

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 83

WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1988

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 218

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following Resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day in relation to the following Bills—

Australian Securities Commission Bill 1988

Corporations Bill 1988

Corporations (Fees) Bill 1988

Securities Exchanges (Application for Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution Bill 1988

Securities Exchanges (Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution Bill 1988

Securities Exchanges Fidelity Funds Levy Bill 1988

National Guarantee Fund (Reportable Transactions) Levy Bill 1988

National Guarantee Fund (Participating Exchanges) Levy Bill 1988

National Guarantee Fund (Members of Participating Exchanges) Levy Bill 1988

Futures Organisations (Application for Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution Bill 1988

Futures Organisations (Membership) Fidelity Funds Contribution Bill 1988

Futures Organisations Fidelity Funds Levy Bill 1988

Close Corporations Bill 1988

Close Corporations (Fees) Bill 1988

Close Corporations (Liquidators' Recovery Trust Fund Contribution) Bill 1988

Close Corporations (Additional Liquidators' Recovery Trust Fund Contribution) Bill 1988:

- (1) That, acknowledging that the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has unanimously recommended that the Commonwealth should introduce comprehensive legislation to assume responsibility for all areas covered by the co-operative scheme and that a package of Bills for this purpose is now before the Senate, the Bills be referred to a select committee, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Corporations Legislation, and the Committee inquire into and report on the Bills for the regulation of companies and the securities and futures industries with reference only to the adequacy of the proposed legislative provisions to:

- (a) improve the regulation of companies;

- (b) facilitate the performance of the securities and futures markets; and
 - (c) ensure adequate protection for investors in companies and the securities and futures markets;
- and, in particular, report on the adequacy of the fund-raising provisions.
- (2) That the Committee consist of 10 members, as follows:
 - (a) 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
 - (b) 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate;
 - (c) 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Democrats;
 - (d) 3 members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by or on behalf of the Prime Minister; and
 - (e) 2 members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
 - (3) That the Committee may proceed to the despatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
 - (4) That the Committee elect as Chairman one of the members nominated by or on behalf of the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
 - (5) That the Chairman of the Committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the Committee to be the Deputy-Chairman of the Committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the Committee at any time when there is no Chairman or the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the Committee.
 - (6) That, in the event of the votes on any question before the Committee being equally divided, the Chairman, or the Deputy-Chairman when acting as Chairman, have a casting vote.
 - (7) That the quorum of the Committee be 5 members.
 - (8) That the Committee and any sub-committee have power to send for and examine persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, and the Committee have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations it may deem fit.
 - (9) That the Committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to consider, and that the quorum of a sub-committee be all the members appointed to the sub-committee.
 - (10) That the Committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the Committee with the approval of the President.
 - (11) That the Committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.
 - (12) That the Committee report to each House of the Parliament by the first day of sitting of that House in 1989.
 - (13) That the Committee have access to any relevant evidence and records of the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs and the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

- (14) That the Committee cease upon the dissolution or expiration of the House of Representatives.
- (15) That the foregoing provisions of this Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

The Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this Resolution.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 17 October 1988

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Staples (Acting Minister for Community Services and Health) moved—That this House concurs in the resolution transmitted in message No. 218 of the Senate relating to the appointment of a joint select committee on corporations legislation.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

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

NOES, 51

Mr Adermann	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Taylor
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods
Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 3 **TAXATION LAWS: AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), 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:

- (1) notes that this is the highest taxing Government in the post-war history of Australia;
- (2) notes that this Government's so-called tax reforms invariably involve simply offsetting tax reductions in one area by tax increases in others, as witnessed in this Bill by the termination of the 5/3 depreciation arrangement to offset a reduction in the corporate tax rate;
- (3) notes that the Government continues its propensity for taxation by stealth by again unaccountably raising the provisional tax uplift factor;
- (4) notes that the Treasurer has failed to meet his responsibilities in respect of the administration of the taxation system and has hidden behind the rhetoric of the Commissioner for Taxation and encouraged the undermining of the rule of law in taxation matters; and
- (5) condemns the Government for its practice of 'government by press release' which can cause otherwise legitimate legislation to be called into question because of the unacceptable retrospectivity thus introduced"—

Debate resumed.

It being approximately 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 being asked—

Paper: Mr Tuckey, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support)—

Mr R. J. Brown laid upon the Table the following paper:

Road funding—Transcript by Media Monitors—NJP Pty Ltd of interview between Mark Day, Radio 2UE, and Richard Cox, NRMA, dated 12 October 1988.

Questions without notice continued.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, including Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Public Service Act—Department of Social Security—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

6 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN ACTING SPEAKER: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the National Party of Australia moving forthwith that the Acting Speaker no longer possesses the confidence of the House.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

7 ACTING SPEAKER—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE: Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved—That the Acting Speaker no longer possesses the confidence of the House.

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 Acting Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 55

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew*	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Taylor
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson	Mr Wilson
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Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Mr Free	Mr Kent	Mr Sawford
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lavarch	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Simmons
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mrs Harvey	Ms McHugh	Mr Snowdon
Mr Courtice	Mr Hawke	Mr Martin	Mr Staples
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Tickner
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr West
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wright
Mr Duncan	Mr Johns	Mr O'Neil	
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Price	

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

- 8 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATES AND LIVING STANDARDS:** The House was informed that Dr Hewson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The threat of higher interest rates and their adverse effect on living standards as a consequence of the economic mismanagement of the Hawke Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	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 Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Nehl	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Goodluck	Mr Peacock	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Porter	Mr Taylor
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Pratt	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Robinson	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher	Dr Woods
Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 9 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT:** Mr MacKellar presented the amended report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 20 October 1988, and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 13 October 1988. Question—put and passed.
- 10 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 11 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian National Railways Commission Act 1983*.
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 (Dr Hewson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **FEDERAL AIRPORTS CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Federal Airports Corporation Act 1986*.
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 (Dr Hewson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), for Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1984*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Howe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Dr Hewson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **CHILD SUPPORT AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Support Act 1988* in relation to the adoption of the Act by Queensland and Western Australia.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Howe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Howe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Dr Hewson), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 15 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security and other related matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 16 **INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL CAPITAL INCREASE) BILL 1988:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the purchase of further shares of the capital stock of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) BILL 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the Government of the Australian Capital Territory, and for related purposes.

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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ELECTORAL) BILL 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to elections for the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory.

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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT) BILL 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the planning of the Australian Capital Territory and the management of land in that Territory, to repeal the *National Capital Development Commission Act 1957*, and for related purposes.

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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 20 **MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), pursuant to notice, 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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 21 **SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories), for Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1976*, and for related purposes.

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 Sharp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 22 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (see entry No. 3)—*

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 67

Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scholes
Mr Campbell	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Sciacca
Mr Charles	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr. L. J. Scott
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Simmons
Mr Cleeland	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Courtice	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Ms Crawford	Mrs Harvey	Mr Mildren	Mr Staples
Mr Cross	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford	Mr West
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Willis
Mr Duncan	Mr Jones	Mr Price	Mr Wright
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch	

NOES, 50

Mr Adermann	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Aldred	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Andrew*	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Beale	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Moore	Mr Smith
Mr Blunt	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Nehl	Mr Spender
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Goodluck	Mr Peacock	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Porter	Mr Taylor
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Pratt	Mr Webster
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Prosser	Mr White
Mr Cobb	Dr Hewson	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Robinson	Dr Woods
Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher	
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Shack	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 24, by leave, taken together.

Mr Peacock, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 13, page 13, lines 31 and 32, omit "4 February 1985", substitute "31 August 1988".

Clause 24, page 20, line 7, omit "after 31 August 1988".

Debate continued.

It being 7.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr R. F. Edwards reported accordingly.

Adjournment negated: The question was accordingly 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 negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 48

Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mrs Sullivan
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Taylor
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	Mr White
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Mr Wilson
Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock	Dr Woods

NOES, 68

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Clauses agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr R. F. Edwards reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 INCOME TAX 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 P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

24 MEDICARE LEVY 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 by Mr Shack who 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:

- (1) expresses its concern at the increasing costs of Medicare despite a fall in the delivery of medical services, particularly to the poor and needy;
- (2) deplors changes made by the Government to the pharmaceutical benefits scheme; and
- (3) calls on the Government to ensure that all Australians obtain the high-quality, affordable health care, to which they are entitled”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Acting Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 67

Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kent	Mr Sawford
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sciacca
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Charles	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Simmons
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hand	Mr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Mr Courtice	Mrs Harvey	Mr Mildren	Mr Staples
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Dr Theophanous
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Uren
Mr Dawkins	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	Mr West
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Willis
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr Price	Mr Wright
Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jones	Mr Punch	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Fife	Mr Macphee	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew*	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Porter	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Pratt	Mrs Sullivan
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Taylor
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	Mr White
Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Mr Wilson
Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock	Dr Woods

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

25 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 7.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 October 1988:

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

No. 58—Census of commercial and other private sector child care centres.

No. 59—Topics to be included as supplements to the monthly Labour Force Survey: labour force experience, labour mobility and educational attainment.

No. 60—Update of ABS Register of Businesses.

No. 61—Quarterly collection of statistics on shipping and cargo movements.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Brumby, Mr Burr, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mrs Child, Mrs Darling, Mr Katter, Dr Klugman, Mr McArthur, Mr Millar and Dr Wooldridge.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives