

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 138

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 1989

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1989-90:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Attorney-General's Department, \$646 672 000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Transport and Communications, \$992 241 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$2 380 508 000—

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$462 922 000—

together debated.

It being 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Blanchard reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 3 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), Senator Tate (Minister for Justice) was acting as Attorney-General and would be represented in this House by Mr Duffy (Minister for Trade Negotiations).
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented the following paper:

Taxation—Chart showing total tax revenue as percentage of GDP in OECD countries—1987.

Questions without notice continued.

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) for defying the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for O'Connor be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended for the remainder of the day and for the next 7 consecutive days, this being his second occasion of suspension during the year, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

5 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS AND REFERENCE TO COMMITTEES: Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports—1989-90—

No. 10—Office of the Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region: research project administration.

No. 11—Department of Defence: recruitment practices.

No. 12—Aboriginal Affairs portfolio.

No. 13—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs: selected operations.

No. 14—Attorney-General's Department.

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

- (1) this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of audit reports Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Auditor-General for 1989-90;
- (2) the reports be printed;
- (3) audit report No. 10 of 1989-90—Office of the Supervising Scientist for the Alligator Rivers Region: research project administration be referred to the Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts;

- (4) audit report No. 11 of 1989-90—Department of Defence: recruitment practices be referred to the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade;
- (5) audit report No. 12 of 1989-90—Aboriginal Affairs portfolio be referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs; and
- (6) audit report No. 14 of 1989-90—Attorney-General's Department be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

Question—put and passed.

6 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance for 1988-89—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*.

Archives Act—

Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.

Australian Archives—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.

Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988.

7 PAPER: Mr Speaker presented the following paper:

Department of the Parliamentary Library—Interim report for 1988-89.

8 SELECTION COMMITTEE—MEMBERSHIP: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That Mr McLeay be discharged from attendance on the Selection Committee and that, in his place, Mr R. F. Edwards be appointed a member of the committee.

Question—put and passed.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: Message No. 445, dated 6 September 1989, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that Senator Hill had been discharged from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory, and that Senator Lewis had been appointed a member of the committee.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AIRLINE PILOTS' DISPUTE:

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 Government's industrial relations system in that it cause and is incapable of settling the current airlines' dispute".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Saunderson (Chairman),

by leave, made a statement concerning evidence given by Mr C. Skase, Chairman of Qintex Ltd, to the Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure during its inquiry into the role and functions of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.

12 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1989: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Income Tax Assessment Amendment 1989.

Income Tax Amendment (No. 2) 1989.

Medicare Levy Amendment 1989.

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

- 13 **INCOME TAX AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1989:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act 1986*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 14 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicare Levy Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

- 15 **INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) BILL 1989:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a national system of notification and assessment of industrial chemicals, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr P. F. Morris 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.

- 16 **HAZARDOUS WASTE (REGULATION OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS) BILL 1989:** Mr Holding (Minister representing the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of the export and import of hazardous waste, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Holding 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.

- 17 **SUPERANNUATION AND OTHER BENEFITS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), for Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Finance), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts and regulations relating to superannuation and similar benefits.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Holding 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.

- 18 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE:** Mr Holding (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following proposed work within the Parliamentary zone be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House for consideration and report: Upgrade and refurbishment of the southern entry to the Administrative Building, Parkes.

Paper: Mr Holding presented the following paper:

Parliament Act—Proposal, together with plans for upgrade and refurbishment of the southern entry to the Administrative Building, Parkes.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, CANBERRA—FITOUT—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: Fitout of the Civil Aviation Authority headquarters building, Canberra.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 20 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC APRON FACILITY, SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT:** Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of an additional domestic apron facility at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1989-90:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Employment, Education and Training, \$2 380 508 000—

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$462 922 000—

together further debated.

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

Aboriginal Affairs—

Minute from Mr G. L. Hand, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, to Mr W. Gray, Secretary, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, concerning supplementary funding for Aboriginal organisations, dated 30 May 1989.

Staff circular 1989/60, dated 30 August 1989, relating to senior staffing arrangements in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Debate continued.

Proposed expenditures agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$8 010 576 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$408 377 000—debated.

It being 7.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr R. F. Edwards reported accordingly.

- 22 **ADJOURNMENT:** The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 September 1989:

Christmas Island Act—Ordinances—1989—

No. 4—Lotteries.

No. 5—Betting.

No. 6—Common Gaming Houses.

Health Insurance Act—Determination pursuant to subsection 3C (1), dated 24 August 1989.

Public Service Act—

Determinations—1989—Nos. 79, 92, 107, 108, 114, 115, 117, 120, 121, 127, 128.

Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination—1989—No. 3.

Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act—Declaration under subsection 9 (1) deeming to amend Schedules 1 and 2, dated 24 August 1989.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Bowen, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cohen, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gorman, Mr Kerr, Dr Klugman, Mr Lamb, Mr Millar, Mr Shipton, Mr Uren, Mr White and Dr Woods.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives