

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 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 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr D. M. Cameron, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Halverson, Mr Moore and Mrs Sullivan, from 210, 14, 23, 8 and 392 petitioners, respectively, praying that those involved in the public release of confidential medical information be censured.
- Mr McArthur, from 57 electors of the Division of Corangamite, in similar terms.
- Mr Brumby, Mr Cleeland, Mr Cunningham and Mr Mildren, from 109, 850, 1344 and 706 petitioners, respectively, praying that due consideration be given to increasing the amount of funds available to local government authorities for roadworks.
- Mr Beale, Mr Hand and Mr Shack, from 8, 14 and 47 petitioners, respectively, 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.
- Dr Blewett, Mr Pratt and Mr Scott, from 38, 78 and 82 petitioners, respectively, praying that the funding level for nursing and personal care staff hours be raised in all States.
- Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cross and Mr Humphreys, from 28, 17 and 17 petitioners, respectively, praying that any changes to the system of charging for local telephone calls not disadvantage the aged, infirm and other fixed income groups.
- Mr Beale, from 3 petitioners, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Braithwaite, from 24 petitioners, praying that Telecom's proposal to time charge local calls be rejected.
- Mr Moore, from 18 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Chynoweth, from 29 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Dobie, from 52 petitioners, praying that the closure of the Gynea Bay post office, NSW, be prevented.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, from 65 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken in the ACT in relation to loitering, the consumption of alcohol by underage persons and the production, sale and distribution of material depicting violence.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 43 residents of Albury-Wodonga and surrounding regions, praying that services be restored to the ABC so as not to

disadvantage further non-metropolitan Australians, and that certain other action be taken in relation to the ABC.

Mr Hand, from 9 petitioners, praying that a resolution be passed at the opening of the new Parliament House, acknowledging and affirming certain matters concerning Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.

Mr Humphreys, from 1726 residents of the Division of Griffith, praying that steps be taken to minimise noise levels and alter flight paths at the new Brisbane domestic airport.

Mr Kerr, from 30 petitioners, praying that measures be taken to ensure that the ABC continues to offer comprehensive broadcasting services under its present charter.

Mr Langmore, from 1846 petitioners, praying that the proposal to close Scullin Primary School, ACT, be abandoned.

Mr McArthur, from 28 petitioners, praying that the sale of violent videos, books and toys of violence be banned.

Mr Milton, from 60 petitioners, 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 6 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Prosser, from 63 petitioners, praying that legislation be passed to enable the Constitution to be altered to provide for a Citizen Initiated Referendum.

Mr Reith, from 521 residents of the Borough of Wonthaggi, Vic., praying that the decision to discontinue Medicare agency arrangements with Latrobe Health Insurance be reconsidered.

Mr Scott, from 18 petitioners, praying that Australia withdraw from the Asian Regional Co-operative Project on Food Irradiation and from the International Consultative Group on Food Irradiation and certain other action be taken in relation to food irradiation.

Mr Shack, from 28 residents of Western Australia, praying that Telecom's plan to time-charge local telephone calls be abandoned.

Mr Shipton, from 440 petitioners, praying that a referendum on the Australia Card Bill be held before the proposal is resubmitted to Parliament.

Mrs Sullivan, from 143 petitioners, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced.

Mr Tuckey, from 5 petitioners, praying that the Constitutional Initiative (Electors Initiative) Bill 1987 be referred to a parliamentary committee and certain other action be taken in relation to the Bill.

Petitions received.

3 HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1988: Mr Tuckey, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

Mr Tuckey made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

4 NEW RIGHT IN AUSTRALIA: Mr Tickner, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) views with concern the emergence of the extremist new right in Australia and the increased influence of these forces on Australian institutions and society;
- (2) believes that this development poses a threat to the well-being of the Australian community; and
- (3) calls on concerned Australians to unite and participate in the democratic processes in order to preserve the Australian way of life.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Andrew was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

5 **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS:** Mr Lamb, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House supports action to increase employment for all Australians, particularly through—

- (1) developing training programs to assist young people, the disadvantaged and those affected by technological and structural change; and
- (2) providing financial support for the development of innovative training schemes designed to assist the Australian workforce to become a highly-skilled part of an internationally competitive economy.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

6 **AIRCRAFT NOISE IN BRISBANE:** Mr D. M. Cameron, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) expresses deep concern at the effects of aircraft noise upon several suburbs of the City of Brisbane following the opening of the new Brisbane Airport; and
- (2) calls upon the Government and the Department of Transport and Communications to take corrective measures immediately.

Debate ensued.

Declaration of interest: Mr Jull, during his speech, declared an interest relevant to the subject of the motion.

Debate continued.

It being approximately 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A, the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Johns was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

7 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of sessional order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

8 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

9 **RETURN TO WRIT—GROOM DIVISION:** Madam Speaker announced that she had received a return to the writ which she had issued on 4 March 1988 for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral division of Groom, in the State of Queensland, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Daniel Thomas McVeigh, and that, by the endorsement on the writ, it was certified that William Leonard Taylor had been elected.

10 **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBER:** William Leonard Taylor was introduced, and made and subscribed the oath of allegiance required by law.

11 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Punch (Minister for the Arts and Territories) presented the following papers:

Casino development in the ACT—Proposed study of social impact—

Copy of minute from Mr J. V. Townsend, Executive Director, Canberra Development Board, to Mr Lyon, dated 27 November 1987.

Interim list of possible organisations/individuals to conduct social impact study.

Questions without notice continued.

- 12 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
 Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Arbitration Inspectorate—Report for 1986-87.
- 13 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 21 April 1988—Message—
 No. 139—Trade Practices Amendment 1988.
 No. 140—Diplomatic and Consular Privileges Amendment 1988.
 No. 141—Laying Chicken Levy 1988 (*without requests*).
 No. 142—Laying Chicken Levy Collection 1988.
 No. 143—Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment 1988.
- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICIES:** The House was informed that Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Hawke Government to introduce the necessary economic policies to improve the standard of living and limit the accumulation of our huge and growing foreign debt”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Peacock addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 15 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:
 Lemonthyme and Southern Forests—Commission of Inquiry—Interim Report—
 Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 Fisheries agreement between Commonwealth of Australia and Midwater
 Technological Resources Pty Ltd—Paper—Motion to take note of paper:
 Resumption of debate.
 Japanese tuna long-line fishing—Subsidiary agreement—Paper—Motion to take
 note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 Financial assistance for schools—Report—Motion to take note of paper:
 Resumption of debate.
 National policy for the education of girls in Australian schools—Reports by
 Commonwealth Schools Commission—Motion to take note of papers:
 Resumption of debate.
 Higher education—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of
 debate.
 Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Improved opportunities for private
 Members: Consideration of report.
 Procedure—Standing Committee—Report—Government response—Motion to
 take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 Expenditure—Standing Committee—Report on aviation industry inquiry—
 Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 Transport Safety—Standing Committee—Report on sports aviation safety—
 Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
 Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper:
 Resumption of debate.
 Government responses to parliamentary committee reports—Response to list
 presented by Speaker—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption
 of debate.
 Commissioner of Taxation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption
 of debate.
 Australian Institute of Sport—Report—Motion to take note of paper:
 Resumption of debate.

- Guidelines for the preparation of departmental annual reports—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Advance to the Minister for Finance—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Water Resources Council—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Agricultural Council—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Commonwealth financial relations with other levels of government 1987-88 (Budget Paper No. 4)—Corrigendum—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Director of Public Prosecutions—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Family Law Council—Report on access—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Commonwealth Schools Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Inter-State Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Defence and the 1987-88 Budget—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Brewarrina riot—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Taxation Office—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Postal Commission—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Law Reform Commission—Report on evidence—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Law Reform Commission—Report on matrimonial property—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Director of Public Prosecutions—Report on civil remedies—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Remuneration Tribunal—Reports and determination—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Textiles, clothing and footwear industries—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report on Murrniji Land Claim—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report on Ti-tree Station Land Claim—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on the following days and at the times specified:

Tuesday, 26 April, at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 27 April, at 10 a.m.

Thursday, 28 April, at 10 a.m.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr D. M. Cameron (Acting Chairman) presented the report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 April 1988.

- 18 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (TABLING AND DISALLOWANCE) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to the making of statutory instruments.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Bowen 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.
- 19 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to community services and health.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Staples moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Staples 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.
- 20 TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 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 Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 21 HONEY MARKETING 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.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 77, dated 23 March 1988, 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.
 On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 22 HONEY 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—
 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.
- 23 HONEY LEVY (NO. 2) 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—
 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.
- 24 HONEY EXPORT CHARGE 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—
 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.

- 25 **CRIMES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.

New clauses—

On the motion of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), by leave, the following new clauses were together inserted in the Bill, after debate:

Lawfully obtained information

“25A. Section 6E of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by omitting from paragraph (2) (a) ‘or’ (last occurring);

(b) by adding at the end of subsection (2) the following word and paragraph: ‘; or (c) in the case of the Authority—information communicated in accordance with section 65A.’”.

Commission may communicate to Australian Federal Police or Authority

“27. Section 65A of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by inserting ‘or the Authority’ after ‘by the Australian Federal Police’;

(b) by inserting ‘or an officer of the Authority, as the case may be,’ after ‘of the Australian Federal Police’.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

- 26 **ADMIRALTY 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—

- 27 **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 Tuesday next at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 April 1988:
Acts Interpretation Act—Statements relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1986-87.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Charles, Mr Cohen, Mr Connolly, Mr Cowan, Mr Gorman, Mr Grace, Mr Langmore, Mr McLeay, Mr O'Keefe, Mr Ruddock, Mr Uren and Mr White.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives