

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 149

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 1987

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **DEFENCE INITIATIVES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning defence initiatives in the South Pacific, and presented the following paper:
 . Defence initiatives in the South Pacific—Ministerial statement, 20 February 1987.
 Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Tickner), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—7th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee—Report for 1985-86.
 Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—5th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Australian Wine Research Institute—Report for 1985-86.
 Criminology Research Act—
 Australian Institute of Criminology—14th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Criminology Research Council—14th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1985-86.
 Fishing Industry Act—Report for 1985-86.
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.
 Pork Promotion Act—Pork Promotion Committee—11th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.

Rural Industries Research Act—

Australian Special Rural Research Council—Report for period 1 April to 30 June 1986.

Chicken Meat Research Council—Report for 1985-86.

Cotton Research Council—Report for 1985-86.

Dairy Research Council—1st Report, for 1985-86.

Oilseeds Research Council—Report for 1985-86.

Pig Research Council—Report for 1985-86.

Poultry Research Council—Report for 1985-86.

Research Councils' Selection Committee—Report for 1985-86.

Tobacco Research Council—Report for 1985-86.

Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1985-86.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—REPORT—HUMAN RIGHTS, FAMILY MIGRATION, AND DISABLED FAMILY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 22—Human rights, family migration, and disabled family members, dated November 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.

6 JAPANESE TUNA LONG-LINE FISHING—SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented the following paper:

Fisheries Act—Subsidiary agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan concerning Japanese tuna long-line fishing, done at Canberra on 30 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.

7 DOMESTIC AVIATION—INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ECONOMIC REGULATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation) presented the following paper:

Domestic aviation—Independent review of economic regulation—Report, dated December 1986—

Volume 1.

Volume 2.

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 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—EXPORT CONCESSIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce) presented the following paper:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Export concessions, dated 19 January 1987 (No. 399).

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 PARLIAMENT ACT—PROPOSALS FOR WORK WITHIN PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) presented the following papers:

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

Additional carpark and lighting at the National Library of Australia.

Additional carpark and lighting in the vicinity of the Treasury building.

Roadworks and associated landscaping north of the provisional Parliament House and lighting throughout the zone.

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.

10 VETERANS' CHILDREN EDUCATION SCHEME—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Veterans' Affairs) presented the following papers:

Veterans' Entitlement Act—Veterans' Children Education Scheme—

Instrument, dated 16 December 1986, revoking scheme approved by Minister on 22 May 1986.

Instrument, dated 22 December 1986, establishing scheme approved by Minister.

Ministerial statement.

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 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EFFICIENCY AUDIT REPORT ON OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report of the Standing Committee on Expenditure, entitled "Call us again", on an efficiency audit by the Auditor-General on the control over manpower and property by the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia).

Mr Macphee and Mr Hawker, by leave, also made statements with reference to the matter.

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

Mr Cadman, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Downer, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Aldred, Mr Kent and Mr Milton—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 Brumby, Mr Hawker and Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hawker and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that deletion of the 45 commonly prescribed drugs from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

Mr Hawker, Mr Lloyd and Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

- Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test, capital gains tax, fringe benefits tax and tax on lump sum superannuation be repealed.
- Mr Kent and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt and Mr Hawker—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Wannon, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.
- Mr Cadman—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 Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.
- Mr Cadman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that the Western Sydney State University be established in conjunction with the NSW Government.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that a bill providing for a national system for therapeutic goods for human use not be introduced and that therapeutic goods continue to be freely available through present outlets.
- Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that financial relief be given to Lyndon House through a one off grant or interest free loan.
- Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the Bridgewater Railway Station, SA, remain open and facilities be improved.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that a treaty granting Aboriginal land rights be concluded before 1988.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that the Australian Constitution be reformed in order to recognise significant public expressions of concern.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.
- 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 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 Lee—from certain citizens praying that a Medicare office be established in Wyong, NSW, as soon as possible.
- Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens 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—from certain citizens praying that the Launceston office of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs be re-opened.
- Mr Smith—from certain citizens praying that the tertiary administration fee be graduated to reflect the study load of each student and certain other action be taken in relation to mature age and external students.

Petitions received.

13 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMPULSORY UNIONISM:
The House was informed that Mr. N. A. Brown (Deputy Leader of the

Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need for compulsory unionism to be brought to an end".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr N. A. Brown addressed the House.

Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 3.45 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Willis continued his speech.

Discussion concluded.

14 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Slipper rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Holding (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Keating	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Sanderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hayden	Mr Martin	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mrs Mayer	Mr West
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mrs Darling	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Halverson	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr Hawker	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hodges	Mr Moore	Dr Watson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hodgman	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at 4.09 p.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andrew, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Cohen, Mr Dawkins, Mr Jacobi and Mr Tuckey.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives