

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1987

- 1 The House met, at 3 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Duncan (Minister for Land Transport and Infrastructure Support) presented the following paper:
 Route distance limitations for twin-engined aeroplanes—Copy of section 20.7.1B, Issue 2, of the Air Navigation Orders, together with a copy of a letter from C. W. Freeland, Secretary of the Department of Aviation, dated 28 October 1985.
 Questions without notice continued.
- 3 **PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:
 Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 8 May to 29 October 1987, and outstanding responses to reports presented from 1980.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian Capital Territory—
 Architects Board—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.
 Corporate Affairs Commission—Report for 1986-87.
 Surveyors Board—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.
 Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—6th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.
 Snowy Mountains Council—Report for 1986-87.
- 5 **AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented the following papers:
 Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—
 126th meeting (Special), Canberra, 5 June 1987.
 127th meeting, Sydney, 14 August 1987.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Madam Speaker (Joint Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House:

Proposed work in the Parliamentary Zone—Commencement column monument—
Report, dated 30 October 1987.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Mr Cadman, Mr Cobb, Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Shack—from certain citizens; and Mr Cowan—from certain residents of the Division of Lyne praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Beale, Mr Halverson, Mr Kent and Mr Macphee—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 I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Sciacca—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Halverson, Mr Hunt, Mr Rocher and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Martin—from certain citizens praying that the circulation of X-rated videos be prevented and laws regarding obscenity in the media be revived and enforced.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron and Mr Ruddock—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 Kerr and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that effective action be taken against the promotion of tobacco.

Mr Baldwin—from certain citizens praying that the administrative charge for higher education students be withdrawn immediately.

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 Industrial Relations Bill be rejected.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the closure of post office agencies be prevented and their services be extended.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that any proposal for a national identification numbering system be rejected.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Maranoa praying that Telecom not proceed with timing local telephone calls.

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

Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that any endeavour to introduce compulsory identification cards cease.

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.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that an anti-poverty level of income for all young people be established, educational opportunities be increased and a long-term job creation program be established.

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

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that Telecom abandon its proposal to time charge local telephone calls.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Gynea Bay post office, NSW, be prevented.

- Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the Kurnell peninsula, NSW, be rezoned.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—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 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 Macphee—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to prevent the implementation of the Australia Card legislation.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that the proposed closure of the Army Reserve subsection at Macksville, NSW, be stopped and a permanent depot be built.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Card Bill be withdrawn and, if reintroduced, be rejected.
- Mr Rocher—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 Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the Department of Veterans' Affairs remain a separate department.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that notice be given to terminate the lease of the US base at Pine Gap.
- Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that an additional nuclear reactor not be constructed at Lucas Heights, NSW, or elsewhere within Australia.
- Mr Young—from certain citizens praying that English language tuition hours for migrants and refugees in South Australia be restored to their previous levels.

Petitions received.

- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CHILD CARE:** The House was informed that Mr Blunt had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "Labor's inefficient and wasteful child care policy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Blunt addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COMMONWEALTH BORROWING LEVY BILL 1987:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 34

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to impose a levy in respect of borrowings of money by certain bodies*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 2 November 1987

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

- 10 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 2 November 1987—Message—
 No. 35—Commonwealth Borrowing Levy Collection 1987.
 No. 36—Primary Industry Bank Repeal 1987.
- 11 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—ACCOMMODATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, CHATSWOOD, NSW—FITOUT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Fitout of accommodation for the Department of Administrative Services, Chatswood, NSW.
 Mr West presented a brochure and a pamphlet in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 12 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STATE HEAD OFFICE, AUSTRALIA POST, PRINCE ALFRED PARK CENTRE, REDFERN, NSW:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of State Head Office, Australia Post, Prince Alfred Park Centre, 219-241 Cleveland Street, Redfern, NSW.
 Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 13 **COMMONWEALTH BANKS AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** Mr Holding (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Banks Act 1959*, 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 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.
- 14 **AUSTRALIAN HORTICULTURAL CORPORATION 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—
Statement by Minister: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), by leave, made a statement relating to proposed Government amendments to the Bill and certain related Bills.
 Debate resumed by Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—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 is of the opinion that there are other more positive and less regulatory ways by which the Government can encourage and assist the horticultural industries”.
 Debate continued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 11, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Administrator 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 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved the following amendment: Page 3, lines 6 and 7, omit the definition of "eligible industry body", substitute the following definition:

"'eligible industry body' means a body representative of the apple and pear or citrus industries;"

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 24, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 25 omitted, after debate.

Clauses 26 to 49, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 50—

On the motion of Mr Kerin, the following amendment was made: Page 22, at the end of the clause add the following subclause:

“(3) Where the regulations require the Corporation to keep a separate account in relation to a class of horticultural products, the regulations may make provision in relation to the expenditure of money standing to the credit of the account, including the application of money standing to the credit of the account if, and when, the account ceases to exist.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 51 to 71, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 72 omitted, after debate.

Clauses 73 to 96, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 97 omitted, after debate.

Clauses 98 to 116, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 117 omitted, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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 **HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 12, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Administrator 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 23, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 24 omitted, after debate.

Clauses 25 to 48, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 49—

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the following amendment was made: Page 22, at the end of the clause add the following subclause:

“(2) Where the regulations require the Corporation to keep a separate account in relation to a class of horticultural products, the regulations may make provision in relation to the expenditure of money standing to the credit of the account, including the application of money standing to the credit of the account if, and when, the account ceases to exist.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 50 to 75, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 76 omitted, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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.

16 **HORTICULTURAL POLICY COUNCIL 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.

Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved the following amendment: Clause 9, page 4, line 28, omit "5", substitute "7".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: It being past 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—
That the House do now adjourn.

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

Question—put and negatived.

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

- 17 **HORTICULTURAL 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.

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 Industries and Energy), the following amendment was made: Clause 14, page 4, at the end of the clause add the following subclauses:

"(9) The body that, under the regulations, is the eligible industry body for:

(a) leviable horticultural products; or

(b) a class or subclass of leviable horticultural products;

may make recommendations to the Minister in relation to regulations to be made for the purposes of section 10 in relation to those products or products included in that class or subclass, as the case may be.

"(10) Before making regulations for the purposes of section 10, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any relevant recommendation made to the Minister under subsection (9)."

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.

- 18 **HORTICULTURAL 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 19 **HORTICULTURAL EXPORT CHARGE 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 Industries and Energy), the following amendment was made: Clause 14, page 4, at the end of the clause add the following subclauses:

“(9) The body that, under the regulations, is the eligible industry body for:

(a) leviable horticultural products; or

(b) a class or subclass of leviable horticultural products;

may make recommendations to the Minister in relation to regulations to be made for the purposes of section 10 in relation to those products or products included in that class or subclass, as the case may be.

“(10) Before making regulations for the purposes of section 10, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any relevant recommendation made to the Minister under subsection (9).”.

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.

- 20 **HORTICULTURAL EXPORT CHARGE 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 **AUSTRALIAN HORTICULTURAL CORPORATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL 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.

Message from the Administrator: Message No. 13, dated 15 September 1987, from His Excellency the Administrator was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Debate extended: It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Hand (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.07 p.m., Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 November 1987:

Fisheries Act—Notices—Nos. 196, 197, 198, 199.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Administrator fixing 28 October 1987 as the date on which the provisions of Division 2 of Part III of the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987* shall come into operation.

Quarantine Act—Determination fixing fees pursuant to section 86E, dated 27 October 1987.

States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984—Direction—1987—No. 29.

Treaties—Text of—

Which have been signed by Australia and which require further treaty action by Australia before the treaty can enter into force—

- (1) Treaty between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning Extradition done at Bonn on 14 April 1987.
- (2) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the Republic of Portugal done at Lisbon on 21 April 1987.
- (3) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the Hellenic Republic done at Athens on 13 April 1987.
- (4) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg done at Luxembourg on 23 April 1987.
- (5) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and Spain done at Madrid on 22 April 1987.

Which have been signed for and ratified by Australia—

- (6) Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America done at Port Moresby on 2 April 1987. Signed for Australia on 2 April 1987. Instrument of ratification deposited by Australia on 18 May 1987. The Treaty is not yet in force.
- (7) Agreement among Pacific Island States concerning the Implementation and Administration of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America done at Port Moresby on 2 April 1987. Signed for Australia on 2 April 1987. Instrument of ratification deposited by Australia on 18 May 1987. The Agreement is not yet in force.

To which Australia has become a party by signature—

- (8) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 5 January 1987 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning the conduct of Equatorial Mesoscale Experiments and the Stratosphere-Troposphere Exchange Project. The Agreement entered into force on 5 January 1987.
- (9) Agreement between the Government of Australia, the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Terminate the Nauru Island Agreement 1919 done at Canberra on 9 February 1987. The Agreement entered into force on 9 February 1987.
- (10) International Agreement on the use of INMARSAT Ship Earth Stations within the territorial sea and ports done at London on 16 October 1985. Signed for Australia on 2 April 1987. The Agreement is not yet in force.
- (11) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Co-operation in

- Agriculture done at Canberra on 20 November 1986. The Agreement entered into force on 20 November 1986.
- (12) Agreed Statement on Observer Programme done at Port Moresby on 2 April 1987. Signed for Australia on 2 April 1987. (This Statement should be read in conjunction with the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (No. 6)).
 - (13) Exchange of Notes at Port Moresby on 2 April 1987 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Access to the Australian Fishing Zone. The Agreement entered into force on 2 April 1987.
 - (14) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand on Seismic Monitoring Co-operation done at Apia on 30 May 1987. The Agreement entered into force on 30 May 1987.
 - (15) Agreement concerning an International Trust Fund for Tuvalu done at Suva on 16 June 1987. Signed for Australia on 16 June 1987. The Agreement, with the exception of Articles 5, 7, 12 and 16, entered into force for Australia on 16 June 1987. Articles 7, 12 and 16 entered into force on 11 August 1987. Article 5 is not yet in force for Australia.
 - (16) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 1 September 1987 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on the Launching of Sounding Rockets. The Agreement entered into force on 1 September 1987.
 - (17) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 20 August 1987 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on the Launching of Sounding Rockets. The Agreement entered into force on 20 August 1987.
 - (18) Protocol of Amendment to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System done at Brussels on 24 June 1986. Signed for Australia on 22 September 1987.
 - (19) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 30 September 1987 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan to Amend the Agreement for Air Services signed at Tokyo on 19 January 1956. The Agreement entered into force on 30 September 1987.

Which Australia has accepted or to which Australia has acceded—

- (20) Amendments to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization adopted by the thirty-ninth World Health Assembly by resolution WHA 39.6 of 12 May 1986. Instrument of acceptance deposited by Australia on 25 February 1987. The Amendments are not yet in force.
- (21) Amendment to the Convention on the International Maritime Satellite Organization (INMARSAT) done at London on 16 October 1985. Instrument of acceptance deposited by Australia on 24 March 1987. The Amendments are not yet in force.
- (22) Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purpose of Patent Procedures, as amended, done at Budapest on 28 April 1977. Instrument of accession deposited by Australia on 7 April 1987. The Treaty entered into force for Australia on 7 July 1987.
- (23) Regional Co-operative Agreement on Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology, 1987, done at Vienna on 2 February 1987. Instrument of acceptance deposited by Australia on 11 June 1987. The Agreement entered into force on 11 June 1987.

- (24) Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer concluded at Vienna on 22 March 1985. Instrument of accession deposited by Australia on 16 September 1987. The Convention is not yet in force.
 - (25) Amendments to the Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organization adopted at London on 16 October 1985. Instrument of acceptance deposited by Australia on 10 July 1987. The Amendments are not yet in force.
- Which has been ratified by Australia—
- (26) Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals done at London on 1 June 1972. Instrument of ratification deposited by Australia on 1 July 1987. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 31 July 1987.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cohen, Mr Hawke, Mr Jones and Mr Langmore.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives