

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

No. 105

WEDNESDAY, 8 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 **ASSENT TO BILL:** Madam Speaker informed the House that on Monday, 6 March 1989, she had waited upon His Excellency the Governor-General, Mr Hayden, and personally presented for the Royal Assent the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Amendment Bill 1989, which was the first Bill ready for presentation following the swearing-in of His Excellency. His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, was pleased to assent to the Bill on 7 March 1989 which is now Act No. 4 of 1989—Message No. 179.

3 **EXPORT INSPECTION (QUANTITY CHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** 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 Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), 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 condemns the Government:*

- (1) for breaking its commitment to recover not more than 50% of the cost of export inspection charges for agricultural commodities; and
- (2) for its obvious policy to move to 100% recovery of the cost of export inspection charges for agricultural commodities, as evidenced by the dramatic increase in the maximum permissible levels of this Bill”—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

4 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN) AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** 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 Reith 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 condemns the Government for its effective discrimination against women through the pursuit of policies which are biased against families and which have resulted in six years of declining living standards of women and their families”.

Debate continued.

Mrs Darling addressing the House—

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.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: Madam Speaker named the Right Honourable Member for New England (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia) for reflecting on the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the Right Honourable Member for New England be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 78

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

NOES, 59

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Right Honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.52 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Motion of censure of Speaker: Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith a motion of censure of the Speaker.

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

Speaker—Motion of censure: Mr Howard moved—That this House censures the Speaker for her failure to act impartially in the exercise of her office.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts and Territories) 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, 79

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

NOES, 55

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Jull	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mrs Sullivan
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Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Dr Hewson	Mr Porter	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Howard	Mr Reith	

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

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Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	

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And so it was negated.

Questions without notice concluded.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Rural Industries Research Act—Poultry Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme—Report for 1987-88.

7 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate, dated 7 March 1989, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bills and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bills as amended by the House at the request of the Senate:

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) 1988—Message No. 313.

Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) 1988—Message No. 314.

(b) returning the Australian Sports Commission Bill 1988 without amendment—Message No. 315.

8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SYDNEY AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT:

The House was informed that Mr Blunt had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support to explain the Government's policy on the development of airport facilities for Sydney".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Blunt addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

10 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1989: Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of certain equipment for Qantas Airways Limited.

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

- 11 TRADE PRACTICES (INTERNATIONAL LINER CARGO SHIPPING) AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in relation to international liner cargo shipping, and for related purposes.

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

- 12 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1989:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend and repeal legislation relating to Primary Industries and Energy.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Kerin 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.

- 13 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1988-89—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1988-89:** Message No. 180, dated 7 March 1989, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1989; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1988-89*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1989, and for other purposes.

Mr Duncan (Minister for Employment and Education Services) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1988-89*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1989, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1988-89—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1988-89:** Message No. 181, dated 7 March 1989, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1989; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum

appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1988-89*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1989, and for other purposes.

Mr Duncan (Minister for Employment and Education Services) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1988-89*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1989, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 1988-89—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1988-89: Message No. 182, dated 7 March 1989, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed additional expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1989, in relation to certain Parliamentary Departments; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1988-89*, for certain expenditure, in relation to certain Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1989, and for other purposes.

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Bill read a first time.

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

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

16 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:

Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws relating to Transport and Communications.

Bill read a first time.

Mr R. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr R. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the construction of a National Medical Cyclotron facility, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney (1st report of 1989).

Final report relating to the construction of new Communications and Recruit Schools at HMAS *Cerberus*, Crib Point, Vic. (2nd report of 1989).

Report relating to the development of a military police complex, Green Hills, Liverpool Military Area, NSW (3rd report of 1989).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr Tickner, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 18 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN) AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** 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 Reith, 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 condemns the Government for its effective discrimination against women through the pursuit of policies which are biased against families and which have resulted in six years of declining living standards of women and their families”—

Debate resumed.

Mr Johns addressing the House—

- 19 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 7.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 March 1989: Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1989—No. 5—Construction industry surveys.

Fisheries Act—

Notices—Nos. REV 1, 44D, 77C.

Plan of Management—No. 21—South East Trawl Fishery.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mrs Harvey, Mr Jones, Mr Pratt, Mr Shipton and Mr Uren.

A. R. BROWNING

Clerk of the House of Representatives