

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 41

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 1988

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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 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE:** Mr White, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 17, general business, being called on forthwith.  
Question—put and passed.
- 3 **AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIA DAY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS:** Mr White moved—That this House commends the men and women of the Australian Defence Force for their outstanding contribution to Sydney's Australia Day Bicentennial celebrations and notes that the success of the day was in large part due to their willing participation on what was a holiday for other Australians.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
- 4 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of appointments of Senators to the following committees:  
24 February 1988—Message No. 125—  
Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority—Senator Morris.  
Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Senator Childs in place of Senator Bolkus, discharged.
- 5 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Carlton, 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 condemns the Government for its disgraceful mismanagement of the Austudy scheme, causing distress and financial embarrassment to thousands of students and their families who have had to wait for lengthy periods before receiving their entitlements"—  
Debate resumed.  
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)—

## AYES, 68

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

## NOES, 53

Mr Adermann	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew*	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Macphee	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
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	Dr Woods
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson	
Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher	

\* 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 Mr Duncan (Minister for Employment and Education Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 6 **PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCTS BILL 1988:** 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 Porter—

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.

- 7 **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.

Debate 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.

- 8 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 9 **RETIREMENT OF MRS M. T. CRANSWICK, OAM:** Madam Speaker informed the House of the pending retirement of Mrs M. T. Cranswick, OAM, and, after paying tribute to Mrs Cranswick's service to the Parliament over many years, wished her well in her retirement.

Mr Blanchard, Mr Ruddock and Mr Miles associated themselves with the remarks of Madam Speaker.

10 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Capital Territory—

Apprenticeship Board—50th Report, for 1986-87.

Milk Authority—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (Transitional Provisions) Act—  
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—

Report for period 27 April to 30 June 1987 including a report on the operations of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission for period 1 July 1986 to 26 April 1987 and the financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report for both organisations, for 1986-87.

Freedom of information statement, June 1987.

Fisheries Act—Subsidiary agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning squid jigging by fishing vessels of the Republic of Korea, done at Canberra on 10 December 1987.

Folklife: our living heritage—Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Folklife in Australia, dated 14 August 1987.

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report for 1986-87, including a report on the operations of the Coal Research Assistance Act.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1986-87.

Public Service Act—Department of Employment and Industrial Relations—Report for 1986-87, including the report of the National Director of the Commonwealth Employment Service for 1986-87, pursuant to the Commonwealth Employment Service Act.

Rural Industries Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Council—Report for 1986-87.

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

Mr Beale, Mr Kent, Ms McHugh, Mr Milton 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 Scott—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Beale—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.

Mr R. J. Brown—from certain residents of the Hunter Valley, NSW, praying that the decision to discontinue Medicare agency arrangements with NIB Health Funds Ltd be reconsidered.

Mr D. M. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that the proposal to time-charge local calls not be approved.

Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that Telecom not proceed with timing local telephone calls.

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

Mr Cobb—from certain citizens praying that the proposal for an identification card be rejected.

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.

- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.
- Dr H. R. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the fringe benefits tax legislation be repealed.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain citizens praying that any decision to introduce timed local calls by Telecom Australia be rescinded.
- Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken in relation to the survivors, widows and next-of-kin of the HMAS *Voyager*.
- Mr McArthur—from certain citizens praying that the sale of violent videos, books and toys of violence be banned.
- Mr Moore—from certain citizens praying that Telecom's proposal to time-charge local calls be rejected.
- Mr Prosser and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens; and Mr Millar and Mr Nehl—from certain residents of the Divisions of Wide Bay and Cowper, respectively, in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Nehl—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the closure of the Camberwell South post office, Vic., be prevented.
- Mr Smith—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 Webster—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.

Petitions received.

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIVACY:** The House was informed that Mr Tuckey had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat to individual privacy posed by the Hawke Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Tuckey addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—4TH REPORT:** Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the 4th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 4TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The joint committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 16 February 1988, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for 1986-87.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1986-87.

Australia-China Council—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act—Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1986-87.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—8th Report, for 1986-87.

Australian Institute of Sport Act—Australian Institute of Sport—Report for 1986-87.

- Australian Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Report for 1986-87.
- Bureau of Transport Economics—Report 62—The Tasmanian rail system—An assessment of costs and benefits.
- Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—Report for 1986-87.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1986-87.
- Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1986-87.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1986-87.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—Report for 1986-87.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Report for 1986-87.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Report—The customs and excise bond system, dated 19 November 1987 (No. 408).
- Management and Investment Companies Act—Managing and Investment Companies Licensing Board—Report for 1986-87.
- Members' Interests—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report, including minutes of proceedings, for 1987.
- National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1986-87.
- National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1986-87.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report for 1986-87.
- Official Establishments Trust—Report for 1986-87.
- Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction Authority—Report for 1986-87.
- Poultry Industry Assistance Act—Report on the operations of the Act for 1986-87.
- Public Service Act—Department of Science—Report for 1986-87.
- Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—1987 Review.
- Rural Industries Research Act—  
     Barley Research Council—Report for 1986-87.  
     Chicken Meat Research Council—Report for 1986-87.  
     Dairy Research Council—Report for 1986-87.  
     Grain Legumes Research Council—Report for 1986-87.  
     Grape and Wine Research Council—Report for period 8 October 1986 to 30 June 1987.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 1986-87.
- Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1986-87.

H. A. JENKINS  
 Chairman

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Mr Jenkins, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.  
 Question—put and passed.

- 14 TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING, CHARLOTTE STREET, BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of new telephone exchange building at Charlotte Street, Brisbane.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 **STATE HEAD OFFICE, AUSTRALIA POST, PRINCE ALFRED PARK CENTRE, REDFERN, NSW—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of State Head Office, Australia Post, Prince Alfred Park Centre, 219-241 Cleveland Street, Redfern, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—RELOCATION OF ALBION EXPLOSIVES FACTORY TO MULWALA, 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: Relocation of Albion Explosives Factory to Mulwala, NSW.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 **PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCTS BILL 1988:** 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.

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 West (Minister for Administrative Services), the following amendment was made:

Schedule 2, page 6, in the items relating to the *Parliament Act 1974*, after the item relating to section 3 insert:

“Section 5:

Omit subsection (1), substitute the following subsection:

‘(1) No building or other work is to be erected on land within the Parliamentary zone unless:

(a) if the land is within the precincts as defined by subsection 3 (1) of the *Parliamentary Precincts Act 1988*—the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives jointly have; or

(b) in any other case—the Minister has; caused a proposal for the erection of the building or work to be laid before each House of the Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House.’.”

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

- 18 **DAIRY PRODUCE LEVY (NO. 1) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** 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.

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 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr McLeay (Chairman) presented the report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17 March 1988.

20 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** 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 Smith 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 the Hawke Government should be condemned:

- (1) for its failure to limit the role, the duties and the accountability of the Office of the Supervising Scientist in the light of 10 years’ experience in its monitoring of the Alligator Rivers region, the grant of self-government to the Northern Territory and the establishment of the University College of the Northern Territory; and
- (2) for the imposition of this additional levy on uranium at a time when Australian uranium exporters are struggling to remain competitive on world markets”.

Debate continued.

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

Debate ensued.

*Paper:* Mr Lee, by leave, presented the following paper:

NSW Police Force—Record of conversation between Mr T. Pickering, MLC, and Mr M. R. Egan concerning the NSW police force—Copy of a statutory declaration made by Mr M. R. Egan, dated 25 February 1988.

Debate continued.

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

Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.10 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 15 March 1988, at 2 p.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 February 1988:

Defence Act—Order—Rifle Clubs (Firearms), dated 11 February 1988.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1987—Nos. 18 and 19—Export Control (Fees) as amended (Amendment).

Public Service Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26.

World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Notice of consents given pursuant to section 9, dated 18 February 1988.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bowen, Mr Campbell, Mr Cohen, Mr Dobie, Mr Duffy, Mr Gayler, Mr Halverson, Mr Hand, Mr Hayden, Mr Kerr, Dr Klugman, Mr Moore and Mr P. F. Morris.

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives