

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 106

THURSDAY, 9 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 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Beazley, Dr Blewett, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr Charles, Mr Downer, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mrs Harvey, Mr McArthur, Mr Mountford, Mr Porter, Mr Pratt, Mr Ruddock, Mr Shack, Mr Sharp, Mr Simmons, Mr Tickner, Mr Tuckey and Mr Webster, from 28, 10, 27, 18, 54, 27, 200, 169, 162, 289, 243, 47, 182, 376, 27, 226, 42, 95, 58 and 28 petitioners, respectively, praying that the decision to place certain pharmaceutical drugs on the "Authority only" listing be abandoned.
- Mr Beale, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Downer, Mr Hawke, Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Kerr, Mr Langmore, Mr Miles, Mr Pratt, Mr Shack, Mr Wilson and Dr Woods, from 24, 83, 36, 41, 43, 257, 12, 20, 49, 50, 195, 64 and 32 petitioners, respectively, praying that the importation and availability of pornography in videos, films and television be banned and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography.
- Mrs Darling, Mr Holding, Mr Hollis, Ms McHugh, Mr Milton, Mr Sawford and Dr Theophanous, from 1200, 233, 438, 2573, 2352, 647 and 1200 petitioners, respectively, praying that woodchipping be phased out and certain other action be taken in relation to the forests of south eastern Australia.
- Mr Brumby, Mr Charles, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Hawke and Mr Staples, from 34, 50, 10, 51 and 32 petitioners, respectively, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Brumby and Mrs Sullivan, from 22 and 1159 petitioners, respectively, praying that the aged pension be increased to 30 per cent of average weekly earnings and certain other action be taken in relation to pensions.
- Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Cross, from 231 and 320 petitioners, respectively, praying that action to reverse rising cost trends be taken and positive incentives provided to encourage all health funds to share the cost of health care for the sick and elderly.
- Mr McArthur and Mr Pratt, from 75 and 20 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation which would reduce pension entitlements and access to fringe benefits does not apply retrospectively to certain forms of investment.
- Mr Beale, from 23 petitioners, praying that legislation banning X-rated videos be passed.
- Mr J. J. Brown, from 243 petitioners, praying that volunteer referral agencies be established and voluntary effort for all Australian citizens be recognised.
- Mr Brumby, from 12 petitioners, praying that an International Earth Repair Action Decade begin on 5 June 1990.

- Mr Burr, from 113 petitioners, praying that the assets test be abolished and an income test be used to determine eligibility for Austudy or the Isolated Childrens Allowance.
- Mr Burr, from 17 petitioners, praying that the incidence of crime and violence broadcast on television be reduced.
- Mr Burr, from 2 petitioners, praying that any proposal to allow corporate sponsorship of ABC programs be rejected and sufficient funds be allocated to ensure that the ABC remains free and independent.
- Mr Burr, from 2 petitioners, praying that time-charging by Telecom not be introduced.
- Mr Chynoweth, from 39 petitioners, praying that X-rated video material and its R-rated equivalent be refused classification for the purpose of Commonwealth laws.
- Mr Miles, from 894 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Cowan, from 144 petitioners, praying that Australia withdraw from the Asian Regional Co-operative Project on Food Irradiation and from the International Consultative Group on Food Irradiation and certain other action be taken in relation to food irradiation.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 823 petitioners, praying for a complete review of the non-sexist language chapter in the *AGPS Style manual for authors, editors and printers*.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 250 petitioners, praying that a Defence Force vehicle drivers licence and a Defence Force motor vehicle registration be granted for use Australia wide.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 139 petitioners, praying that PAYE taxes and all sales taxes be reduced by one third and certain action be taken in relation to government and statutory authority charges.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 61 petitioners, praying that the film *The Last Temptation of Christ* be banned from Australia.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 44 petitioners, praying that plans by Telecom to time-charge local calls be rejected totally.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 43 petitioners, praying that consideration be given to the cessation of all Australian military assistance to the Filipino armed forces until human rights are observed in the Philippines.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 40 petitioners, praying that the ABC review its decision to alter its rural programs.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 18 petitioners, praying that television stations be compelled to reduce the incidence of crime and violence broadcast by 50 per cent.
- Mr Hicks, from 625 electors of the electoral subdivision of Broken Hill South, praying that the post office at Broken Hill South, NSW, be kept open.
- Mr Jones, from 95 petitioners, praying that the Australian Constitution be reformed in order to recognise significant public expressions of concern.
- Mr Lloyd, from 4 petitioners, praying that the recent changes to the Family Allowance Scheme be re-examined.
- Mr McArthur, from 10 petitioners, praying that the sale of violent videos, books and toys of violence be banned.
- Mr Miles, from 62 electors of the Division of Braddon, praying that the proposed closure of the Burnie, Tas., office of the Australian Electoral Commission be opposed.
- Mr Nehl, from 273 petitioners, praying that a fishing agreement with the Soviet Union not be entered into.
- Mr Ruddock, from 34 petitioners, praying that all advertising of alcohol on radio and television be banned.
- Mr Snowdon, from 7344 petitioners, praying that legislation be amended to allow people aged 80 and over to exercise a voluntary vote without fear or recrimination if they do not vote.

Mr Tuckey, from 172 petitioners, praying that any proposal to absorb road funds into general revenue assistance to local or State Governments be opposed and certain other action be taken in relation to road funding.

Mr Tuckey, from 60 petitioners, praying that patients paying the same Medicare insurance levy receive an equal Medicare rebate for services regardless of where they are provided.

Dr Woods, from 28 petitioners, praying that funding for the Committee for Assistance to Italians be re-instated.

Dr Woods, from 21 residents of Drummoyne, NSW, praying that new flight arrangements at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport be restricted to the Botany Bay runways and certain other action be taken in relation to these flight restrictions.

Petitions received.

3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT: Dr Klugman (Chairman) presented the following report:

Committee of Members' Interests—Report on the operations of the committee, including the minutes of proceedings, for 1988.

4 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—An apple for the teacher?: Choice and technology in learning—

Report, dated February 1989.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Brumby made a statement in connection with the report.

Ordered—That Mr Brumby be granted an extension of time.

Mr Price, Mrs Jakobsen and Mr Johns also made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Brumby moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday

5 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Dr Klugman presented the following report and related papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Review of the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau and Australia's Overseas Aid Program—

Report, dated February 1989.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Dr Klugman, Mr Ruddock and Mr Bilney made statements in connection with the report.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extension of time for statements on reports: Mr Bilney moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent consideration of committee reports being continued until 11.10 a.m.

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

Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Langmore also made statements in connection with the report.

Dr Klugman moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with sessional order 102B, the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 6 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms McHugh—That the House take note of the report (*presented on 1 December 1988*), viz.:
Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Use of ionising radiation—Report, dated November 1988—

Debate resumed.

Mr Milton, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

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

- 7 PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS NOTICE:** Upon notice No. 1, private Members' business, being called on, Mr Langmore, in the absence of Mr Snow, and at his request, fixed the next sitting as the day for moving the motion.

- 8 GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of sessional order 106, the order of the day having been read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

- 10 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 11 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Audit Act—Australian Capital Territory Health Authority—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1987-88.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Health, Politics, Trade: Controlling chemical residues in agricultural products, dated March 1989.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1987-88.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Arbitration Inspectorate—Report for 1987-88.

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

Special purpose aircraft—Principles for the use of special purpose aircraft, dated March 1989.

- 12 AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report for 1987-88.

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

- 13 SPECIAL PURPOSE AIRCRAFT—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Special purpose aircraft—Principles for the use of special purpose aircraft, dated March 1989.

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

- 14 **ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—REPORT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Madam Speaker presented the following paper:

Aboriginal Development Commission and Department of Aboriginal Affairs—
Special audit report of the Auditor-General, dated 9 March 1989.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—

- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the special audit report of the Auditor-General, dated 9 March 1989, on the Aboriginal Development Commission and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs; and

- (2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Beazley moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

- 15 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Madam Speaker presented the following reports:

New Parliament House—Joint Standing Committee—Reports relating to
proposed work in the Parliamentary zone—

Community based child care centre, incorporating a dissenting report.

Lake foreshore development and lighting.

Severally ordered to be printed.

- 16 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 316, dated 9 March 1989, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the appointment of the following Senators to the Joint Select Committee on Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals, viz.: Senators Aulich, Cooney, Durack and Dunn.

- 17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SAFEGUARDS FOR TAX FILE INFORMATION:** 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 failure of the Government to take all reasonable steps to ensure that security safeguards and procedures are in place to prevent unauthorised access to and disclosure of tax file information".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 18 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Peacock (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Deputy Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House calls upon the Government to take all reasonable steps to ensure that security safeguards and procedures are in place to prevent unauthorised access to, and disclosure of, tax file information.

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 Deputy Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

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

NOES, 49

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

* 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 Deputy Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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Mr Cleeland	Mr Humphreys	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
Mr Courtice	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Willis
Ms Crawford	Mr Jenkins	Mr Mountford	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Johns	Mr O'Keefe	
Mrs Darling	Mrs Kelly	Mr Price	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Kent	Mr Punch	

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And so it was negatived.

- 18 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr McLeay (Chairman) presented the report of the Selection Committee relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 6 April 1989.
- 19 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—12TH REPORT:** Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the 12th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications of the Senate). The report is as follows.

12TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The joint committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 30 November 1988, recommends that the following be printed:
Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Reports—

Interim report (Commonwealth, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory).

Inquiry into the death of—

Charles Sydney Michael.

Edward James Murray.

John Clarence Highford.

Kingsley Richard Dixon.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1987-88.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Safety Review Committee—Report for period 27 April 1987 to 30 June 1988.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 1987-88.

Australian War Memorial Act—Australian War Memorial—Report for 1987-88.

Central Land Council—Report for 1987-88.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1987-88.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories—Report for 1987-88.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1987-88.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report for 1987-88.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 1987-88.

Industry Research and Development Act—Industry Research and Development Board—Report for 1987-88.

- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report for 1987-88.
- National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1987-88.
- National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report for 1987-88.
- Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report on working of Act, including Auditor-General's Report on the National Cultural Heritage Fund, for 1987-88.
- Rural Industries Research Act—
- Barley Research Council—Report for 1987-88.
 - Chicken Meat Research Council—Report for 1987-88.
 - Cotton Research Council—Report for 1987-88.
 - Dairy Research Council—Report for 1987-88.
 - Dried Fruits Research Council—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.
 - Poultry 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.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Report for 1987-88.
- Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1987-88.
- Wheat Marketing Act—Australian Wheat Board—Report for year ended 30 September 1988.

H. A. JENKINS
Chairman

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Mr Jenkins, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

- 21 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 4 April 1989, at 2 p.m., unless Madam Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.
Question—put and passed.
- 22 **NATIONAL MEDICAL CYCLOTRON FACILITY, SYDNEY—CONSTRUCTION—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: Construction of National Medical Cyclotron facility, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- 23 **NEW COMMUNICATIONS AND RECRUIT SCHOOLS, HMAS CERBERUS, CRIB POINT, VIC.—CONSTRUCTION—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: Construction of new Communications and Recruit Schools at HMAS *Cerberus*, Crib Point, Vic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

24 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.

Amendment negat.ved.

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 for Industrial Relations), the Bill was read a third time.

25 GENEVA CONVENTIONS 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.

Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

26 STUDENT ASSISTANCE 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 Beale 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:

- (1) its inability to appreciate the special needs for assistance for students from rural areas; and
- (2) the turmoil caused by its policies on, and administration of, assistance for students in higher education institutions”—

Debate continued.

Mr McGauran addressing the House—

27 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.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 4 April 1989, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 March 1989:

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1989—

No. 3—Fire Brigade (Administration) (Amendment).

No. 4—Agents (Amendment).

- No. 5—Instruments (Amendment).
 - No. 6—Motor Traffic (Amendment).
 - No. 7—Stamp Duties and Taxes (Amendment).
 - No. 8—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2).
 - No. 9—Co-operative Societies (Amendment).
 - No. 10—Public Health (Amendment).
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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr Campbell, Mr Cunningham, Mr Dubois, Mr Halverson, Mrs Harvey, Mr Jones, Mr Pratt, Mr Shipton, Mr Smith, Mr Uren and Mr White.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives