

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 64

WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 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 **STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1988:** 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.

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support), the Bill was read a third time.

3 **BROADCASTING (OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL) BILL 1988:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr P. F. Morris (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Mr Blunt 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 all television audience reach restrictions should be removed to allow a potential 100% audience reach for all competitors on the conditions that:

- (1) the Government's moratorium on the introduction of pay and cable television be removed;
- (2) the existing television licensing procedures be substantially streamlined;
- (3) cross-media rules between pay and cable television and existing free-to-air broadcasters be introduced subject to 'grandfathering' of existing holdings; and
- (4) when the process of aggregation has been completed, the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal conduct an inquiry into issuing new television licences in metropolitan markets, subject to a final decision being made by the Government".

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 PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:
Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 30 October 1987 to 28 April 1988, and outstanding responses to reports presented from 1982.
- 6 PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987.
- 7 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:
22 May 1988—Message—
No. 99—
Student Assistance Legislation Amendment 1988.
Communications Legislation Amendment 1988.
No. 100—Admiralty 1988.
- 8 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that the Opposition Whip had nominated Dr Wooldridge to be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in place of Mr Shack.
- 9 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICARE PROMISES:** 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 Hawke Government's failure to keep its Medicare promises as evidenced by the ever increasing public hospital waiting lists".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Tuckey addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Securities Commission, a Companies and Securities Advisory Committee and certain other bodies, and for other purposes.
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 Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 CORPORATIONS BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enact a national law about corporations, securities and the futures industry, and for other purposes.
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 following Bills:
Corporations 1988—Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Corporations (Fees) 1988.
Securities Exchanges (Application for Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution 1988.
Securities Exchanges (Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution 1988.
Securities Exchanges Fidelity Funds Levy 1988.
National Guarantee Fund (Reportable Transactions) Levy 1988.
National Guarantee Fund (Participating Exchanges) Levy 1988.
National Guarantee Fund (Members of Participating Exchanges) Levy 1988.
Futures Organisations (Application for Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution 1988.
Futures Organisations (Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution 1988.

Futures Organisations Fidelity Funds Levy 1988.

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

- 12 **CORPORATIONS (FEES) BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to fees payable for the purposes of the *Corporations Act 1988*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 13 **SECURITIES EXCHANGES (APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP) FIDELITY FUNDS CONTRIBUTION BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on applicants for admission to membership of certain securities exchanges, or to partnerships in member firms recognised by certain securities exchanges.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 **SECURITIES EXCHANGES (MEMBERSHIP) FIDELITY FUNDS CONTRIBUTION BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on members of certain securities exchanges.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 15 **SECURITIES EXCHANGES FIDELITY FUNDS LEVY BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on members of certain securities exchanges.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 16 **NATIONAL GUARANTEE FUND (REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS) LEVY BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on certain transactions in securities.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 17 **NATIONAL GUARANTEE FUND (PARTICIPATING EXCHANGES) LEVY BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on certain securities exchanges.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 18 **NATIONAL GUARANTEE FUND (MEMBERS OF PARTICIPATING EXCHANGES) LEVY BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on members and member organisations of certain securities exchanges.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 19 **FUTURES ORGANISATIONS (APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP) FIDELITY FUNDS CONTRIBUTION BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on applicants for admission to membership of certain futures organisations.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **FUTURES ORGANISATIONS (MEMBERSHIP) FIDELITY FUNDS CONTRIBUTION BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on contributing members of certain futures organisations.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **FUTURES ORGANISATIONS FIDELITY FUNDS LEVY BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on contributing members of certain futures organisations.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **CLOSE CORPORATIONS BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enact a national law about closely held corporations, and for related purposes.
 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 following Bills:
 Close Corporations 1988.
 Close Corporations (Fees) 1988.
 Close Corporations (Liquidators' Recovery Trust Fund Contribution) 1988.
 Close Corporations (Additional Liquidators' Recovery Trust Fund Contribution) 1988.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **CLOSE CORPORATIONS (FEES) BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to fees payable for the purposes of the *Close Corporations Act 1988*.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **CLOSE CORPORATIONS (LIQUIDATORS' RECOVERY TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTION) BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax, known as a liquidators' recovery trust fund contribution, on persons desiring to form close corporations.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 25 CLOSE CORPORATIONS (ADDITIONAL LIQUIDATORS' RECOVERY TRUST FUND CONTRIBUTION) BILL 1988:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented a Bill for an Act to impose on close corporations a tax known as an additional liquidators' trust fund contribution.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Bowen moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Moore), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 26 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (QUORUM) BILL 1988:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to determine the quorum of members of the House of Representatives.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Beazley presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 27 LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1988:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the acquisition of land by the Commonwealth and certain authorities and dealings with land so acquired, and for other purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr West moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr West presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 28 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Braithwaite), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 29 AUSTRALIA COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Punch (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australia Council Act 1975*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Punch moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Punch presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Braithwaite), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 30 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT OF RAAF BASE, TINDAL, NT:** 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: Stage 2 development of RAAF Base, Tindal, NT.
 Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 31 BROADCASTING (OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Blunt, 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 is of the opinion that all television audience reach restrictions should be removed to allow a potential 100% audience reach for all competitors on the conditions that:

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Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Snow), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

32 ECONOMIC STATEMENT, MAY 1988—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Keating (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing a comprehensive range of fundamental economic reforms and presented the following papers:

Economic statement, May 1988—

Statement.

Related papers on reform of the taxation system—

Reform of the taxation of superannuation.

Taxation of foreign source income: a consultative document.

The 1988 business tax reform—

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 26 minutes when the debate is resumed.

Question—put and passed.

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

33 A CHANGING WORKFORCE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented the following paper:

A changing workforce—Report circulated by Mr Dawkins, Minister for Employment, Education and Training.

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

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

34 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES: POLICIES FOR GROWTH—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented the following paper:

Primary industries and resources: Policies for growth—Government policy statement, dated May 1988.

Mr Kerin, by leave, made a ministerial statement on the report of a review of industry development entitled "Primary industries and resources: Policies for growth" and presented the following paper:

Industry development review—Ministerial statement, 25 May 1988.

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

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

- 35 INDUSTRY REFORMS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning a number of microeconomic reforms affecting industry, including a phased reduction of tariff reductions, and presented the following paper:

Industry reforms—Ministerial statement, 25 May 1988.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 36 AUSTRALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES: A NEW FRAMEWORK—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented the following paper:

Australian telecommunications services: a new framework—Statement by the Minister for Transport and Communications, dated 25 May 1988.

Mr P. F. Morris, by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Government's new regulatory framework for the telecommunications services industry, and presented the following paper:

Australian telecommunications services: a new framework—Ministerial statement, 25 May 1988.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 37 RESHAPING THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented the following paper:

Reshaping the transport and communications Government business enterprises—Statement by the Minister for Transport and Communications, dated 25 May 1988.

Mr P. F. Morris, by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining measures taken in relation to the eight major transport and communications Government business enterprises, and presented the following paper:

Reshaping the transport and communications Government business enterprises—Ministerial statement, 25 May 1988.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 38 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Dr Blewett presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 39 DEPARTURE TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Departure Tax Act 1978*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 40 **DEPARTURE TAX COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Departure Tax Collection Act 1978*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Departure Tax Amendment 1988.

Departure Tax Collection Amendment 1988.

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

- 41 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 42 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1986*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

- 43 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (RECOVERY OF LEVY COLLECTION EXPENSES) BILL 1988:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts to allow the Commonwealth to be reimbursed, out of primary industry funds, for expenses incurred in relation to the collection of primary industry levies, charges and taxes and other administrative expenses, 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 Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 44 **EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENTS BILL 1988:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Export Market Development Grants Act 1974*, 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 Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 45 FERTILISERS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Jones (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fertilisers Subsidy Act 1986*.
 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 Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 46 CUSTOMS TARIFF (RATE ALTERATION) BILL 1988:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the alteration of rates of duty imposed by the *Customs Tariff Act 1987*.
 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 Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 47 AVIATION FUEL REVENUES (SPECIAL APPROPRIATION) BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport and Communications Support), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain aviation fuel revenues for the Civil Aviation Authority.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 48 COMMONWEALTH AUTHORITIES LEGISLATION (PAY-ROLL TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister assisting the Treasurer), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts in order to remove the exemption from State and Territory pay-roll tax applying to certain Commonwealth Authorities.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 49 BROADCASTING (OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL) 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Blunt, 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 is of the opinion that all television audience reach restrictions should be removed to allow a potential 100% audience reach for all competitors on the conditions that:
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 - (4) when the process of aggregation has been completed, the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal conduct an inquiry into issuing new television licences in metropolitan markets, subject to a final decision being made by the Government”—
- Debate resumed.

Mr O'Keefe was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed. Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.15 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Dobie, Ms Fatin, Mr Hall, Mr Hayden, Mr Mildren and Mr Saunderson.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives