

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 171

TUESDAY, 5 MAY 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
National policy on languages—Report by Mr J. Lo Bianco—  
Report.  
Statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education.
- 4 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Nehl, Mr Ruddock and Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.
- Dr Blewett, Mr Cadman and Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.
- 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.
- Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Milton 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 Cadman and Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain citizens praying that any act which would desecrate the Australian War Memorial be prevented.
- Mr Conquest and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that pension adjustments related to November and May CPI increases not be deferred but paid immediately.
- Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.
- Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that the pension discounting effect of the Superannuation and Other Benefits Legislation Amendment Act be limited to restore the base level for pension adjustment and certain other action be taken in relation to the Commonwealth Occupational Superannuation Schemes.
- Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.
- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that funding for pharmacy services at the Collingwood Community Health Centre, Vic., be restored.

- Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be increased and proposed changes to the spouse rebate be rejected.
- Dr Blewett—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Payneham Rehabilitation Centre, SA, be fully utilised.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.
- Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that Veterans' Affairs pharmaceutical benefits be restored to war widows.
- Mr N. A. Brown—from certain citizens praying that the decision of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission to downgrade the podiatry degree course at the Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences, Vic., not be implemented.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr Cadman—from certain members of the International Organisation of the Political Dissidents from Communist Countries praying that a public inquiry be held into the immigration of Anton Tirca.
- Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the proposed introduction of a \$2 coin not proceed.
- Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that all colleges of advanced education be allowed to offer a pre-service fourth year in Bachelor of Education courses for primary school teacher-trainees.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that certain factors be taken into consideration when formulating policy on Sri Lanka.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that funding be provided to improve the Pacific Highway between Port Macquarie and Woolgoolga, NSW.
- Mr Saunderson—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Sharp—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that all advertising of alcohol on television and radio be banned.
- Petitions received.

- 5 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES—PRESSURES OF LABOR 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 pressures placed on individual Australians and their families, particularly the poorer sections of the community, by Labor's failed policies". The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—Mr Howard addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 6 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mrs Kelly (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:  
Report on the 90th series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the city of Canberra and its environs, together with the minutes of proceedings.  
Ordered—That the report be printed.  
Mrs Kelly and Mr Langmore, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 7 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Downer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:  
271st Report—Response, including Finance Minute, to 201st Report—Efficiency audit—Administration of bilateral overseas aid.  
Ordered to be printed.
- 8 SEA INSTALLATIONS BILL 1987:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 9 SEA INSTALLATIONS LEVY BILL 1987:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 10 SEA INSTALLATIONS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1987:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (SEA INSTALLATIONS) BILL 1987:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (SEA INSTALLATIONS) BILL 1987:** 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 Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 SUGAR CANE LEVY BILL 1987:** 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 SUGAR CANE LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1987:** 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the following amendment was made: Clause 12, page 5, line 30, after "provided" insert ", and any information or thing (including any document) obtained as a direct or indirect consequence of the submitting of the return or the provision of the information, as the case may be,".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Kerin, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 15 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS ORDER OF THE DAY:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 17, general business, being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES BILL 1987:** 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—

*Papers:* Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, presented the following papers:

Parliamentary privilege—House of Representatives—

Proposed resolutions.

Proposed resolutions—Explanatory notes.

*Statement by Minister:* Mr Bowen, by leave, made a statement in connection with the papers.

Debate resumed.

Mr Cleeland addressing the House—

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—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.

**PAPER:** The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 5 May 1987:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Barley Research Council and Wheat Research Council—Reports for 1985-86.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Coleman, Mr Fife, Mr Hayden, Mr Hicks, Mr Howe, Mr Jull, Mr Kent, Mr Shack and Mr Uren.

**A. R. BROWNING**

Clerk of the House of Representatives