

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 45

TUESDAY, 19 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Menzies (Mr N. A. Brown) for continuing to interject after having been warned by the Chair.

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

Question—put.

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

AYES, 76

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

NOES, 67

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.47 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber. Questions without notice continued.

3 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICAL INSURANCE:

The House was informed that both Dr Charlesworth and Mr Sharp had proposed that definite matters of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion today. In accordance with the provisions of standing order 107, Mr Speaker had given priority to the matter proposed by Dr Charlesworth, namely, "The uncertainty caused to all Australians by the Opposition proposal to abolish Medicare and replace it with a voucher system of medical insurance".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Dr Charlesworth addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

4 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

18 February 1991—Message—

No. 159—Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection 1990.

No. 160—Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection (Consequential Provisions) 1990.

No. 161—National Cattle Disease Eradication Trust Account 1990.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1990: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 162

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to promote the occupational health and safety of persons employed by the Commonwealth and Commonwealth authorities, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 18 February 1991

Ordered—That the amendment be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, forthwith.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Clause 70, page 53, after subclause (5) insert the following subclause:

“(5A) A document setting out a code of practice or an amendment or revocation of a code of practice is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.”.

On the motion of Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories), the amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mrs Kelly, the House adopted the report.

6 WOOL MARKETING (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:

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 by Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “, in the light of the urgent need to restore confidence by wool producers and buyers in the long term future of the industry, to end the confusion that the Government’s policies have engendered and to assist the immediate resumption of wool sales, the House does not decline to give the Bill a second reading, but is of the opinion that the reserve price in respect of wool offered for sale should not be suspended only, as the Bill proposes, but should be terminated forthwith”.

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Campbell, by leave, presented the following paper:

Australian wool industry—Copy of circular letter from Mr G. Campbell, MP, dated 18 January 1991.

Debate continued.

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

7 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY—STATEMENT BY MEMBER AND PAPERS: Mr Martin (Chairman), by leave, made a statement relating to the inquiry into the Australian banking industry by the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration and, by leave, presented the following papers:

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Inquiry into the Australian banking industry—Copy of—

Letter to Mr D. Elder, Secretary, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration, from Mr J. McLennan, Quinwon Pty Ltd, dated 18 February 1991.

Order and summons issued by the Supreme Court of New South Wales Equity Division served on John Ross McLennan, dated 15 February 1991.

8 WOOL MARKETING (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:

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 Mr Lloyd (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) (see entry No. 6)—*

Debate resumed.

Mr Anderson addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—
That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) requiring the question
to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill
read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 95, dated 12 February 1991,
from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending
an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Lloyd, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Clause 4—

Page 2, line 23, proposed subsection 141 (2), omit “(whatever the source of
that money)”, substitute “(whatever the source of that money, but
amounts payable from so much of that money as is attributable to
payments to the Corporation under paragraphs 47 (1) (a) and (d) are not
to exceed in the aggregate \$200,000,000)”.

Page 3, lines 21 to 24, omit proposed section 146, substitute the following
section:

Disposing of wool stocks

“146. While guidelines are in force under section 144:

- (a) for a period of 12 months beginning on the commencement of
this Part, the Corporation must not sell, charge or otherwise
dispose of its stocks of wool or wool products except in very
limited circumstances as prescribed by regulation; and
- (b) in any period after that described in paragraph (a), the
Corporation shall only sell, charge or otherwise dispose of its
stocks of wool or wool products in a publicised, orderly and
predictable manner, as prescribed in a subsequent enactment.”.

Page 4, line 36, omit proposed paragraph 148 (2) (b).

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

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

NOES, 71

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Johns	Mr Price
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Jones	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mrs Kelly	Mr Scholes
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Mr Dubois	Mr Hulls	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Duffy	Mr Humphreys	Mr Newell	

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And so it was negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Kerin, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.48 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Bailey, Mr Nehl, Mr Snow and Dr Theophanous.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives