uren, MP	Senator Gietzelt
Special Minister of State	Senator the Hon. M. C. Tate	Mr Young

* Minister in the Cabinet

Mr Hawke further informed the House that, during the absences abroad of Mr Dawkins (Minister for Trade) and Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) was acting as Minister for Trade and would represent the Minister for Education in the House, and Mr Jones (Minister for Science) was acting as Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment.

4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

5 **PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Library—Report for 1985-86.

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

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act—Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations—10th Report, for year ending 31 August 1986.

Air Navigation Act and Public Service Act—Department of Aviation—Report for 1985-86.

Australia-China Council—Report for 1985-86.

Australian Capital Territory—

Apprenticeship Board—49th Report, for 1985-86.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies—Report for 1984-85.

Schools Authority—Report and interim financial statements for 1985-86.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.

Australian Industry and Technology Council—Summary of proceedings for 1985-86.

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

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

Australian Police Ministers' Council—National common police services—Report for 1984-85.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1985-86.

- Canberra Development Board—Report for 1985-86.
- Christmas Island Act—Services Corporation Ordinance—Christmas Island Services Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for period 26 October 1984 to 30 June 1985.
- Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
- Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce—Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee—Report—Monitoring recombinant DNA technology: a five year review.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—Report of the Supervising Scientist for 1985-86.
- Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 21—Civil disobedience and the use of arrest as punishment: some human rights issues, dated November 1986.
- Immigration (Education) Act—Child migrant education—Report for 1985-86.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 33—Civil admiralty jurisdiction.
- Management and Investment Companies Act—Management and Investment Companies Licensing Board—Report for 1985-86.
- Pipeline Authority Act—Pipeline Authority—13th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
- Public Service Act—Department of Education—Report for 1985-86.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—37th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
- Soil Conservation (Financial Assistance) Act—Soil Conservation Advisory Committee—Report for period 7 May 1985 to 30 June 1986.
- States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983*—Statement of financial assistance granted to each State in 1984.
- Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.

7 ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARY COUNSEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Attorney-General's Department—Report for 1985-86, including the report of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel for 1985-86 pursuant to the Parliamentary Counsel Act.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—REPORT—COMPLAINTS RELATING TO THE PROTEST AT PINE GAP, NOVEMBER 1983—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 20—Complaints relating to the protest at Pine Gap, November 1983, dated October 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.

9 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:

Public Service Act—Department of Employment and Industrial Relations—Report for 1985-86, including the report of the National Director of the

Commonwealth Employment Service for 1985-86, pursuant to the Commonwealth Employment Service Act.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 10 **SUSPECTED WAR CRIMINALS—REVIEW OF MATERIAL RELATING TO THE ENTRY INTO AUSTRALIA—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Young (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following papers:

Suspected war criminals—Review of material relating to the entry into Australia—Report by Mr A. C. C. Menzies, OBE, together with a statement by Senator Evans, Minister for Resources and Energy.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) 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 **AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented the following paper:

Customs Administration Act—Australian Customs Service—Report for 1985-86.

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

Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Dubois, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Free, Mr Hawker, Mr Rocher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

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

Mr Aldred, Mr Lamb, Mr Lloyd, Mr Peacock and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Scott and Mr Staples—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.

Dr Blewett and Mr Wright—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr N. A. Brown, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hodges and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that deletion of the 45 commonly prescribed drugs from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

Mr Cadman, Mr Hunt, Mrs Kelly and Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens; and Mr Porter, Mr Lloyd and Mr Robinson—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mr Hawker, Mr Lamb, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that continued assistance be provided to the footwear industry.

Mr Beale, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that incentive and opportunity be restored to the Australian economy and certain restrictions on small business be abandoned.

Mr Blunt, Mr Braithwaite and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.

- Mr Andrew, Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mr Rocher and Mr Webster—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- 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 Cadman and Mr Rocher—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 Duncan and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.
- Mr Duncan and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that Australia use its influence to establish a nuclear test moratorium and comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.
- Mr Duncan and Mr Young—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Payneham Rehabilitation Centre, SA, be fully utilised.
- Mr Hawker and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the commitment to the oil import parity pricing policy be honoured.
- Mr Hodges and Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.
- Mr Kent and Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.
- 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 Kerin and Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the annual administrative charge for higher education students not be introduced.
- Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens; and Mr Staples—from certain residents of the Division of Jagajaga praying that tertiary education remain free to all students.
- Mr Maher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that funding be restored to the English as a second language and multicultural education programs.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that there be more commitment in establishing peaceful relations with all people.
- Mr Duncan—from certain citizens praying that interest rates on home loans be reduced by 2% annually for the next 5 years or until they are 8%.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.
- Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken within the Australian Taxation Office and other departments to counter tax evasion and fraudulent practices.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that the United Nations be urged to conduct an internationally supervised referendum for the Eritrean people to determine their method of government.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that a treaty granting Aboriginal land rights be concluded before 1988.
- 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 Hayden—from certain residents of the Ipswich and West Moreton region, Qld, praying that applications be called for a commercial radio lease to service Ipswich and surrounding shires.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that payment of secondary allowances to the families of year 11 students under 16 years of age be restored.
- Mr Jones—from certain citizens praying that the increase in the cost of pharmaceutical items on the National Health Service list be reversed.
- Mr Millar—from certain citizens praying that an occupational category for housewives be included in the Census and that the "Fair go for Women" survey be recognised as a costly exercise of dubious value.
- Mr Millar—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the sale of the Queen Elizabeth II Rehabilitation Centre Camperdown, NSW, be rescinded.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that funding be provided to improve the Pacific Highway between Port Macquarie and Woolgoolga, NSW.
- Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to minimise the risk of an outbreak of potato cyst nematode.
- Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the closure of Balwyn West Post Office, Vic., be prevented.
- Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that moneys allocated to the Victorian State Government for road funding be increased to allow adequate funding for the construction and maintenance of roads in the Shire of Cranbourne, Vic.
- Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the Income Tax Assessment Amendment (Capital Gains) Act be repealed.
- Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that pony clubs be given tax exempt status.
- Mr Staples—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 Webster—from certain citizens praying that conditions of service and remuneration for servicemen be reviewed and the decision to discount their retirement benefits be reversed.

Petitions received.

13 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills without amendment:

2 December 1986—Message—

No. 369—South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty 1986.

No. 370—Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Amendment 1986.

No. 371—States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1986.

No. 372—Australian National University Amendment 1986.

No. 373—Canberra College of Advanced Education Amendment 1986.

No. 374—Maritime College Amendment 1986.

3 December 1986—Message—

No. 375—Home Deposit Assistance Amendment 1986.

No. 376—International Financial Institutions (Share Increase) 1986.

No. 377—Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1986.

No. 378—Overseas Students Charge Collection Amendment 1986.

No. 379—Taxation Administration Amendment (Recovery of Tax Debts) 1986.

4 December 1986—Message—

- No. 380—Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1986 (*without requests*).
- No. 381—Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- No. 382—Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1986 (*without requests*).
- No. 383—Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- No. 384—Pig Industry 1986.
- No. 385—Pig Industry (Transitional Provisions) 1986.
- No. 386—Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment (No. 2) 1986 (*without requests*).
- No. 387—Social Security Amendment (Reciprocity with Italy) 1986.
- No. 388—Public Service Legislation (Streamlining) 1986.
- No. 389—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1986.
- No. 390—Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty Amendment 1986 (*without requests*).
- No. 391—Australian Capital Territory Tax (Transfers of Marketable Securities) 1986 (*without requests*).
- No. 392—States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 3) 1986.
- No. 393—States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- No. 394—States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1986.

5 December 1986—Message—

- No. 395—Sex Discrimination (Consequential Amendments) 1986.
- No. 396—Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) 1986.
- No. 397—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Repeal 1986.
- No. 398—Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) 1986.
- No. 399—Australian Land Transport (Financial Assistance) Amendment 1986.
- No. 400—Banking Legislation Amendment 1986.
- No. 401—Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment 1986.

- (b) acquainting the House of Representatives that leave had been granted to Senators Archer, Black, Cooney and Vigor to attend and give evidence before the House of Representatives Committee of Privileges, if they think fit—
5 December 1986—Message No. 402.

14 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

1 December 1986—Message—

- No. 207—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1986-87.
- No. 208—

Appropriation (No. 1) 1986-87.

Appropriation (No. 2) 1986-87.

2 December 1986—Message—

- No. 209—Bounty and Subsidy Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- No. 210—Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment 1986.
- No. 211—Science and Industry Research Legislation Amendment 1986.
- No. 212—

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Amendment 1986.

Criminology Research Amendment 1986.

6 December 1986—Message—

- No. 213—States (Works and Housing) Assistance Amendment 1986.
- No. 214—

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission 1986.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 1986.

9 December 1986—Message—

No. 215—

- Bounty (Books) 1986.
- Bounty (Ship Repair) 1986.
- Disability Services 1986.
- Disability Services (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) 1986.
- Fertilisers Subsidy 1986.
- Navigation Amendment 1986.
- Subsidy (Cultivation Machines and Equipment) 1986.

No. 216—

- States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- Australian National University Amendment 1986.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Amendment 1986.
- Maritime College Amendment 1986.
- Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1986.
- Overseas Students Charge Collection Amendment 1986.
- South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty 1986.
- Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Amendment 1986.
- Home Deposit Assistance Amendment 1986.
- International Financial Institutions (Share Increase) 1986.
- Taxation Administration Amendment (Recovery of Tax Debts) 1986.

11 December 1986—Message—No. 217—

- Cheques and Payment Orders 1986.
- Bills of Exchange Amendment 1986.
- Australian Capital Territory Stamp Duty Amendment 1986.
- Australian Capital Territory Tax (Transfers of Marketable Securities) 1986.
- Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- Customs Tariff Amendment (No. 3) 1986.

18 December 1986—Message—

No. 218—

- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- Social Security Amendment (Reciprocity with Italy) 1986.
- Public Service Legislation (Streamlining) 1986.
- Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1986.
- States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Amendment (No. 2) 1986.

No. 219—

- Pig Industry 1986.
- Pig Industry (Transitional Provisions) 1986.
- Pig Slaughter Levy Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- Excise Tariff Amendment (No. 2) 1986.
- Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Repeal 1986.
- Australian Land Transport (Financial Assistance) Amendment 1986.
- Sex Discrimination (Consequential Amendments) 1986.
- Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) 1986.
- States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment (No. 3) 1986.
- Banking Legislation Amendment 1986.
- Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment 1986.
- Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) 1986.

- 15 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE: Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—
That Mr Spender be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Privileges and that, in his place, Mr Smith be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICIES:** 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 disastrous impact on all Australian families, farmers and small businesses of the Hawke Government's economic policies which have produced high taxes, high interest rates, high inflation and massive foreign debt". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Howard addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 17 **ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr MacKellar presented the following report from the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform:
Electoral Reform—Joint Select Committee—Report No. 2—The operation during the 1984 General Election of the 1983-84 amendments to Commonwealth electoral legislation, dated 8 December 1986, incorporating 3 dissenting reports, together with the minutes of proceedings.
Mr MacKellar and Mr Lee, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 18 **DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), by leave, moved—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 3 to 15 (1986), constituting part of order of the day No. 113, government business, be discharged.
Question—put and passed.
- 19 **COMMONWEALTH GUARANTEES (CHARGES) 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 Jones (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.
- 20 **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1987:

- Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—
 - Aboriginal Development Commission—Report for 1985-86.
 - Australian Capital Territory Health Authority—Report for 1985-86.
 - Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1985-86.
 - Australian National Gallery—Report for 1985-86.

- Barley Research Council and Wheat Research Council—Reports for 1985-86.
- Dairy Research Council—Report for 1985-86.
- Legal Aid Commission (ACT)—Report for 1985-86.
- National Museum of Australia—Report for 1985-86.
- Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, Nos. 9, 20.
- Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 357.
- Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 398.
- Apple and Pear Levy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 11.
- Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 349.
- Australian Capital Territory Tax (Transfers of Marketable Securities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 390.
- Australian Federal Police Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 14.
- Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 374, 375.
- Australian National Railways Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 348.
- Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 392.
- Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1987—No. 1—Lands.
- Companies Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 376.
- Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 346.
- Copyright Act—Declaration pursuant to paragraph 10A (1) (b), dated 28 October 1986.
- Currency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 358.
- Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 354, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 385, 388, 396.
- Defence Act—
- Determinations—1986—
- No. 80—Overseas Living Allowance.
- No. 81—Settling In and Settling Out Allowance.
- No. 82—Child Supplement.
- No. 83—Reunion Supplement.
- No. 84—Rental and Utilities Contribution.
- No. 85—Overseas Vehicle Contribution.
- No. 86—Complementary Allowances Payable to Member Serving on Duty Overseas.
- No. 87—Separation Allowance and other allowances.
- No. 88—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.
- Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 19.
- Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1986—No. 13—Export Meat as amended (Amendment).
- Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 350.
- Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 3.
- Family Law Act—
- Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 393.
- Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 15.
- Fisheries Act—
- Notices—Nos. 166, 167, 168, 181, 182.
- Plan of Management—No. 12—Northern Prawn Fishery (Special Provisions).
- Fisheries Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—
- 1986—No. 397.
- 1987—No. 1.

- Health Insurance Act—
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 377.
 Statement of particulars of Ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA, dated 23 December 1986.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 6.
- Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 351.
- International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 359.
- Interstate Road Transport Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 386.
- Judiciary Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 383.
- Lands Acquisition Act—
 Land acquired for—
 Aviation purposes—Jandakot, WA.
 Pipeline Authority purposes, SA.
 Statements (4) of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).
- Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 17.
- Meat Inspection Act—
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 355.
 Meat Inspection (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1986—
 No. 5—Meat Inspection (Fees) (Amendment).
 No. 6—Meat Inspection (Northern Territory).
- Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, No. 384.
- National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 353, 360, 391.
- National Measurement Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1986, Nos. 370, 399.
- Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 18.
- Navigation Act—
 Navigation (Orders) Regulations—Order—1986—No. 16—Marine, Part 11.
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting)
 except Mr Cohen, Mr Dawkins and Mr Jacobi.

A. R. BROWNING
 Clerk of the House of Representatives