

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 73

WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 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 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL 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—

Debate resumed.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 119, dated 26 August 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 Beazley (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.

3 **AUSTRALIA COUNCIL 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—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 72

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

## NOES, 54

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.  
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr Smith moved the following amendment: Page 1, omit paragraph (a).

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Punch (Minister for the Arts and Territories), by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

*New clause—*

Page 3, after clause 8 insert the following new clause:

**Meetings**

“8A. Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsections:

‘(10) If the Council so determines, a member of the Council may participate in, and form part of a quorum at, a meeting of the Council by means of any of the following methods of communication:

(a) telephone;

(b) closed circuit television;

(c) another method of communication determined by the Council.

‘(11) A determination of the Council under subsection (10) may be made in respect of a particular meeting, or in respect of all meetings, of the Council.

‘(12) A member of the Council who participates in a meeting as provided by subsection (10) shall be taken for the purposes of this Part to be present at the meeting.

‘(13) If the Council so determines, a resolution shall be taken to have been passed at a meeting of the Council if, without meeting, a majority of the number of members who would, if present at a meeting of the Council and entitled to vote on the resolution at that meeting, have constituted a quorum of the Council indicate agreement with the resolution in accordance with the method determined by the Council.’”.

*Amendment—*

Clause 9, page 4, at the end of proposed section 17A add the following subsections:

“‘(7) If a Committee so determines, a member of the Committee may participate in, and form part of a quorum at, a meeting of the Committee by means of any of the following methods of communication:

(a) telephone;

- (b) closed circuit television;
- (c) another method of communication determined by the Committee.

'(8) A determination by a Committee under subsection (7) may be made in respect of a particular meeting, or in respect of all meetings, of the Committee.

'(9) If a Committee so determines, a resolution shall be taken to have been passed at a meeting of the Committee if, without meeting, a majority of the number of members who would, if present at a meeting of the Committee and entitled to vote on the resolution at that meeting, have constituted a quorum of the Committee indicate agreement with the resolution in accordance with the method determined by the Committee.'"

*New clause—*

Page 5, after clause 13 insert the following new clause:

**Meetings**

"13A. Section 29 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following subsections:

'(10) If a Board so determines, a member of the Board may participate in, and form part of a quorum at, a meeting of the Board by means of any of the following methods of communication:

- (a) telephone;
- (b) closed circuit television;
- (c) another method of communication determined by the Board.

'(11) A determination by a Board under subsection (10) may be made in respect of a particular meeting, or in respect of all meetings, of the Board.

'(12) A member of a Board who participates in a meeting as provided by subsection (10) shall be taken for the purposes of this Part to be present at the meeting.

'(13) If a Board so determines, a resolution shall be taken to have been passed at a meeting of the Board if, without meeting, a majority of the number of members who would, if present at a meeting of the Board and entitled to vote on the resolution at that meeting, have constituted a quorum of the Board indicate agreement with the resolution in accordance with the method determined by the Board.'"

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

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

Mr Tuckey having asked a question without notice—

*Speaker's ruling:* Madam Speaker ruled that the question was out of order as it did not relate to the Prime Minister's portfolio responsibility.

*Dissent from ruling moved:* Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 77

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr Dubois	Mr Keating	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Duncan	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Fitzgibbon	Dr Klugman	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 Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr Charles	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snowdon
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Cohen	Mr Hawke	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Mr Courtice	Mr Holding	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	
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Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Millar	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 White
Mr E. C. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
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Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher	
Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Macphee	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mrs Darling	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	

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And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

**5 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission Waterfront investigation—  
Preliminary findings and discussion papers, dated August 1988—

Volume 1—Preliminary findings.

Volume 2—The evidence to date.

Volume 3—Employment arrangements.

Volume 4—Industry structures.

Volume 5—Waterfront-related activities.

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987.

**6 INTER-STATE COMMISSION—REPORT ON WATERFRONT INVESTIGATION—  
MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)  
moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Waterfront investigation—  
Preliminary findings and discussion papers, dated August 1988—

Volume 1—Preliminary findings.

Volume 2—The evidence to date.

Volume 3—Employment arrangements.

Volume 4—Industry structures.

Volume 5—Waterfront-related activities.

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

**7 AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE INTO THE 21ST  
CENTURY—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Dr Blewett (Minister for  
Community Services and Health) presented the following paper:

Australian medical education and workforce into the 21st century—Report by  
Committee of Inquiry into Medical Education and Medical Workforce, dated  
April 1988.

Dr Blewett, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report.  
Mr Tuckey, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

**8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—REFERENDUM QUESTIONS:**  
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 Hawke Government's failure to act fairly and democratically in promoting the four referendum questions to be put before the Australian people on 3 September 1988".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 210, dated 30 August 1988, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senators Durack, Macklin and Morris had been appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization.

- 10 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that Madam Speaker had received advice from Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) nominating Members to be members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979*, the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Security Intelligence Organization, viz.: Mr Cross, Mr McGauran, Mr Milton and Mr Wright.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr R. J. Brown be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and that, in his place, Mr Sawford be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL MEDICAL CYCLOTRON FACILITY, ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL, SYDNEY:** 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: Construction of National Medical Cyclotron facility, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

*Paper:* Mr West presented the following paper:

National Medical Cyclotron facility—Statement by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital—Part A—Building works, dated August 1988.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **UTILITY HELICOPTER FACILITIES, PHASE 2, RAAF BASE, TOWNSVILLE AND OAKEY ARMY AIRFIELD, QLD—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Development of new utility helicopter facilities, phase 2, at RAAF Base, Townsville and Oakey Army Airfield, Qld.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 15 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MISCELLANEOUS REFORMS) BILL 1988:** Mr Willis (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make certain reforms in relation to certain government business enterprises and authorities.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Willis moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Willis 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.
- 16 JUDICIAL AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES) AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Willis (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Judicial and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Allowances) Act 1984*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Willis moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Willis 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.
- 17 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Willis (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act 1985*.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Willis moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Willis 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.
- 18 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES:** Ordered—That notices Nos. 6 and 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 19 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION BILL 1988:** Mr Punch (Minister representing the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Australian Sports Commission, 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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 following Bills:  
     Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1988.  
     Income Tax Amendment 1988.  
     Medicare Levy Amendment 1988.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Beale), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 INCOME TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1986*.  
 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.

- 22 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicare Levy Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

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.

- 23 **ANL (CONVERSION INTO PUBLIC COMPANY) BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Shipping Commission Act 1956* to convert ANL into a public company, and for related purposes.

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.

- 24 **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.

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

- 25 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs Kelly (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 31 August 1988:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals for collection of information—1988—

No. 5—New topic to be included as a supplement to the labour force survey: Attendance at educational institutions.

No. 6—Agricultural finance survey.

No. 7—Survey of new capital expenditure, 1987-88.

No. 8—Survey of motor vehicle use.

No. 9—Research and development statistics.

Defence Act—Determinations—1988—Nos. 39, 40, 41 and 42—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1988—

No. 44—Crimes (Amendment).

No. 45—Magistrates Court (Amendment).

No. 46—Co-operative Societies (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 47—Agents (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 48—Education (Amendment).

No. 49—Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 50—Remuneration (Amendment).  
No. 51—Remand Centres (Amendment).  
No. 52—Legal Practitioners (Amendment).  
Regulations—1988—No. 15 (Magistrates Court Ordinance).

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Goodluck, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hicks, Mr Johns, Mr Martin, Mr Moore and Mr Spender.

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives