

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 6

MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 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 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR W. P. O'CONNOR):** Madam Speaker informed the House of the death, on 18 September 1987, of Mr William Paul O'Connor, a Member of this House for the Divisions of West Sydney, from 1946 to 1949, Martin, from 1949 to 1955 and Dalley, from 1955 to 1969.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
Remuneration Tribunals Act—Academic Salaries Tribunal—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.
- 5 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beale, Mr Burr, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Carlton, Mr Halverson, Mr Jull, Mr MacKellar, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shipton and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.
 - Mr Blunt, Mr Cadman, Mr Carlton, Mr Cobb, Mr Dobie, Mr Dubois, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the major recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on the Human Embryo Experimentation Bill 1985 be implemented without delay.
 - Mr Beale, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Saunderson, Mr Scott and Mr Webster—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 Andrew, Dr Blewett, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Webster and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.
 - Mr Cadman, Mr Cobb, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Millar and Mr Webster—from certain citizens; and Mr McVeigh—from certain residents of the Division of Maranoa praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.
 - Mr Webster—from certain citizens; and Mr Blunt and Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Dawson, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr Carlton, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr MacKellar and Mr Webster—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 Connolly, Mr Halverson and Mr Langmore—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 Blanchard and Mr Prosser—from certain citizens praying that the importation and possession of child pornography be made a criminal offence and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography in the ACT.

Mr Cobb and Mr Webster—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.

Mr Prosser and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card Bill be withdrawn and, if reintroduced, be rejected.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that amendments to ACT legislation and customs regulations which permit the distribution of pornographic material be reversed.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar, NSW, be retained.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that any act which would desecrate the Australian War Memorial be prevented.

Mr Connolly—from certain citizens praying that items covering the treatment of sun damaged skin and warts by specialists be reinstated on the medical benefits schedule.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Kurnell peninsula, NSW, be rezoned.

Mr Grace—from certain citizens praying that funding for Adult Migrant Education Service teaching programs in New South Wales be restored to 1986 levels and increased in the 1987 Budget.

Mr Kerr—from certain citizens praying that effective action be taken against the promotion of tobacco.

Mr Langmore—from certain citizens praying that sole parents receiving a supporting parents benefit or widows pension retain their benefit or pension until all their children have finished their high school education.

Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the implementation of the Australia Card legislation.

Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to legislate for the Australia Card.

Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.

Mr Smith—from certain citizens praying that the planned introduction of the Australia Card not proceed.

Mr West—from certain citizens praying that no action be taken to reduce social security services in Warrawong, Dapto and Corrimal, NSW.

Mr West—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Petitions received.

6 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS:

The House was informed that Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The failure of the Hawke Government to 'show political courage' to cut 'programs that are not justified on social justice or equity grounds' to stop Australia 'going further down the Argentinian road'".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

7 **PRIVACY 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.

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

Australia Card—Copy of extract entitled “The ID card is evil—Lexen” from *The Mt Druitt/St Mary’s Standard*, dated 16 September 1987, page 5.

Debate continued.

Mr Hunt addressing the House—

Closure: Mr Cunningham moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Sciacca
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Klugman	Mr Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Lamb*	Mr Simmons
Mr Bowen	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Harvey	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Cleland	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Courtice	Mr Howe	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Ms Crawford	Mr Humphreys	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O’Keefe	
Mrs Darling	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Neil	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Johns	Mr Price	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Mr Katter	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—being accordingly put—

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Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Cobb	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher	
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together, and debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

8 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1987-88—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.

Mr Mildren was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1987-88—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.

11 **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 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 September 1987:
Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1987—
M34/87—Revocation of Meat Order “M” Series.
M35/87—Monitoring by the Corporation of 1987 Meat Shipments to USA.
Fisheries Act—Notice No. 190.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Campbell, Mr Cohen, Mr Duffy, Mr Goodluck, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hayden, Mr Hollis, Mr Macphee, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Reith, Mr Spender and Mrs Sullivan.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives