

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 180

THURSDAY, 28 MAY 1987

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT 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 by Mr Moore who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the Bill the House is of the opinion that the uniform general tariff rate of duty on power electronic goods under reference should be further reduced in the medium to long term”.
 Debate continued.
 Amendment negatived.
 Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 3 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT 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 Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 4 **CUSTOMS (VALUATION) AMENDMENT 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

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together and agreed to.
 Clause 9 debated and agreed to.
 Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5 BOUNTY AND SUBSIDY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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 having been resumed by Mr Moore—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 GRIEVANCE DEBATE: Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debated ensued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

8 PAPER: The following paper was presented:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 1985-86.

9 DOUBLE DISSOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Double dissolution of both Houses of Parliament, 1987—Copies of letters from—

Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, to His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 27 May 1987.

His Excellency the Governor-General to Mr Hawke, dated 27 May 1987.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) 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 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE TO THE ARTS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) presented the following paper:

Expenditure—Standing Committee—Report, entitled “Patronage, Power and the Muse”, on Commonwealth assistance to the arts—Government response.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) 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.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Cross, Mr Jones, Mr Langmore, Mr Lloyd, Mr McArthur, Mr McGauran, Ms McHugh, Mr MacKellar, Mr Nehl and Mrs Sullivan—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 Beddall, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Free, Mr Hicks, Mr Lindsay and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that pension adjustments related to November and May CPI increases not be deferred but paid immediately.
- Mr Duncan, Mr Kent, Ms McHugh, Mr Milton and Mr Saunderson—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 Nehl—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr D. M. Cameron and Mrs Sullivan—from certain citizens praying that the proposed introduction of a \$2 coin not proceed.
- Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that all child pornography entering or being produced in Australia be banned.
- Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent France from testing nuclear devices in the Kerguelen Islands.
- 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 the capital gains tax be repealed.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that amendments to ACT legislation and customs regulations which permit the distribution of pornographic material be reversed.
- Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that the Killarney Heights post office agency, NSW, not be closed.
- Mr Everingham—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their 1976 real money value and certain other action be taken in relation to family allowance payments.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain residents of Mortlake, Vic., praying that monies allocated to the Victorian Government for road funding be increased to allow adequate funding for the construction and maintenance of roads in south-west Victoria.
- Mr Hodges—from certain citizens praying that pensions be increased to 25% of average weekly earnings and the 2% reduction in superannuation be reconsidered.
- 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 the US Government be urged to join the Soviet Union's nuclear test ban.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
- Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that continued assistance be provided to the footwear industry.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that funding be provided to improve the Pacific Highway between Port Macquarie and Woolgoolga, NSW.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.
- Mr Saunderson—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Petitions received.

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS:** 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 threat to the living standards of all Australians, particularly families, posed by Labor's failed policies and its unwillingness to disclose the contents of the 1987 Hawke-Keating Budget".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mrs Mayer presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

276th Report—Response, including Finance Minute, to 250th Report—Australia Post: an audit discontinued.

Ordered to be printed.

Mrs Mayer, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 14 **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:

Metropolitan Canberra—

Report, dated May 1987.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mrs Kelly, Mr Langmore and Mr Snow, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 15 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Millar (Vice-Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Initial report relating to the construction of Department of Aviation central training college, ACT (3rd report of 1987).

Report relating to the construction of air movements cargo hangar at RAAF base, Richmond, NSW (4th report of 1987)—

and, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

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

27 May 1987—Message No. 434—Aboriginal Land (Lake Condah and Framlingham Forest) 1987.

- 17 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 1986:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 433

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 27 May 1987

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

18 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HERITAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1987: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 435

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984' to make certain provision for the preservation of the Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 27 May 1987

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

19 BOUNTY AND SUBSIDY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 258, dated 7 May 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 22, by leave, taken together.

Mr Tuckey moved the following amendment: Pages 8 and 9, omit Part V (comprising clauses 16 to 19).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Everingham	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Slipper
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Smith
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clauses agreed to.

Schedule—

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the following amendment was made: Page 12, amendment of section 13 of the *Bounty (Computers) Act 1984*, proposed subsection (1A), omit "such other amount as the Comptroller-General determines in writing", substitute ", if another amount is prescribed, that other amount".

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 20 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Spender, viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House notes that—
- (1) it comprises a major and novel legislative package of 104 clauses;
 - (2) it was introduced on Thursday, 30 April 1987, and has been called on for debate on the second reading on 11 May 1987, a period which allows less than adequate time for examination and consultation by the Opposition, and
 - (3) it imposes on financial institutions heavy obligations for the retention of records concerning financial transactions, yet no statement from the Business Regulation Review Unit of the cost of such measures has been provided to the House"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 Bowen (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 2, page 1, line 7, omit "the twenty-eighth day after". Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 21 **PROCEEDS OF CRIME (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.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.
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In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, the following amendments were made together:

Clause 13—

Page 6, line 37, omit “cheque”, substitute “payment order”.

Page 6, line 38, omit “cheque”, substitute “payment order”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 22 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT 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.
Debate adjourned (Mr Blunt), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 23 **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.
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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 May 1987:
Customs Act—Notice—1987—No. 5.
Excise Act—Notice—1987—No. 5.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Coleman, Mr Dawkins, Mr Free, Mr Gorman, Mr Jacobi, Mr Miles, Mr Staples, Mr Webster and Mr White.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives