

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 59

TUESDAY, 17 MAY 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 **DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR (MR J. B. KEEFFE):** Madam Speaker informed the House of the death, on 15 May 1988, of Mr James Bernard Keeffe, a Senator for the State of Queensland from 1965 to 1983.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 3 **VANUATU—CIVIL DISTURBANCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement with regard to the major civil disturbances in Vanuatu yesterday and the Government's response to those developments.
Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 4 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) and Mr Duncan (Minister for Employment and Education Services), Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade Negotiations) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) would perform Mr Duncan's duties.
- 5 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Papers: Mr Holding (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) presented the following papers:
Settler arrivals—
Time series data—Settler arrivals by policy category—Copy of minute from Mr M. Lynch, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, to Mr Holding, Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, dated 17 May 1988.
Tables showing annual—
Numbers by policy category for period 1981-82 to 1986-87.
Percentage by policy category for period 1981-82 to 1986-87.
Skill levels for period 1980-81 to 1986-87.
Questions without notice continued.
- 6 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Australian Capital Territory—
Gaming and Liquor Authority—6th Report, for 1986-87.
Pollution Control Authority—Reports on the operations of the Air Pollution Ordinance and the Water Pollution Ordinance for 1986-87.
Canberra Development Board—Report for 1986-87.

Lemonthyme and Southern Forests (Commission of Inquiry) Act—Commission of Inquiry into the Lemonthyme and Southern Forests—Report—
Volume 1.
Volume 2—Appendices and maps.

7 LEMONTHYME AND SOUTHERN FORESTS—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Lemonthyme and Southern Forests (Commission of Inquiry) Act—Commission of Inquiry into the Lemonthyme and Southern Forests—Report—
Volume 1.
Volume 2—Appendices and maps.

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

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

10 May 1988—Message No. 161—Student Assistance Legislation Amendment 1987.

9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

11 May 1988—Message—

No. 87—

Diplomatic and Consular Privileges Amendment 1988.

Laying Chicken Levy 1988.

Laying Chicken Levy Collection 1988.

No. 88—

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment 1988.

Ministers of State Amendment 1988.

Trade Practices Amendment 1988.

No. 89—Commonwealth Teaching Service Amendment 1988.

No. 90—

Commonwealth Borrowing Levy Amendment 1988.

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Share Increase) 1988.

No. 91—

Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Amendment 1988.

Export Inspection Charges Collection Amendment 1988.

Export Inspection (Service Charge) Amendment 1988.

Norfolk Island Amendment 1988.

Bounty and Subsidy Legislation Amendment 1988.

Excise Tariff Amendment 1988.

Honey Export Charge Amendment 1988.

Honey Levy (No. 1) Amendment 1988.

Honey Levy (No. 2) Amendment 1988.

Honey Marketing 1988.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—IMMIGRATION: The House was informed that Mr Cadman had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's handling of the immigration debate".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Cadman addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 11 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Cleland (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority:

National Crime Authority—An initial evaluation.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Cleland, by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Humphreys—Minister for Veterans' Affairs), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 12 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Lee (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report No. 1—One vote, one value: Inquiry into the Constitution Alteration (Democratic Elections) Bill 1987—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, dated April 1988.

Supplementary paper, dated 17 May 1988.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Lee and Mr Blunt, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

- 13 **CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PARLIAMENTARY TERMS) 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—

Point of order: Mr T. A. Fischer raised a point of order that the Bill infringed standing order 213 in that clause 4 did not come within the long title of the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker stated that the matter was being considered by Madam Speaker who would give a ruling at a later hour.

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr Reith be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Johns addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

- 14 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.33 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1988—No. 6—Export Control (Fresh Fruits and Vegetables) (Amendment).

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 7 (1).

National Health Act—Principles formulated under subsection 40AA (7), dated 30 March 1988.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1988/3—
Chairman and Members, Board of Inquiry, Australian National Railways
Commission.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Determinations listing fees and/or charges for the purposes of the following
Ordinances—

ACT Institute of Technical and Further Education, dated 13 April 1988.

Canberra Institute of the Arts, dated 13 April 1988 (2).

Motor Omnibus Services, dated 5 May 1988.

Ordinances—1988—

No. 19—Meat (Amendment).

No. 20—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 6).

No. 21—Financial Institutions Duty (Amendment).

Regulations—1988—

No. 4 (Meat Ordinance).

No. 5 (Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Ordinance).

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instruments, dated 24 March 1988, varying—
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Treatment Principles.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting)
except Mr Cohen, Mr Connolly, Mr Duncan, Ms Fatin, Mr Hall, Mr Hayden,
Mr Hunt, Mr Mildren and Mr Spender.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives