

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 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 **LOANS 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.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 52

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 5, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holding (Minister for Employment Services and Youth Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 3 **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 Milton addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Australia Card Bill—Disallowance of regulations fixing “first relevant day” and “second relevant day”.

Questions without notice continued.

- 5 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition making a statement forthwith concerning the regulatory requirements of essential elements of the Australia Card legislation.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—Question—put.

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

AYES, 54

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

NOES, 73

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

6 AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:

Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Australian Taxation Office—Report of Program Management Performance Review entitled “A taxing solution”, dated May 1987.

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Burr, Mr Halverson, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, 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 E. C. Cameron, Mr Dobie, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Tuckey and Mr White—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 Beale, Mr Kent, Mr Milton, Mr Saunderson 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, Mr Cobb, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Webster—from certain citizens; and Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Cowan—from certain residents of the Divisions of Maranoa and Lyne, respectively, praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Andrew, Mr Porter and Mr Wilson—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

Mr Blunt, Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain citizens praying that any act which would desecrate the Australian War Memorial be prevented.

Mr Blunt, Mr T. A. Fischer and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.

Mr Cadman, Mr Dobie and Dr H. R. Edwards—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 Cobb, Mr Hunt and Mr Reith—from certain citizens praying that the problems which identification cards are intended to reduce be attacked by other methods.

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

Mrs Darling and Mr O'Neil—from certain citizens praying that all action to close Telecom business offices cease immediately.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that the legislation to tax fringe benefits not proceed.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that any legislation imposing capital gains tax be repealed.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that incentive and opportunity be restored to the Australian economy and certain restrictions on small business be abandoned.

Mr Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that prescription drugs continue to be provided to pensioners without fee.

Mr Burr—from certain citizens praying that the decision to place time limits on local telephone calls by private users be rescinded, local calls made from

- public telephone boxes be subjected to a 3 minute time limit and Telecom be answerable to the Prices Surveillance Authority.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- 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 I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that Telecom not proceed with timing local telephone calls.
- 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 Connolly—from certain citizens praying that amendments to ACT legislation and customs regulations which permit the distribution of pornographic material be reversed.
- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Kurnell peninsula, NSW, be rezoned.
- Mr Halverson—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 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 Nehl—from certain citizens praying that legislation for any type of national identity system be abandoned.
- Mr Smith—from certain citizens praying that the planned introduction of the Australia Card not proceed.
- Mr Smith—from certain citizens praying that foreign aid be increased in the 1987 Budget and that a commitment be made to increase foreign aid to an equivalent of 0.7% of the gross national product.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the Lucas Heights, NSW, nuclear reactor be closed down and no new reactors built.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that effective action be taken against the promotion of tobacco.

Petitions received.

- 8 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That Mr Adermann, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Kent, Dr Klugman, Mr Lindsay, Mr Ruddock and Mr Scott be members of the Committee of Members' Interest.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT COMMITTEE:** The House was informed of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House:

Mr Dubois, Mr Lee and Mr McLeay had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr Dobie and Mrs Sullivan had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Hunt had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

- 10 **PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MINERAL AND ENERGY EXPORTS:** The House was informed that Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public

importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need to lift the restrictions and burdens on Australia's mineral and energy exports".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair rising to address the House—

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the business of the day be called on. Question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 51

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 11 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain legislation relating to off-shore petroleum, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1984*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Debate adjourned (Mr Lloyd—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Holding presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:
 Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1987.
 Income Tax Amendment (No. 2) 1987.
 Medicare Levy Amendment 1987.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **INCOME TAX AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicare Levy Act 1986*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Holding presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Jones moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Jones presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Reith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **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 Chynoweth addressing the House—
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19 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 September 1987:

Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 188.

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 191.

Banking Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 184.

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance—1987—No. 2—Motor Traffic (Amendment).

Currency Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 196.

Egg Industry Research (Hen Quota) Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 192.

Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charge) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 195.

Extradition (Foreign States) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 187.

Federal Court of Australia Act—

Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 198.

Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 197.

Jury Exemption Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 186.

National Gallery Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 190.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, Nos. 200, 201.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, Nos. 193, 194.

Racial Discrimination Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 185.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Credit Ordinance Credit Notices—

No. 15E—Advance Bank Australia Limited: Visa Card.

No. 16—American Express Extended Payment Plan.

No. 17—A.G.C. Credit Line.

No. 18—Citicorp Ready Credit.

No. 19—Salary Deductions.

No. 20—Credit (Supply of Goods).

No. 21—Australian Films.

No. 22—Overseas Visitors Cash Advances.

No. 25—Citibank and Citicorp Continuing Credit Contracts.

No. 27—HFC Financial Services Limited.

No. 28—Mercantile Credits Limited Continuing Credit Contracts.

No. 29—CHASE AMP Bank Limited Continuing Credit Contracts.

No. 30—Statement of Account Payable on Demand.

No. 31—National Mutual Royal Bank Limited.

No. 32—Statement of Account.

No. 33—NatWest Australia Bank Limited.

No. 34—Westpac Continuing Credit Contracts.

No. 37—Staff Loans.

No. 38—Education Services.

National Roads and Motorists' Association Exemption, dated 18 June 1987.

N.R.M.A. Employee and District Depot Exemption, dated 18 June 1987.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 189.

Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1987, No. 199.

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

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Clerk of the House of Representatives