

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 101

WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 1989

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 1989:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the funding of technical and further education and for matters connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Dawkins 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.
- 3 **STATES GRANTS (NON-GOVERNMENT BUSINESS COLLEGES) BILL 1989:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the funding of non-government business colleges and for matters connected therewith.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Dawkins moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Dawkins 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.
- 4 **PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 5 **BROADCASTING (OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL) BILL (NO. 2) 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.
 Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
 On the motion of Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 6 **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1988:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr R. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate ensued.

It being 12.40 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.

7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Punch (Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support) presented the following paper:

Badgery's Creek, NSW—New airport development—Copy of letter from Mr J. Sloman, Executive Director, Property Group, Lend Lease Corporation, to Mr Punch, Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support, dated 28 February 1989.

Questions without notice continued.

8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Audit Act—Canberra Theatre Trust—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's report, for 1987-88.

Australian Capital Territory—

Nominal Defendant—Report for 1987.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies—Report for 1987-88.

Canberra Retail Markets Trust—Report for period 1 July to 31 October 1988.

Rural Industries Research Act—

Chicken Meat Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Cotton Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Dairy Research Council—3rd Report, for 1987-88.

Grain Legumes Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Grape and Wine Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Honey Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Oilseeds Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Pig Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Research Councils' Selection Committee—Report for 1987-88.

Sugar Research Council—Report for period 30 November 1987 to 30 June 1988.

Tobacco Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

9 DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPER

NOTED: Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning changes to the defence intelligence arrangements, and presented the following paper:

Defence intelligence organisation—Ministerial statement, 1 March 1989.

Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support) moved—

That the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—INTEREST RATE POLICY:

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 devastating impact on the Australian economy caused by the Treasurer's mismanagement of interest rate policy".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1989: Mr Jones

(Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 7 of the *Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975*.

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 N. A. Brown), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

12 CUSTOMS TARIFF (URANIUM CONCENTRATE EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1989: Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Act 1980*, 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 Miles), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON TENURE OF APPOINTEES TO COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNALS: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 303

Madam Speaker,

The Senate transmits to the House of Representatives the following resolution which was agreed to by the Senate this day:

- (1) That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the principles that should govern the tenure of office of quasi-judicial and other appointees to Commonwealth tribunals and, in particular, to inquire whether the provisions of sections 24 and 28 of the Industrial Relations Act provide proper and adequate provision for the tenure of office of Presidential members and Commissioners of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.
- (2) That the committee consist of 9 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the committee elect a government member as its chairman.
- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another person to act as chairman at that meeting.
- (6) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (8) That the committee have power to move from place to place.
- (9) That the committee report by 30 June 1989.

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

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 28 February 1989

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations) moved—That this House concurs in the resolution transmitted in message No. 303 of the Senate relating

to the appointment of a joint select committee on the tenure of office of quasi-judicial and other appointees to Commonwealth tribunals.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 6.41 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 March 1989:
Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act—Guidelines for the determination of the amounts of grants of financial assistance under section 9A, dated 4 January 1989.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Amendments to Civil Aviation Orders—Parts 105, 106 and 107, dated 14 February 1989.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1989—

Nos. 4 and 5—Overseas Living Allowance and other allowances.

No. 6—Higher Duties Allowance and other allowances.

No. 7—Namibia Allowance.

No. 8—Defence Force Academy Textbook Allowance.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1989—Nos. 10, 12, 18, 19.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Cleeland, Mr Duffy, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Saunderson and Mr Uren.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives