

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 54

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 1991

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- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
  - 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
    - Mr Beale, from 41 petitioners, praying for a twelve month moratorium followed by a referendum to enable the citizens of Australia to consider and decide whether the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child should be ratified.
    - Mr Bradford, from 85 petitioners, praying that the Constitution be amended by referendum to prevent ownership of freehold land by other than Australian citizens.
    - Mr Cadman, from 172 petitioners, praying that the hostel care subsidy for non-financially disadvantaged persons be reinstigated.
    - Mrs Gallus, from 18 petitioners, praying that the proposal to reduce certain staffing hours in nursing homes be withdrawn and that measures affecting nursing homes be substantiated on a care need basis.
    - Mr Gayler, from 143 000 petitioners, praying that no additional tax be levied on tobacco products as a source of funding sport and that the right of tobacco companies to sponsor sport and cultural events and the right of sporting and cultural groups to choose their own sponsor be supported.
    - Mrs Kelly, from 108 petitioners, praying that the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill 1990 be passed and other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.
    - Mr Lloyd, from 20 petitioners, praying that reservations be made to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child prior to its ratification to protect the rights of parents in relation to their children.
    - Ms McHugh, from 40 petitioners, praying that any attempt to restrict access to abortion under Medicare be opposed.
    - Mr Mack, from 2810 petitioners, praying that Australian warships in the Middle East be withdrawn immediately.
    - Mr MacKellar, from 43 petitioners, praying that the Therapeutic Goods Regulations be rejected and a public inquiry held into the regulation of natural therapeutic goods.
    - Mr Moore, from 80 petitioners, praying that the unprovoked use of force in the Baltic States by the Soviet Union be condemned and that trade sanctions be implemented and relief action to the USSR suspended.

- Mr A. A. Morris, from 582 electors of the Division of Newcastle, praying that the Medicare office in Market Street, Newcastle, be re-opened and an office opened near Wallsend.
- Mr Nehl, from 15 petitioners, praying that hearing appliances required by hearing impaired persons be exempt from sales tax.
- Mr Newell, from 359 petitioners, praying that better use be made of woodchips and other action be taken to promote employment while alleviating pressures on dwindling native forests.
- Mr Newell, from 155 petitioners, praying for an immediate moratorium on logging in the "Great Sandy Region" on Fraser Island.
- Mr Newell, from 42 petitioners, praying that existing applications for animal patents be rejected and that legislation be amended to prohibit the patenting of animals.
- Mr Newell, from 40 petitioners, praying that woodchipping be phased out and certain other action be taken in relation to the forests of south eastern Australia.
- Mr Reith, from 97 petitioners, praying that the standard of television reception in the Rosebud south area, south of Arthurs Seat on the Mornington Peninsula, Vic., be improved.
- Mr Reith, from 5 petitioners, praying for legislative action to impose appropriate penalties for abuse of the national flag.
- Mr Ruddock, from 7 petitioners, 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 B. C. Scott, from 160 electors of the Division of Maranoa, praying that a television translator be installed near Texas, Qld, before June 1991.
- Mr Wilson, from 1752 petitioners, praying that foreign investment in Australian property, business and resources be limited to 45 per cent of each purchase.
- Dr R. L. Woods, from 375 petitioners, praying for the provision of a Medicare rebate for Jobst garments.

Petitions received.

**3 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Price (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Words at work: A report on literacy needs in the workplace—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, dated 7 March 1991.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Price moved—That the House take note of the report.

Debate adjourned, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day, and Mr Price was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

**4 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Dr Charlesworth presented the following report:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mongolian People's Republic and Japan, September-October 1990—Report.

Dr Charlesworth and Mr Sinclair made statements in connection with the report.

**5 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day

having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Price—That the House take note of the report (*see* entry No. 3), viz.:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Words at work: A report on literacy needs in the workplace—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, dated 7 March 1991—

Debate resumed.

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 Bradford was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 6 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Lavarch—That the House take note of the report (*presented on 7 March 1991*), viz.:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Islands in the sun: Legal regimes of Australia's external territories and the Jervis Bay Territory—Report, dated March 1991—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 7 FLAGS AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Hawker, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flags Act 1953* to ensure that the Australian National Flag is not altered except with the approval of the Australian people voting in a referendum, that the Australian National Flag is not supplanted by use of the powers under the Act, and that the appointment of other flags and ensigns is subject to disallowance by either House of the Parliament.

Mr Hawker made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 8 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Wilson, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

Mr Wilson made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 9 AGED OR DISABLED PERSONS HOMES ACT—CHARTER OF RESIDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES—DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Braithwaite (*moved 21 February 1991, see pages 537-9*)—

Mr Braithwaite moved—That the order of the day be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 NATIONAL HEALTH ACT—CHARTER OF RESIDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES—DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Braithwaite (*moved 21 February 1991, see pages 539-40*)—

Mr Braithwaite moved—That the order of the day be discharged.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the

motion of Mr Langmore—That, in view of the recent dramatic improvement in the global strategic environment and of the importance of facilitating extension of those improved conditions to the East Asia and Pacific regions, this House supports the establishment of a Conference on Security and Cooperation in East Asia and the Pacific to increase collective security through negotiation of confidence-building measures and steps towards disarmament—

Debate resumed.

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 Broadbent was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

**12 RESOURCE SECURITY LEGISLATION:** Mr Burr, pursuant to notice, moved—  
That this House:

- (1) impresses on the Government that the lack of appropriate resource security legislation is holding back urgently needed resource development projects; and
- (2) requests the Government to introduce appropriate resource security legislation as a matter of urgency.

Debate ensued.

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 Newell was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

**13 DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Kerr—That:

- (1) noting the scarcity of information on the distribution of wealth in Australia;
- (2) recognising that concern regarding inequality is shared by all major political parties in Australia;
- (3) noting that the most recently published survey on the distribution and composition of personal wealth in Australia, Dilnot Australia Economic Review—1st quarter 1990, has concluded that over half the total personal wealth in Australia is held by the wealthiest 10 per cent of the population and the effective tax rate on income from savings falls as wealth rises; and
- (4) sharing the sentiments expressed by the Prime Minister in his maiden speech to the House—

this House calls on the Government to:

- (a) collect and publish national statistical information regarding the distribution of wealth in Australia; and
- (b) commission a study to give detailed consideration to, and to report upon, measures available to reduce the inequality of wealth distribution in Australia—

Debate resumed.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

**14 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.

- 15 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.
- 16 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 17 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
 Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Report of the inquiry into the death of—  
 Faith Barnes.  
 Edward Cameron.  
 Peter Leonard Campbell.  
 Dixon Green.  
 Bruce Thomas Leslie.  
 Bernard Albert McGrath.  
 Ginger Samson.  
 Maxwell Roy Saunders.  
 Ricci John Vicenti.  
 Roy Norman Walker.  
 Graham Trevor Walley.  
 Milton Wells.  
 Peter Wayne Williams.  
 The young man who died in custody at Geraldton on 31 December 1988.  
 Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Environmental research in Australia: The issues, dated December 1990.
- 18 **AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:  
 Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Environmental research in Australia: The issues, dated December 1990.  
 Debate adjourned (Mr Fife), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORTS—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 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody of the inquiry into the death of—  
 Faith Barnes.  
 Edward Cameron.  
 Peter Leonard Campbell.  
 Dixon Green.  
 Bruce Thomas Leslie.  
 Bernard Albert McGrath.  
 Ginger Samson.  
 Maxwell Roy Saunders.  
 Ricci John Vicenti.  
 Roy Norman Walker.  
 Graham Trevor Walley.  
 Milton Wells.  
 Peter Wayne Williams.  
 The young man who died in custody at Geraldton on 31 December 1988.  
 Question—put and passed.

- 20 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECH:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition speaking for a period not exceeding 42 minutes on the motion to take note of the paper on building a competitive Australia.  
Question—put and passed.
- 21 **BUILDING A COMPETITIVE AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 12 March 1991*), viz.:  
Building a competitive Australia—Statements by Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, Mr Keating, Treasurer and Senator Button, Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce, dated 12 March 1991—  
Debate resumed.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Willis—Minister for Finance), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 22 **RETIREMENT OF MR A. R. BROWNING, CLERK OF THE HOUSE—VOTE OF APPRECIATION:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the forthcoming retirement of Mr A. R. Browning, Clerk of the House, and, after referring to Mr Browning's distinguished contribution to the House over many years, expressed the hope that he would enjoy a happy retirement.  
Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That this House places on record its appreciation of the long and meritorious service to the Parliament by the Clerk of the House, Mr A. R. Browning, and extends to him and his wife and family every wish for a healthy and happy retirement.  
Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and other Members spoke in support of the motion and associated themselves with the remarks of Mr Speaker.  
Question—put and passed.
- 23 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9 April 1991, at 2 p.m., unless Mr Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.  
Question—put and passed.
- 24 **SELECTION COMMITTEE AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—SESSIONAL ORDERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the sessional orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:  
(1) Sessional order 28D be amended to read:  
*Selection Committee*  
"28D. (a) A Selection Committee, to consist of the Chairman of Committees, the Government Whip, the Opposition Whip, the Third Party Whip, 4 Government members, and 3 Opposition or other non-government members, shall be appointed at the commencement of each Parliament to arrange the timetable and order of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on each sitting Thursday pursuant to standing order 101.  
(b) Private Members' business which is to be accorded priority, the order of consideration and the times allotted for debate on each item and the time limits allotted for each Member speaking shall be approved by a majority of the members present at a meeting of the committee and in accordance with general principles adopted by the House after report by the committee.  
(c) The Selection Committee may determine the order of precedence and times allotted for consideration of committee and delegation reports

and private Members' business and shall report its determinations to the House in sufficient time for its decisions to be published on the Notice Paper of the first sitting day of each week.

(d) Reports of the committee made pursuant to paragraph (c) shall be deemed adopted when laid upon the Table and shall be printed in Hansard.

(e) Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee.

(f) For the purpose of private Members' business in this and any other standing order, a private Member is any Member of the House other than the Speaker or a Minister."

- (2) Sessional order 104A be amended to read:

*Private Members' business—procedure*

"104A. In the period during which private Members' business is accorded precedence pursuant to standing order 104, notices and orders of the day relating to private Members' business shall be called on by the Clerk in the order in which they appear on the Notice Paper. When the time allotted by standing order 102C or 104, or by the Selection Committee, for an item of business has expired, consideration shall be interrupted by the Chair and the question before the Chair shall be put:

Provided that, where the Selection Committee has determined that consideration of a matter should continue on a future day, at the time fixed for interruption:

- (a) the Chair shall interrupt proceedings;
- (b) if the House is in committee, the Chairman shall report progress; and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the next sitting Thursday for the further consideration of the matter.

Notices by private Members of their intention to present bills shall stand referred to the Selection Committee which shall give priority to them over other notices and orders of the day and determine the order in which they are to be presented. Upon the respective notice being called on by the Clerk, the Member in whose name the notice stands shall present the bill and may speak for a period not exceeding 5 minutes in support thereof. The bill shall then be read a first time and, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 218, the next sitting Thursday shall be appointed for the Member to move "That this Bill be now read a second time".

If the motion for the second reading of any private Member's bill is agreed to by the House, further consideration shall be accorded precedence of other private Members' business and the Selection Committee may allot times for consideration of the remaining stages of the bill."

Question—put and passed.

**25 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Punch (Chairman) presented the following report:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 308—The Parliamentary Information Systems Office (PISO) 'Unofficial Account'.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr Punch, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

**26 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—7TH REPORT:** Mr Gorman (Chairman) presented the following report:

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 7TH REPORT**

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 21 February 1991, recommends that the following be printed:

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Reports—Inquiry into the death of—

Walter James Barney.

Burrurangi.

Jambajimba.

Monty Charles Salt.

Barbara Denise Yarrrie.

Fay Lena Yarrrie.

Anti-Dumping Authority Act—Anti-Dumping Authority—Report for 1989-90.

Australian Defence Industries Ltd—Report for 1989-90.

Australian Institute of Health Act—Australian Institute of Health—Report for 1989-90.

Australian Sports Commission Act—Australian Sports Commission—Report for 1989-90.

Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Commission for the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation of Commonwealth Employees (Comcare)—Report for 1989-90.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—Interstate distribution of general purpose grants for local government 1991.

Companies Act—Accounting Standards Review Board—Report for 1989-90.

Copyright Act—Audio-visual Copyright Society Ltd—Report for 1989-90.

Members' Interests—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report on the operations of the committee, for 1990.

National Museum of Australia Act—National Museum of Australia—Report for 1989-90.

Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction Authority—Report for 1989-90.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 1989-90.

Rural Industries Research Act—

Australian Special Rural Research Council—Report for 1989-90.

Dried Fruits Research Council—Report for 1989-90.

Pig Research Council—Report for 1989-90.

Australian Institute of Marine Science Act—Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 1989-90—Corrigenda.

RUSS GORMAN  
Chairman

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

Question—put and passed.

27 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr R. F. Edwards (Chairman) presented the following report:

Selection Committee—Report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 11 April 1991.

28 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) moved—That leave of absence for one month be given to Mr Lindsay on the ground of parliamentary business overseas.

Question—put and passed.



- 29 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
 14 March 1991—Message—  
 No. 185—Loan 1991.  
 No. 186—Antarctic Mining Prohibition 1991.
- 30 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), for Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr R. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr R. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
 Debate adjourned (Dr Kemp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 31 **BOUNTY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), for Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts providing for the payment of bounty, and for related purposes.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr R. J. Brown moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr R. J. Brown presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
 Debate adjourned (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 32 **SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Crean (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to sales tax.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
 Debate adjourned (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 33 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:  
 14 March 1991—Message—  
 No. 187—Meat Chicken Levy Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).  
 No. 188—Dried Vine Fruits Legislation Amendment 1990.  
 No. 189—Australian Horticultural Corporation Amendment 1991.
- 34 **BOUNTY (CITRIC ACID) BILL 1991:** Mr Crean (Minister for Science and Technology), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain citric acid.  
 Bill read a first time.  
 Mr Crean moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
*Paper:* Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.  
 Debate adjourned (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 35 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1990-91—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1990-91:** Message No. 107, dated 13 March 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:  
 (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1991; and  
 (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation

of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1990-91* and the *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 1990-91*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1991, and for related purposes.

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1990-91* and the *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 1990-91*, for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1991, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**36 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CERTAIN PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 1990-91—APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 1990-91:** Message No. 108, dated 13 March 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of certain proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1991; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1990-91*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1991, and for related purposes.

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1990-91*, for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1991, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**37 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE IN RELATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS FOR YEAR 1990-91—APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 2) 1990-91:** Message No. 109, dated 13 March 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced:

- (a) transmitting to the House of Representatives particulars of proposed expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1991, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments; and
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution, recommending to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1990-91*, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1991, and for related purposes.

Mr Willis (Minister for Finance) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the

sums appropriated by the *Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act 1990-91*, for certain expenditure, in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1991, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Dr R. L. Woods), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 38 **BUILDING A COMPETITIVE AUSTRALIA—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 12 March 1991*), viz.:

Building a competitive Australia—Statements by Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, Mr Keating, Treasurer and Senator Button, Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce, dated 12 March 1991—

Debate resumed.

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

- 39 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

*Debate extended:* It being 11 p.m., the debate was interrupted.

Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications) required the debate to be extended.

The debate continuing until 11.09 p.m., the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 9 April 1991, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 14 March 1991:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 100—Amendment, dated 13 March 1991.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1991—Nos. 1, 14, 20, 23, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.

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**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett and Mr Lindsay\*.

\* On leave

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives