

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 1988

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

3 **EFFICIENCY AUDIT—REPORT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Efficiency audit—Department of Defence: safety principles for explosives—
Report of the Auditor-General, dated 18 April 1988.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of the Auditor-General, dated 18 April 1988, upon an efficiency audit of the Department of Defence: safety principles for explosives; and

(2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

4 **WORLD TRADE AND THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER NOTED:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade Negotiations), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning world trade and the Uruguay round of GATT negotiations, and presented the following paper:

World trade and the GATT negotiations—Ministerial statement, 19 April 1988.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

18 April 1988—Message—

No. 134—Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) 1987.

No. 135—Income Tax (Offshore Banking Units) (Withholding Tax Recoupment) 1987 (*without requests*).

No. 136—Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements (Maintenance Income Test) Amendment 1988.

6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—COMPULSORY UNIONISM:**

The House was informed that Mr Shack had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Hawke Labor Government's complete disregard for the freedom of Australian workers through its support of compulsory unionism".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shack addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Tuckey moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, private Members' business, for Tuesday, 19 April 1988, being called on and, following presentation of the bill, a motion for the second reading of the bill being moved forthwith.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
Mr Blunt	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Burr	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Dr Hewson	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hunt	Mr Pratt	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Prosser	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Katter	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr McArthur	Mr Robinson	
Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Rocher	

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

- 8 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Tickner (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts:

289th Report—Advance to the Minister for Finance.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Tickner, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 9 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1987-88:** 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 Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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 notes that:

- (1) Budget estimates put Commonwealth Government outlays at over a quarter of Australia's GDP, and that this is funded by revenue collection that has made this the highest taxing Government in the post-war history of Australia;
- (2) the Government has increasingly burdened not only individuals but business with new incentive-sapping taxes like the fringe benefits tax and capital gains tax;
- (3) national productivity is not expected to rise much more than a dismal 0.5% during the course of 1987-88; and
- (4) without the incentive to invest and work productively, Australia will find it increasingly difficult to extricate itself from its \$87 billion foreign debt strait jacket without further reductions in our standard of living"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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 Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

- 10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1987-88:** 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 Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

- 11 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1987-88:** 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 Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **CRIMES (TORTURE) 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 Reith—

- 13 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 April 1988: Horticultural Policy Council Act—Horticultural Policy Council Regulations—Orders—1988—Nos. 1, 2.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act—Determination pursuant to subsection 6A (3) fixing wholesale price of liquefied petroleum gas, dated 23 March 1988.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Blanchard, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Charles, Mr

Cohen, Mr Cowan, Mr Gorman, Mr Grace, Mr Hawke, Mr Howard, Dr Klugman,
Mr Lavarch, Mr McLeay, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Ruddock and Mr Uren.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives