

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

No. 41

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 1991

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONOURABLE G. M. BRYANT):** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) referred to the death of the Honourable G. M. Bryant, and moved—That this House expresses its deep regret at the death on Monday, 14 January 1991, of the Honourable Gordon Munro Bryant, ED, a former Member of this House for the Division of Wills from 1955 to 1980 and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.
 And Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
 Question—passed.
- 3 **DEATHS OF FORMER SENATOR (MR E. A. ROBERTSON) AND FORMER CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (MR N. J. PARKES):** Mr Speaker informed the House of the deaths of Mr Edward Albert Robertson, on 7 January 1991, a Senator for the Northern Territory from 1975 to 1987, and Mr Norman James Parkes, CBE, on 29 January 1991, Clerk of the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1976.
 As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 4 **TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That:
- (1) the House authorises live broadcast and rebroadcast of House of Representatives proceedings, excluding debate on a motion for the adjournment of the House, on television for a trial period from 12 February 1991; and
 - (2) access to the proceedings of the House of Representatives for the televising of proceedings is subject to an undertaking to observe, and to comply with, the following conditions:
 - (a) Televising may occur and recordings may be made only from channel 1 on the House monitoring system.
 - (b) Televising shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for:
 - (i) political party advertising or election campaigns;
 - (ii) satire or ridicule;

- (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising; or
- (iv) television station advertisements or promotion.
- (c) Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
- (d) Remarks in respect of which a Member claims misrepresentation or otherwise seeks withdrawal, and which are subsequently ordered to be withdrawn, or are voluntarily withdrawn, are not to be rebroadcast.
- (e) If the Speaker orders that a remark be deleted from Hansard, either at the time the remark was made or at a later time, the remark, the Speaker's direction and the proceedings relating to the matter, are not to be rebroadcast.
- (f) Debate on a motion for the adjournment of the House shall not be broadcast.
- (g) Points of order are not to be rebroadcast.
- (h) Footage must be broadcast at normal speed without use of a freeze frame. Split screen shots are not to be used. Only synchronised sound and vision shall be rebroadcast.
- (j) Non-compliance with the guidelines listed above will incur the following penalties for the stations involved:
 - (i) first breach—access to the broadcast service withdrawn for three sitting days;
 - (ii) second breach—access to the broadcast service withdrawn for six sitting days; or
 - (iii) such other penalty as is agreed by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.
- (k) The instructions of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the Speaker's delegates in respect of the broadcasting, which are not inconsistent with these conditions, shall be observed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

5 **MINISTERIAL CHANGE:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that on 1 February 1991 Dr Blewett had been appointed Minister for Trade and Overseas Development.

6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

7 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for period 5 March to 30 June 1990.

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Report for 1989-90.

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Reports—Review of the National Capital Plan, dated May 1990, and 2nd report—The certified draft plan, dated August 1990—Government responses.

Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—11th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—29th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 1989-90.

Criminology Research Act—Criminology Research Council—18th Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—2nd Report, for 1989-90.

Rural Industries Research Act—

Cotton Research Council—Report for 1989-90.

Tobacco Research Council—Report for 1989-90.

- 8 **PRIVACY COMMISSIONER—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**
Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—2nd Report, for 1989-90.

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

- 9 **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:

21 December 1990—Message—

No. 78—

Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment 1990.

Excise Tariff Amendment 1990.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Amendment 1990.

No. 79—

Petroleum Excise (Prices) Amendment 1990.

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 1990.

24 December 1990—Message No. 80—Privacy Amendment 1990.

28 December 1990—Message—

No. 81—

Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) 1990.

Commonwealth Banks Restructuring 1990.

No. 82—

Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1990.

States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Amendment 1990.

Taxation Laws Amendment (International Agreements) 1990.

Higher Education Funding Amendment (No. 2) 1990.

Northern Prawn Fishery Voluntary Adjustment Scheme Loan Guarantee Amendment 1990.

No. 83—

Taxation (Interest on Non-resident Trust Distributions) 1990.

Cattle Transaction Levy 1990.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment 1990.

Customs Tariff Amendment 1990.

No. 84—

Overseas Students (Refunds) 1990.

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1990.

International Development Association (Further Payment) 1990.

Sales Tax Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1990.

No. 85—

Builders Labourers' Federation Legislation Amendment 1990.

Overseas Students Charge Amendment 1990.

Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment 1990.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) 1990.

No. 86—Debits Tax Termination 1990.

No. 87—

- Bounty Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1990.
- Child Support Legislation Amendment 1990.
- Cattle Industry Legislation (Consequential Provisions) 1990.
- Beef Production Levy 1990.
- Community Services and Health Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1990.

No. 88—

- Cattle Export Charge 1990.
- Cattle and Beef Levy Collection 1990.
- Live-stock Export Charge Amendment 1990.

8 January 1991—Message No. 89—

- States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment 1990.
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment 1990.
- Australian Centennial Roads Development Amendment 1990.
- Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 4) 1990.
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Foreign Income) 1990.
- Social Security Legislation Amendment 1990.
- Broadcasting Amendment (No. 2) 1990.

21 January 1991—Message No. 90—

- Export Market Development Grants Amendment (No. 2) 1990.
- Stevedoring Industry Legislation Amendment 1990.
- Stevedoring Industry Levy Amendment 1990.
- Transport and Communications Legislation Amendment 1990.
- AUSSAT Amendment 1990.
- Commonwealth Funds Management Limited 1990.
- Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) 1990.
- Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement (Service Personnel) 1990.
- Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Sale of Assets and Abolition) 1990.
- Australian Heritage Commission Amendment 1990.
- Australian Sports Drug Agency 1990.

23 January 1991—Message—

- No. 91—Data-matching Program (Assistance and Tax) 1990.
- No. 92—Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment 1990.

5 February 1991—Message No. 93—Defence Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1990.

10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—WOOL AND RURAL INDUSTRIES: The House was informed that Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's incompetent handling of the crisis in the wool industry and rural industries generally which has undermined confidence and will result in severe financial hardship, if not ruin, for farmers across Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr T. A. Fischer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS: Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs) moved Customs Tariff Proposals Nos. 1 and 2 (1991).

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

- 12 **GENEVA CONVENTIONS 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.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Sawford
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Mr Elliott	Mr Jones	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr J. L. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Gayler	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Dr Catley	Mr Gear*	Mr Lindsay	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Walker
Mr Courtice	Mr Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr West
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Melham	Mr Willis
Mr Crean	Mr Hand	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
Mrs Crosio	Mr Holding	Mr Newell	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mr Hollis	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howe	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr Price	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith
Mr Anderson	Mr Connolly	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Filing	Mr Mack	Mr Somlyay
Mr Broadbent	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr MacKellar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nugent	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Hall	Mr Peacock	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Chaney	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **CRIMES LEGISLATION 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 having been resumed by Mr Peacock—

- 14 **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.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 February 1991:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Commission for the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation of Commonwealth Employees (COMCARE)—Report for 1989-90.

Air Navigation (Charges) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 5.

Australian Horticultural Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 422.

Australian Postal Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 431 (*in substitution for paper presented on 21 January 1991*).

Cattle and Beef Levy Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 4.

Child Care Act—Guidelines pursuant to section 12A, dated 19 December 1990.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Parts—

105—Amendments, dated 15 January and 8 February 1991 (7).

106—Amendments, dated 15 January 1991.

107—Amendments, dated 15 January 1991.

Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 6.

Currency Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 459.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 460.

Defence Act—Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1990—Nos. 15, 16.

Fisheries Act—

Copies of agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and—
Bluefin Exporters Pty Ltd, dated 19 December 1990 and 11 January 1991.

Lukin Enterprises Pty Ltd, dated 18 December 1990.

Notice—No. GAB 1.

Health Insurance Act—Statement of particulars of ministerial determination made pursuant to section 106AA relating to Dr Patrick Glen McCabe, dated 16 January 1991.

Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules—

1990—No. 452.

1991—Nos. 2, 3.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Determination of Motor Vehicle Standards—Order—1990—No. 3.

National Health Act—

Determination—1991—No. BIT 1.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1991, No. 1.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Acts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—
Cattle Transaction Levy Act 1990—1 February 1991.

Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990—Schedule 2—1 March 1991.

Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act 1990—1 February 1991.

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1990—Sections 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 30, 32, 33, 38 and 39—4 February 1991.

Public Service Act—Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determinations—1990—Nos. 37, 38, 39.

Radiocommunications Act—Australian spectrum plan—Statutory Rules 1990, No. 413.

Superannuation Act 1976—Determination pursuant to subsection 238 (1)—
No. 5—Period.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument varying Pharmaceutical Benefits
Scheme, dated 20 December 1990.

World Heritage Properties Conservation Act—Notice of consent pursuant
to section 9, dated 4 February 1991.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr
Costello, Mr Gibson, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Nehl, Mr Riggall, Mr Ronaldson,
Mr Sinclair, Mr Snow and Dr Theophanous.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives