

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

No. 110

MONDAY, 10 APRIL 1989

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS—STATEMENT BY MADAM SPEAKER:** Madam Speaker informed the House of variations to the allocation of the broadcast of parliamentary proceedings on Wednesday, 12 April and Tuesday, 2 May 1989.
- 4 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented:
 Telecommunication; (Interception) Act—Managing Director of Australian Telecommunications Commission—Report on interceptions carried out on request in certain emergencies, for 1987-88.
- 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—LIVING STANDARDS:** 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 impact of high inflation, low productivity, high taxes and high interest rates under the Hawke/Keating Government on Australian living standards".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Peacock addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 6 **NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS LABORATORY, SYMONSTON, ACT—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 the National Biological Standards Laboratory, Symonston, ACT.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 7 **SHELL FILLING FACILITY, ST MARYS MUNITIONS FILLING FACTORY, NSW—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 a shell filling facility for St Marys Munitions Filling Factory, NSW.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS AMENDMENT BILL 1988: Message No. 320, dated 6 April 1989, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975’ to provide for parliamentary supervision of the collection of information for statistical purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

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

Mr Cowan seconded the motion.

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

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1987: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 321

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend legislation relating to Customs and Excise, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 7 April 1989

Mrs Kelly (Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support) moved—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1988: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 322

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend legislation relating to Customs and Excise, and for related purposes*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 7 April 1989

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1988: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 323

Madam Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff Act 1987'*", and requests the House to amend the Bill as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 7 April 1989

Ordered—That the amendments requested by the Senate be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1988-89: 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 Dr Hewson, 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 notes that:*

- (1) budget estimates put Commonwealth Government outlays at over a quarter of Australia's GDP, and that this is funded by revenue collection that has made this the highest taxing Government in the post-war history of Australia;
- (2) the Government's budget strategy is in tatters with its key forecasts on inflation and the balance of payments wildly off-track;
- (3) the Government is locked into a strategy of sole reliance on monetary policy and high interest rates to bring the economy back on track with the result that home loan interest rates are now at their highest level in Australia's history; and
- (4) the process of micro-economic reform has stalled with the Government either stopping or delaying much needed structural policies which are crucial if Australia is to increase productivity and to reduce its unsustainably high level of foreign debt"—

Debate resumed.

Mr Jull addressing the House—

13 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.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 April 1989:
Health Insurance Act—Determination pursuant to subsection 3C(1), dated 29 March 1989.

Lands Acquisition Act—Lands acquired for telecommunications facilities—NSW.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1989—

No. 11—Drugs of Dependence.

No. 12—Poisons (Amendment).

No. 13—Poisons and Drugs (Amendment).

No. 14—Drug Laws (Consequential Amendments).

No. 15—Payroll Tax (Amendment).

No. 16—Wills (Amendment).

No. 17—Administration and Probate (Amendment).

No. 18—Family Provision (Amendment).

No. 19—Administration and Probate (Amendment) (No. 2).

Regulations—1989—

No. 4 (Public Health Ordinance).

No. 5 (Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance).

No. 6 (Children's Services Ordinance).

Variation of plan of layout of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 6 March 1989.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Goodluck, Mr Kerr, Mr J. L. Scott and Mr Uren*.

*On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives