

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 127

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 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 Aldred, Mr Beale, Mr Bilney, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Courtice, Mr Duffy, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mrs Harvey, Mr Johns, Mr McGauran, Mr Macphee, Mr Price, Mr Ruddock, Mr Sawford, Mr Snowdon, Mrs Sullivan, Dr Theophanous and Mr Wilson, from 218, 204, 289, 1213, 1169, 105, 100, 533, 1263, 52, 103, 126, 199, 670, 90, 588, 84 and 70 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 Anderson, Mr Cadman, Mr Hollis, Mr Lee, Mr Ruddock, Mr Simmons, Mr Webster and Dr Woods, from 539, 19, 62, 248, 53, 48, 264 and 51 641 petitioners, respectively, praying that the restructuring of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

Mr Beazley, Mr Beddall, Mr Burr, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Mr Goodluck, Mr Jull, Mr L. J. Scott and Mr Tuckey, from 16, 220, 17, 23, 322, 96, 4 and 68 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.

Mr Beddall, Mr I. M. D. Cameron, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Courtice, Mr Lindsay and Mr Wright, from 366, 38, 230, 34, 8 and 132 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 P. S. Fisher, Mr Ruddock and Mr Webster, from 308, 48 and 62 petitioners, respectively, praying that the excessive reliance on high interest rates as the major economic policy weapon cease.

Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Simmons and Mr West, from 78, 44 and 674 petitioners, respectively, praying that the importing and exporting of chlorofluorocarbons be banned and certain other legislative action be taken in response to the greenhouse effect.

Mr Helverson, Mr Macphee and Dr Wooldridge, from 92, 73 and 97 petitioners, respectively, praying that the observance of Romania's obligations under the Treaty of Trianon (1920) and the Peace Treaty of Paris (1947) be investigated and that certain other action be taken as a result of that investigation.

- Mr Beale and Mrs Darling, from 3 and 54 petitioners, respectively, praying that the decision to place certain pharmaceutical drugs on the "Authority only" listing be abandoned.
- Mr Carlton and Mr Cowan, from 24 and 36 petitioners, respectively, praying that an International Earth Repair Action Decade begin on 5 June 1990.
- Dr H. R. Edwards and Mr Ruddock, from 65 residents of Berowra, NSW and 251 residents of Eastwood, NSW, respectively, praying that proposed cuts in funding of pharmaceutical benefits be rejected and a family chemist service maintained.
- Mr Hollis and Dr Woods, from 118 and 12 635 petitioners, respectively, praying that the provision of an adequately funded pharmaceutical benefits scheme which ensures availability of pharmaceutical benefits through local pharmacies be guaranteed.
- Mr Goodluck, from 139 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Beale, from 4 petitioners, praying that the importation and possession of child pornography be made a criminal offence and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography in the ACT.
- Mr Beale, from 3 petitioners, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Beale, from 2 petitioners, praying that legislation banning X-rated videos be passed.
- Mr Cadman, from 14 petitioners, praying that the Vietnamese Government be called on for clemency and remission of the death sentences imposed on 2 Buddhist leaders.
- Mr E. C. Cameron, from 96 residents of the Division of Indi, praying that a larger allocation of health funding to pharmacists be considered.
- Mrs Darling, from 48 electors of the Division of Lilley, praying for the implementation of promises that runway 14/32 at Brisbane Airport would not be used for jet aircraft.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 104 petitioners, praying that CPI-based increases to fuel excise be halved and the proportion of this tax spent on roads increased by one half.
- Mr Holding, from 66 petitioners, praying that mining and tourism in the Antarctic be prevented and the Antarctic region be preserved as a heritage park.
- Mr Jull, from 5363 petitioners, praying that demands to remove smoking sections on Qantas international flights be ignored.
- Mr Lloyd, from 61 petitioners, praying that legislation be amended to allow cheaper fuel for country people.
- Mr Nehl, from 194 petitioners, praying that legislation be passed to ban the distribution of X-rated videos.
- Mr Nehl, from 63 petitioners, praying that any restructuring of Australia Post's operations not result in any reduction of postal services to customers.
- Mr Shipton, from 12 electors of the Division of Higgins, praying that the two dollar coin be replaced by a plastic note.
- Mr Simmons, from 165 petitioners, praying that changes to the income test for pensioners as proposed in the 1988 Budget be abandoned and certain other action be taken in relation to pensions.
- Mr Snowdon, from 2487 residents of the Northern Territory, praying that the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Areas Protection Bill (1988)* be stopped from becoming law and certain action be taken to help Aboriginal people protect their sacred sites.
- Dr Theophanous, from 388 petitioners, praying that due consideration be given to increasing the amount of funds available to local government authorities for roadworks.

Mr Webster, from 2 petitioners, praying that the Antarctic Mining Convention not be signed and assistance be given to preserving Antarctica as a world wildlife park.

Dr Wooldridge, from 41 petitioners, praying that the *Community Services and Health Legislation Amendment Bill 1989* be rejected.

Petitions received.

3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER: Dr Klugman (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members Interests for the 35th Parliament.—Notifications of alterations of interests and a statement of registrable interests received during the period 1 December 1988 to 31 May 1989.

4 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Griffiths (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Mergers, takeovers and monopolies: Profiting from competition?—

Report, including a dissenting report, dated May 1989.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Griffiths made a statement in connection with the report.

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

Mr Ruddock made a statement in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Griffiths 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—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Charles presented the following reports and related paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—

Report on the visit to—

New Caledonia—May 1989.

New Zealand—May 1989.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

Mr Charles, Mr Ruddock and Mr Katter made statements in connection with the reports.

6 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS. Mr Hollis, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, June-July 1988—Report, including a dissenting report.

Mr Hollis made a statement in connection with the report.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extension of time for statements on reports: Mr McLeay, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the time for the consideration of the report of the Member for Throsby being extended to 15 minutes and the time for presentation of delegation reports continuing until 11.20 a.m.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Goodluck and Mr Cobb also made statements in connection with the report.

- 7 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr McLeay, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to the Republic of Ireland, 1988—Report.
 Mr McLeay, Mr Grace and Mr Ruddock made statements in connection with the report.
- 8 AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS AMENDMENT BILL 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.
 Mr Gear addressing the House—
 The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Gear was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
- 9 PAPER:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented the following paper:
 Australian Bureau of Statistics Amendment Bill 1989—Copy of letter from Senator Walsh, Minister for Finance, to Mr Dawkins, Acting Treasurer, dated 1 June 1989.
- 10 DISABLED PERSONS:** Mrs Darling, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:
 (1) agrees that services provided by government and the community for disabled people should be considered a right rather than a privilege; and
 (2) calls on all concerned people and governments to explore every option to ensure that disabled Australians and their carers can enjoy this right to the fullest extent possible.
 Debate ensued.
 It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional 104A and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.
- 11 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.
- 12 MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS:** Members’ statements were made.
- 13 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 14 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Declaration pursuant to section 9 relating to significant Aboriginal area, Perth, WA.
 Administrative Review Council—Report No. 32—Review of the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act: The ambit of the Act.
 Audit Act—Auditor-General—Report on the audit of the Australian Wheat Board 1987-88.
 Auditor-General’s report on the audit of the Australian Wheat Board 1987-88—
 Copy of letter from B. Solnordal, Partner, Arthur Young, chartered accountants, to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, dated 26 May 1989.
 Conciliation and Arbitration Act—President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—32nd Report for year ended 13 August 1988—
 Corrigendum.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report No. 2, dated October 1988—
Is this where I pay the electricity bill?—Inquiry into the report on the efficiency
scrutiny into regionalisation within the Australian Electoral Commission—
Government response.

Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment,
Education and Training—Report by Higher Education Council, including the
Board's comments—Advice on extension of university status to three Queensland
institutions.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal
employment opportunity program—Overseas Telecommunications Commission
(Australia) (OTC)—Report for 1987-88.

Public Service Act—Guidelines for the preparation of departmental annual reports—
Amendment.

States Grants (Nurse Education Transfer Assistance) Act—Transfer of nursing
education from hospitals to the tertiary sector—Progress report, dated June 1989.

Taxation statistics 1986-87.

Unesco General Conference 1987—24th session (1987)—Report of Australian
delegation.

**15 GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF DEPARTMENTAL ANNUAL REPORTS—
PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the
House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Public Service Act—Guidelines for the preparation of departmental annual
reports—Amendment.

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

**16 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE
EFFICIENCY SCRUTINY INTO REGIONALISATION WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN
ELECTORAL COMMISSION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE
NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House
take note of the following paper:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report No. 2—Is this where I
pay the electricity bill?—Inquiry into the report on the efficiency scrutiny
into regionalisation within the Australian Electoral Commission—Government
response.

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

17 PAPERS: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:
Petitions which are not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House
on the following subjects:

Canberra Raiders rugby league team (Mr Ruddock, 2534 petitioners).

Family Law Act—Fathers' rights (Mr Reith, 169 petitioners).

Food irradiation (Mr Milton, 166 petitioners).

Funding for the committee of assistance to Italians (Mr McLeay, 242
petitioners).

Kingsford-Smith airport (Mr Fife, 195 petitioners).

Nuclear reactors (Mr Tickner, 42 petitioners).

Pharmaceutical benefits scheme (Mr Lee, 902 petitioners).

Video—Blood on the wattle (Mr Fife, 98 petitioners).

X-rated videos (Mrs Sullivan, 766 petitioners).

**18 AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD—REPORT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL AND PAPER—
PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave,
moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary
Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the report of the Auditor-
General, dated 26 May 1989, on the audit of the Australian Wheat Board 1987-
88, and the associated document from Arthur Young, chartered accountants.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY:** The House was informed that Mr Peacock (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 Hawke Government to make the necessary changes in economic policy to reduce our exposure to foreign debt and to provide the basis for a sustainable improvement in living standards”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 20 **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That sessional order 48A (adjournment of House) and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

Economic statement, April 1989—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Bill 1989—Second reading: Resumption of debate.

States Grants (Non-Government Business Colleges) Bill 1989—Second reading: Resumption of debate.

Political Exchange Program—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—Policy discussion paper—Paper and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report on Jila (Chilla Well) Walpiri Land Claim—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Federal Airports Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Parliamentary Zone—Proposal for Child Care Centre—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Higher education funding—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Budget outlays—Forward estimates—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Antarctic mineral resources—Report and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings—Statement by Speaker—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Crime Authority—Joint Committee—Report—An initial evaluation—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Crime Authority—Joint Committee—Report—Witness protection—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Education Policy Task Force—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Higher education—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Constitutional Commission—Final report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Prime Minister—Visit to United States of America—Ministerial statement—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Inter-State Commission—Report on Waterfront Investigation—Motion to take
note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Northern approaches—Report on civil coastal surveillance in northern
Australia—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Quarantine Review Committee—Interim report—Aerial littoral surveillance and
northern Australian quarantine strategy—Motion to take note of paper:
Resumption of debate.

Quarantine Review Committee—Report—Australian quarantine requirements
for future—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Coastwatch contract—Review of tender procedures—Final report—Motion to
take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Christmas Island Casino/Hotel—Agreement between the Commonwealth and
Christmas Island Casino Resort Pty Ltd and others—Paper—Motion to take
note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Coastwatch contract—Review of tender procedures—Papers—Motion to take
note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 **DISCHARGE OF TARIFF PROPOSALS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by
leave, moved—That Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 5 to 10 (1988), constituting
part of order of the day No. 65, government business, be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

- 23 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP:** Mr Beazley (Leader of
the House), by leave, moved—That Mr Ruddock be discharged from attendance
on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and that, in his place, Dr Woods
be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 24 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—JOINT COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP:** Mr Beazley
(Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr MacKellar be discharged
from attendance on the Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority and
that, in his place, Mr Spender be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 25 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by
leave, moved—That Mr E. C. Cameron be discharged from attendance on the
Selection Committee and that, in his place, Mr Downer be appointed a member
of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 26 **HOUSE COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by
leave, moved—That Mrs Sullivan be discharged from attendance on the House
Committee and that, in her place, Mr Dobie be appointed a member of the
committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 27 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—PRINTING AND
CIRCULATION OF PROPOSED REPORT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by
leave, moved—

- (1) That, if the House is not sitting when the Joint Standing Committee on
Electoral Matters has completed its inquiry into that part of its reference
on the 1987 election and 1988 referendums relating to political advertising,
the committee may send its report to Madam Speaker or, in the absence
of Madam Speaker, to the Chairman of Committees who is authorised to
give directions for its printing and circulation; and

- (2) That the foregoing provision of this resolution, so far as it is inconsistent with the standing orders, has effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 28 STANDING, JOINT STANDING AND JOINT COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP:** The House was informed of the nominations of Members to be members of the following committees:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee:

Mr E. C. Cameron had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mr Halverson.

Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee:

Mr Smith had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mr Burr.

New Parliament House—Joint Standing Committee:

Mr MacKellar had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mrs Sullivan.

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee:

Mr Burr had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mr MacKellar.

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee:

Mr Langmore, Mr Scholes and Mr Uren had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr Goodluck had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Anderson had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

- 29 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—15TH REPORT:** Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the 15th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

15TH 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 10 May 1989, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Reports of inquiry into death of—

Paul Farmer.

Wayne John Dooler.

Aboriginal Development Commission Act—Aboriginal Development Commission—Report for 1987-88.

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for—

1986-87.

1987-88.

Australian Institute of Health Act—Australian Institute of Health—Report for 1987-88.

Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1987-88.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, 1989—Western Australia—Documents pursuant to section 75.

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Report for 1987-88.

Fisheries Act—Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for period 14 April to 31 December 1988.

Housing Assistance Act—Report on operation of Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement for 1987-88.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Our homeless children: Report of the National Inquiry into Homeless Children.
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Commercial tariff concessions (PVC foam blocks and DC electric motors), dated 1 February 1989 (No. 416).
 National Health Act—Report on the operations of registered health insurance organizations for 1987-88.
 Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Report for 1987-88.
 Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust—Report for 1987-88.
 Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report for 1987-88—Corrigendum.

H. A. JENKINS
 Chairman

1 June 1989

Mr Jenkins, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

30 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Lee (Chairman) presented the following report:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Inquiry into the conduct of the 1987 Federal election and 1988 referendums—Report No. 3, including 2 dissenting reports, dated May 1989.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Lee, Dr Wooldridge, Mr Lavarch, Mr Cobb, Mrs Jakobsen and Mr Shipton, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

31 CHILD SUPPORT (ASSESSMENT) BILL 1989: Dr Blewett (Acting Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for determining the financial support payable by parents for their children, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Dr Blewett presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

32 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported:

(a) acquainting the House that Senators Aulich, Hill, McMullan, Reid and Sanders had been appointed members of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory—Message No. 386, dated 31 May 1989.

(b) returning the following Bills without amendment:

1 June 1989—Message—

No. 388—Income Equalization Deposits Laws Amendment 1989.

No. 389—Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment 1989.

33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION REGULATIONS: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 387

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, to be known as the Joint Select Committee on Migration Regulations, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the extent to which draft regulations and tabled regulations under the

Migration Act 1958, which relate to decision criteria for the grant of visas and entry permits—

- (a) reflect current and announced policies in relation to the grant of visas and entry permits as at 1 June 1989; and
 - (b) are likely to achieve the goals of the policies referred to in subparagraph (a).
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 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 non-government Senator or Member of the House of Representatives to be the 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 member to act as chairman at that meeting.
 - (6) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chairman, or the deputy-chairman when acting as chairman, have a casting vote.
 - (7) That 5 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
 - (8) That the committee have power in relation to its functions to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (9) That—
 - (a) in respect of proposed regulations received from the Minister before 31 October 1989 the committee shall furnish its observations to the Minister before 21 November 1989 and report to each House of Parliament within 5 sitting days of the tabling of those regulations; and
 - (b) in respect of proposed regulations received by the committee after 31 October 1989 the committee shall furnish its observations to the Minister within 56 days (unless the Minister declares the regulation urgent, in which case it shall be 28 days) and shall report to both Houses of Parliament within 5 sitting days of the tabling of those regulations.
 - (10) That the committee cease upon the dissolution or expiration of the House of Representatives.
 - (11) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

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

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 31 May 1989

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That this House concurs in the resolution transmitted

in message No. 387 of the Senate relating to the appointment of a joint select committee on migration regulations.

Debate ensued

Question—put and passed.

- 34 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Message No. 385, dated 30 May 1989, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to migration, and for related purposes*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 35 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Message No. 384, dated 30 May 1989, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Migration Act 1958’*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and, by leave, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 36 REFORM OF SHIPPING AND THE WATERFRONT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of measures to be taken to reform the shipping and waterfront industries, and presented the following paper:

Reform of shipping and the waterfront—Ministerial statement, 1 June 1989.

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

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Gilmore speaking for a period not exceeding 38 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Sharp addressed the House.

Debate adjourned (Mr P. F. Morris—Minister for Industrial Relations), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 37 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES REFORMS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRICING—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Willis (Minister for Transport and Communications), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of reforms undertaken to the structure and functions of government business enterprises in the Transport and Communications portfolio, and presented the following papers:

Implementation of government business enterprises reforms and telecommunications pricing—Ministerial statement, 1 June 1989.

New price controls for telecommunications services.

Mrs Kelly (Minister for Telecommunications and Aviation Support) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech: Mrs Kelly, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the honourable Member for Farrer speaking for a period not exceeding 23 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Mr T. A. Fischer addressed the House.

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

- 38 **PATENTS BILL 1989:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science, Customs and Small Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to patents of inventions. 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 Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 39 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Langmore (Chairman) presented the following report:

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Report on proposals for variation 1988/6 to the plan of layout of the City of Canberra and its environs, dated June 1989.

Ordered to be printed.

- 40 **MIGRATION 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.

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Debate continued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 41 **MIGRATION 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 42 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 15 August 1989, at 2 p.m., unless otherwise called together by Madam Speaker or, in the event of Madam Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 43 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 44 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.24 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 15 August 1989, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 1 June 1989:
Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA relating to Dr L. S. Kotagama, dated 24 May 1989.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Bowen, Mr Cowan, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Gayler, Mr Howe, Mr Keating, Mr Moore, Mr Punch and Mr Sinclair.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives