

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 24

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1990

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr R. F. Edwards) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 3 **EFFICIENCY AUDIT OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** The Acting Speaker presented the following paper:

Efficiency audit of the Australian National Audit Office—Report of Independent Auditor, dated 16 October 1990.

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 the report of the Independent Auditor on an efficiency audit of the Australian National Audit Office, dated 16 October 1990; and
 - (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Government funding of academic and related research in Australia: An international comparison, dated September 1990.

Australian Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—There's no place like home: A review of an efficiency audit of the Department of Community Services and Health Home and Community Care Program—Government response.

High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

Migration Regulations—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Illegal entrants in Australia: Balancing control and compassion—Government response.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Criminal Injuries Compensation Ordinance—Report for 1989-90.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1989-90.

- 5 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—
 There's no place like home: A review of an efficiency audit of the Department of Community Services and Health Home and Community Care Program—Government response.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 MIGRATION REGULATIONS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Migration Regulations—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Illegal entrants in Australia: Balancing control and compassion—Government response.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY:**
 The House was informed that Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The disarray in government economic policy as evidenced by last night's statement by the Governor of the Reserve Bank".
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Dr Hewson addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 8 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that the Government Whip had nominated Mr Jenkins to be a member of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology in place of Mr Gibson.
- 9 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:
 15 October 1990—Message—
 No. 63—Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 2) 1990.
 No. 64—Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment 1990.
- 10 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1990-91:** 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1990-91:** 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **PATENTS BILL 1990:** 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 Crean (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (FOREIGN INCOME) BILL 1990:** 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **TAXATION (INTEREST ON NON-RESIDENT TRUST DISTRIBUTIONS) BILL 1990:** 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1990:** 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 Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 16 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1990:** 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 Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 **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 Acting Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 October 1990:

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Ministerial direction under section 12, dated 4 September 1990.

Customs Act—Ministerial direction under section 269TA, dated 4 September 1990.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1990—

No. 138—Category appropriate to a member and other allowances.

No. 141—Flight Duties Allowance—Allowance not payable and other allowances.

No. 148—Rates of Travelling Allowance—India—New Delhi and other allowances.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Burr, Mr Cameron, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Goodluck, Mr Gorman, Mr Holding, Mr Hollis, Mr Jones, Mr Lee, Ms McHugh, Mr McLeay, Mr Miles, Mr Sinclair and Mrs Sullivan.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives