

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 63

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 1991

- 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. 4) 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.  
Mr Charles addressing the House—  
It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
- 3 **PAPERS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:  
Mr Brian Burke—Involvement in trade and political matters—Copy of—  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ministerial submission—Trade with East Europe and involvement of the Hon. Brian Burke, dated 6 September 1988.  
Letter (unsigned) from Senator Evans, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, to Mr B. Burke, dated 6 May 1991.  
Minute from Mr M. J. Costello, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to Senator Evans, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Dr Blewett, Minister for Trade and Overseas Development, dated 1 May 1991, with attachments (2).
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Pty Limited (ASTA)—Report and financial statements, including the auditor's report, for 1989-90.  
Audit Act—Defence Science and Technology Organisation Commercial Activities Trust Account—Financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1989-90.  
Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report on the state of the automotive industry for 1990.
- 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—CORONATION HILL PROJECT:** 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 urgent requirement for an immediate decision from the Government to approve the Coronation Hill project and bring to an end the lengthy politicisation and procrastination over this important project which is now a litmus test".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr T. A. Fischer addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without requests:

7 May 1991—Message No. 206—Customs Tariff (Uranium Concentrate Export Duty) Amendment 1991.

- 8 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hollis (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Works—Parliamentary Standing Committee—Reports—

Redevelopment of the Singleton Military Area, Stage 1, NSW (2nd report of 1991).

Construction of major explosives storehouses, Myambat, Stage 1, NSW (3rd report of 1991).

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Hollis and Mr Fitzgibbon, by leave, made statements in connection with the reports.

- 9 **DEPARTURE TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Departure Tax Act 1978*.

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

- 10 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Griffiths presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 11 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (ROYALTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Royalty) Act 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Griffiths presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 12 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 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 Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 15 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:  
8 May 1991—Message No. 207—Albury-Wodonga Development Amendment 1991.
- 16 **SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) 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.  
Mrs Darling addressing the House—  
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- 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.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 8 May 1991:  
Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 3 May 1991 as the date on which paragraph 10(c) and section 35A of the *Commonwealth Banks Restructuring Act 1990* shall come into operation.  
Social Security Act—Determinations—1991—Instrument Nos. 3, 4, 5.

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**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mr Gorman\*, Mr Hand, Mr Langmore, Mr Lee, Mrs Sullivan and Mr Walker.

\*On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives