

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 71

MONDAY, 29 AUGUST 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 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for year ended 31 March 1988.

4 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

26 August 1988—Message No. 118—Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Amendment (No. 2) 1988.

5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS—REFERENDUM QUESTION:** The House was informed that Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat to our federal system and in particular to smaller States by the 'simultaneous elections' first proposition in Saturday's referendum".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Sinclair addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (QUORUM) 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.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr Cowan, in the Chair)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), the Bill was a read a third time.

7 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1988-89—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.

Paper: Mr Aldred, by leave, presented the following paper:

Medical Practitioners (Private Hospitals) Bill [Parliament of Victoria]—Reference to the Attorney-General by the Social Development Committee of evidence of

Dr J. B. Morley—Copy of memorandum from Mr C. Hollis-Bee, Commercial Crime Group to Director of Public Prosecutions, dated 16 March 1984.

Debate continued.

Mr Rocher addressing the House—

8 **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.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 August 1988:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order—1988—L6/88—
Livestock for slaughter or breeding purposes to the Socialist Republic of
Romania.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments, dated 26 August 1988.

106—Amendments, dated 26 August 1988.

107—Amendments, dated 26 August 1988.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cohen, Mr Gayler, Mr Goodluck, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hicks, Mr Johns, Mr Keating, Mr Martin, Mr Reith and Mr Spender.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives