

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 36

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 1988

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **CHILD SUPPORT 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 Connolly, 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 wishes to ensure the protection of the rights of non-custodial parents who have entered into maintenance arrangements to share in the cost of supporting their children at no extra cost to the Commonwealth, by not requiring these agreements to be registered with the Child Support Agency, except in the event that maintenance arrangements are not honoured”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 59, dated 9 December 1987, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

3 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES AMENDMENT BILL 1987:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr Beale moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:

- (1) placing Australian Airlines at a \$4.9 million per year competitive disadvantage with its major competitor, Ansett Airlines;
- (2) failing to defer this measure until the Advisory Group on Australian Airlines has reported to the Government in March 1988 on Australian Airlines' future capital requirements, especially considering that the Advisory Group's terms of reference include a specific reference to Australian Airlines' superannuation;
- (3) its complete failure to announce openly its intention to privatise Australian Airlines;

- (4) creating unnecessary uncertainty among Australian Airlines' employees as to their future; and
- (5) its continuing poor administration of Australia's aviation policy and especially the nation's aviation infrastructure".

Debate continued.

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 were asked.

5 **STATEMENTS—SPEAKER'S RULING—DISSENT FROM RULING MOVED:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a statement in relation to an answer given by him yesterday concerning Senator Tate (Minister for Justice) and a document made available by Senator Tate to Mr Reith.

Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Hawke, by indulgence of the Chair, made a further statement with reference to the matter.

Mr Howard, by leave, made a further statement.

Mr Reith, by leave, addressing the House on the same matter—

Points of order: Several Members having raised points of order as to whether Mr Reith had been given leave or the indulgence of the Chair to make a statement—

Speaker's ruling: Madam Speaker ruled that Mr Reith had been speaking by indulgence and it was now withdrawn.

Dissent from ruling moved: Mr Reith moved—That the ruling be dissented from. Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 54

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	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 Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	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 Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher	

NOES, 76

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED: Mr Reith moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Flinders moving forthwith that this House requires the Prime Minister to table all material forwarded by the Australian Federal Police to the Minister for Justice regarding an application by Federal Hotels for a casino licence on Christmas Island.

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, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	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 Macphee	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson	

NOES, 74

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

7 PAPERS: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by indulgence of the Chair, referred to an answer given yesterday in question time and presented the following papers:

Tina Wong case—Allegations of political interference—Copies of Australian Federal Police minutes from:

Assistant Commissioner (Investigations) P. J. Lamb (for R. McAulay, Commissioner of Police) to Senator Tate, Minister for Justice, dated 17 February 1988; and

Detective Senior Constable B. Healy to the Commander, Drug Operations Branch, Eastern Region, dated 10 April 1985.

8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—4th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Federal Airports By-laws—1987—No. 1.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act—

Victoria Grants Commission—Report for year ended 31 August 1987.

Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission—Report for year ended 31 August 1987.

Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report on the operations of the Act for 1986-87.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—38th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1986-87.

9 FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Federal Airports Corporation Act—Federal Airports Corporation—Federal Airports By-laws—1987—No. 1.

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

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

Mr Beale, Dr Blewett and Mr Milton—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.

Dr Blewett and Mr Scott—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Beale and Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that all bans on smoking in the workplace and on domestic air travel be lifted and discriminatory smoking legislation not proceed.

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Fife and Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that Telecom's proposal to time-charge local calls be rejected.

Mr Courtice—from certain electors of the Division of Hinkler in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Beale—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in the ACT in relation to loitering, consumption of alcohol by under age persons and the production, sale and distribution of material depicting violence.

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

Dr Blewett—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in relation to the Supporting Parent's Benefit, the Class A Widow's Pension, and certain other social security benefits.

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 Downer—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to introduce time-charging on local calls not proceed.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the standard pension be raised to 25% of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken to assist pensioners and low income earners.

Mr Lee—from certain residents of the Division of Dobell praying that the income tax pensioner rebate for social security and Veteran's Affairs pensioners be increased.

Mr Miles—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mr Miles—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 Millar—from certain citizens praying that the current rates for metering local calls stand.

Mr Millar—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

Mrs Sullivan—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to meter local telephone calls by Telecom be reconsidered.

Petitions received.

- 11 **PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SUPERANNUATION:** The House was informed that Mr Connolly had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The growing community concern resulting in early retirements due to the Government's failure to clarify its intentions regarding superannuation changes".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Connolly rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duff	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beddall	Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Price
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Sciacca
Mr Brumby	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleland	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Holding	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Mildren	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Wright
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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
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Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Millar	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Goodluck	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Carlton	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 12 **DAIRY PRODUCE LEVY (NO. 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Act 1986*.

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 T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 13 EXPORT INSPECTION (SERVICE CHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Inspection (Service Charge) Act 1985*.
 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 following Bills:
 Export Inspection (Service Charge) Amendment 1988.
 Export Inspection Charges Collection Amendment 1988.
 Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGES COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Inspection Charges Collection Act 1985*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PRIVILEGES AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Duffy (Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1967* and the *Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1972*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Duffy moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Duffy presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Act 1980*, and for related purposes.
 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 T. A. Fischer), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Beale, viz.*—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “while not declining to give the bill a second reading, the House condemns the Government for:
 (1) placing Australian Airlines at a \$4.9 million per year competitive disadvantage with its major competitor, Ansett Airlines;
 (2) failing to defer this measure until the Advisory Group on Australian Airlines has reported to the Government in March 1988 on Australian Airlines’ future capital requirements, especially considering that the Advisory Group’s terms of reference include a specific reference to Australian Airlines’ superannuation;
 (3) its complete failure to announce openly its intention to privatise Australian Airlines;
 (4) creating unnecessary uncertainty among Australian Airlines’ employees as to their future; and
 (5) its continuing poor administration of Australia’s aviation policy and especially the nation’s aviation infrastructure”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 54

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

* 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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Bill was read a third time.

18 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 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 Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) 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 notes that:

- (1) this Government is the highest taxing government in the post-war history of Australia;
- (2) an estimated 24.5% of GDP in 1987-88 will be collected in tax revenue;
- (3) there will be an estimated \$71 billion in taxation revenue in 1987-88, a \$5.5 billion increase on the previous year's collection;
- (4) the Government has increasingly burdened not only individuals but business with new incentive-sapping taxes like the fringe benefits tax and capital gains tax; and

- (5) without the incentive to invest and work productively, Australia will find it increasingly difficult to extricate itself from its \$83 billion foreign debt strait jacket without further reductions in our standard of living".

Debate continued.

Mr Gear addressing the House—

19 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Exemption—Application form.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.41 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1988:

Fisheries Act—Notice—No. 77B (*in substitution for the paper presented on 16 February 1988*).

Public Service Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 7, 14, 16, 17.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Mr Halverson, Mr Hayden, Mr Jull, Mr Kerr, Mr McVeigh, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Sharp and Mr White.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives