

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 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 **QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) 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 Blunt, 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 calls on the Government to recognise the urgent need to provide additional capital resources for Qantas and overcome ideological objections to the sale of shares in the airline to its staff and the Australian public”—
 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 Dr Blewett (Minister for Community Services and Health), the Bill was read a third time.
- 3 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) 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 I. M. D. Cameron 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.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian Institute of Sport Act—Australian Institute of Sport—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General’s Report, for 1987-88.
 Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report: on general revenue grant relativities—1989 update.
 Companies Act—Accounting Standards Review Board—Report for 1987-88.
 Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1987-88.
 Film Censorship Board and Films Board of Review—Reports, including freedom of information statements, for 1987.
 Rural Industries Research Act—Wheat Research Council—Report for 1987-88.

- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Legal Aid Ordinance—Legal Aid Commission (ACT)—11th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.
- Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1987-88.
- Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Protected Zone Joint Authority—Report for 1987-88.
- Trade Union Training Authority Act—Australian Trade Union Training Authority—Report for 1987-88—Corrigenda.
- 6 FILM CENSORSHIP BOARD AND FILMS BOARD OF REVIEW—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Film Censorship Board and Films Board of Review—Reports, including freedom of information statements, for 1987.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to Mr Uren on the ground of public business overseas.
 Question—put and passed.
- 8 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent any proposed definite matter of public importance being submitted to the House and discussed at 8 p.m. this day.
 Question—put and passed.
- 9 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PROGRESS REPORT AND BUDGET UPDATE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the updated budget to August 1988 of the new Parliament House project.
 Mr Downer, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 4 April 1989—Message No. 317—Foreign Takeovers Amendment 1989.
- 11 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 12 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION (CONVERSION INTO PUBLIC COMPANY) BILL 1989:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act 1970* to convert the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation into a public company, 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 Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 BOUNTY (SHIPS) BILL 1989:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain ships and other vessels.
 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 Cadman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 14 **DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Service Homes Act 1918*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 15 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) 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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), the Bill was read a third time.

- 16 **TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION 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 Blunt 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 is of the opinion that the Government should:

- (1) reverse its policy of cutting road funding, recognise the significance of roads to the Australian economy and community and return more than 4.95 cents per litre of the 22.39 cents per litre fuel excise to road funding; and
- (2) review the operations of the Federal Airports Authority and Civil Aviation Authority to ensure they operate to the same standards of efficiency and cost control forced on the aviation industry by the discipline of market competition".

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr I. M. D. Cameron, by leave, presented the following paper:

Countrywide calling—Copy of page 28 from the Queensland STD area code 074 telephone directory.

Debate continued.

Mr Sharp 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 a later hour this day.

- 17 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA—VICTORIAN DIVISION:** The House was informed that Mr White had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Government to establish a Royal Commission to investigate the operations of the collapsed Victorian Division of the National Safety Council of Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr White addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Papers: Mr Blunt, by leave, presented the following papers:

National Safety Council of Australia (NSCA)—Copies of—

Statement by Dr W. F. Suhr of Peninsula Air Services Pty Ltd—Victorian Air Ambulance—A closer look at the NSCA.

Letter from A. W. Smith, Director, Economic and Financial Evaluation Division, Victorian Department of the Premier and Cabinet to Mr W. F.

Suhr, Managing Director, Peninsula Air Services Pty Ltd on operations of National Safety Council, dated 10 July 1985.

Letters addressed to "To whom it may concern" from Mr J. W. Edwards, Rigger 'B' R37, relating to his concern with parachute safety standards while employed with—

NSCA, dated 2 December 1986.

NSCA and Wilton Jump Centre, dated 22 June 1987.

Statement, dated 7 July 1987, by Mr J. W. Edwards to the NSW Police in the matter of the death of Lorna Rouse.

Report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 2 July 1988 headed "Parachute deaths spur inquiry call".

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

18 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:

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- (1) reverse its policy of cutting road funding, recognise the significance of roads to the Australian economy and community and return more than 4.95 cents per litre of the 22.39 cents per litre fuel excise to road funding; and
- (2) review the operations of the Federal Airports Authority and Civil Aviation Authority to ensure they operate to the same standards of efficiency and cost control forced on the aviation industry by the discipline of market competition"—

Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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 4, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Proposed new clause—

Mr Blunt moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

Air navigation charges

"4A. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (2) '28' and substituting '45'."

Debate continued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Clauses 5 to 21, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 22 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Shipton
Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sinclair
Mr Andrew*	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Smith
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Spender
Mr Blunt	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Porter	Mr Taylor
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Pratt	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Ruddock	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Dr Hewson	Mr Shack	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Sharp	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr McLeay reported accordingly.

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

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr Blunt addressing the House—

Adjournment negated: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr R. J. Brown requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negated.

Debate continued.

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

19 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 5 April 1989:
Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Joint Coal Board—Report for 1987-88.

Australian Horticultural Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 34.
Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 35.
Extradition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 40.
Family Law Act—Rules of Court—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 49.
Fisheries Levy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 48.
Horticultural Export Charge Act and Horticultural Export Charge Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 41.
Horticultural Levy Act and Horticultural Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, Nos. 42, 44.
Horticultural Levy Collection Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 43.
Industrial Relations Act—Rules of Commission—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 46.
Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 47.
OTC Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 45.
Passports Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, No. 39.
Public Service Act—Determinations—1989—Nos. 25, 26, 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.
Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1989, Nos. 36, 37, 38.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Goodluck, Mr Langmore, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Nehl, Mr Reith, Mr J. L. Scott and Mr Uren*.

*On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives