

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 75

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 1991

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- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The 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.:
 - Mrs Bailey and Mr Reith, from 5 and 81 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise electoral material on radio and television be rejected.
 - Mr Cadman and Mr Mack, from 361 and 182 petitioners, respectively, praying that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child be amended to recognise the importance of the family unit and the rights and responsibilities of parents and that certain international treaties be debated in Parliament.
 - Mr Mack and Mr Tickner, from 24 and 27 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken before 1 January 2001 to reaffirm that Australia is a Christian Commonwealth according to law and its heritage, traditions and customs.
 - Mr Newell and Mr Webster, from 44 and 21 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and that the right to life of the unborn be protected.
 - Mr Dobie and Mr Webster, from 75 and 84 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.
 - Mr R. J. Brown, from 1107 petitioners, praying that arrangements be made under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* to enable certain patients to receive the hospital rebate from their health insurance fund for intensive care in suitably specialised hospitals.
 - Mr Connolly, from 1 petitioner, 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 Hicks, from 18 electors of the Division of Riverina-Darling, praying that all aspects of the generic statement of firearms be rejected as being contrary to the States' rights of control and the private ownership of firearms.
 - Mr Jull, from 286 petitioners, praying that cross runway 14/32 at Brisbane Airport be upgraded for use by planes of all sizes and that no runway parallel to the main runway be built.
 - Mr Jull, from 14 petitioners, praying that the Commonwealth Government retain responsibility for the repatriation hospital system.
 - Mr Kerr, from 317 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 Langmore, from 11 petitioners, praying that a charge on pensioners' prescriptions not be introduced.

Mr Langmore, from 9 petitioners, praying for the establishment of a Royal Commission into the ownership and control of the press in Australia.

Mr Mack, from 696 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology.

Mr Sinclair, from 34 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Mack, from 513 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to protect national estate forests.

Mr Mack, from 55 petitioners, praying that the Otway Forests, Vic., be managed in the best interests of the Australian people and that the export woodchip licence granted to Midway Wood Products be rescinded.

Mr Mack, from 22 petitioners, praying that a referendum be held on the alteration of the Constitution to enable the introduction of citizens initiated referendum and recall.

Mr Reith, from 254 petitioners, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise political material on radio and television be rejected.

Mr Riggall, from 622 petitioners, praying for the provision of adequate funding to the Latrobe Valley Hospital, Vic., to maintain a consistent standard of medical service to the public.

Mr Rocher, from 532 petitioners, praying that action be taken to preserve the democratic independence of the ABC.

Petitions received.

3 LONG TERM STRATEGIES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Jones (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Australia as an information society: Grasping new paradigms—

Report, dated 15 May 1991.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Jones made a statement in connection with the report.

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

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

4 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr MacKellar presented the following paper:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Visit to Papua New Guinea, February-March 1991—Report.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr MacKellar, Mr Langmore, Mr Sinclair, Mr Lee and Mr Moore made statements in connection with the paper.

The time allotted for making statements on the paper having expired—

Mr MacKellar moved—That the House take note of the paper.

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

5 TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr P. F. Morris (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—
Telecom's handling of customer complaints—

Report, dated 29 May 1991.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr P. F. Morris and Mr Elliott made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the House take note of the report.

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

6 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Martin (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Cars, prawns and interest rates: Review of the Auditor-General's Report on data collection for the Consumer Price Index—

Report, dated May 1991.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Martin and Mr Wilson made statements in connection with the report.

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

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

7 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Scholes (Chairman) presented the following reports and related papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Reports and minutes of proceedings—
A citizen's right of reply, dated 4 June 1991.

The standing orders governing: General rule for conduct of business and procedures for the opening of Parliament, dated 4 June 1991.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

Mr Scholes and Mr Shack made statements in connection with the reports.

The time allotted for making statements on the reports having expired—

Mr Scholes moved—That the House take note of the reports.

In accordance with sessional order 102B the debate was adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

8 WOOL INDUSTRY: Mr Hulls, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the importance of the wool industry to the economy of Australia;
- (2) recognises the unique advantage Australia has in the world market due to the quality of our wool; and
- (3) calls for the banning of the export of merino genetic breeding material with such breaches of the ban to be reinforced by appropriate financial penalties.

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

9 **TERTIARY EDUCATION FOR RURAL AUSTRALIANS:** Mr J. N. Andrew, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) recognises the disadvantage faced by rural Australian families in accessing tertiary education facilities;
- (2) calls on the Government to amend the administration of Austudy to help counter this disadvantage; and
- (3) requests the Government to take immediate action to ensure that the present rural crisis does not deny post secondary students in rural areas access to a tertiary course.

Debate ensued.

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.

10 **TEMPORARY PARLIAMENT HOUSE:** Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) expresses concern that three years after the Parliament ceased to meet in the temporary Parliament House, no detailed proposals for the future of that building have been presented to the Parliament for its consideration;
- (2) draws attention to the facts that (a) the Parliament of Australia met in the temporary Parliament House from 1927-1988, a period of 61 years, (b) the building is one of the most significant in Australian history and (c) the intention to vacate the building was announced 10 years before it was vacated; and
- (3) therefore calls for:
 - (a) an immediate report to be made on the nature and status of the proposals being considered for the future of the temporary Parliament House; and
 - (b) an explanation why, on the third anniversary of the Parliament's departure from the temporary Parliament House, no decisions have yet been made on its future.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.30 pm., 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.

11 **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.

Papers: Mr Cadman, by leave, presented the following papers:

Warrah Village, Dural, NSW—Copies of—

Having our say: Collection of letters written by people with a disability, parents, advocates and staff, dated 24 May 1991.

Resolution of parent meeting held on 24 May 1991.

Debate continued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

12 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

13 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked—

Papers: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) presented the following papers:

Alleged telephone interception—Copies of—

Extract from transcript of debate between Mr Peacock, journalists and Mr Hawke.

Newspaper article.

Press release (172/84) by the Attorney-General, Senator Evans, dated 27 November 1984.

Proof transcript of interview with Brian Toohy on Daybreak, ABC Radio, dated 6 June 1991.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Mr Downer, in accordance with standing order 321, having called for a document quoted from by Dr Blewett (Minister for Trade and Overseas Development)—

Dr Blewett laid upon the Table the following paper:

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development—Agricultural policies, markets and trade: Monitoring and outlook 1991—Summary and conclusions, dated 16 May 1991.

Questions without notice continued.

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—MOTION OF CENSURE OF PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House censures the Prime Minister and his Ministers (past and present) for their deplorable lack of integrity and the preoccupation with the current leadership struggle at a time of grave economic crisis.

Question—put and passed.

15 PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS—MOTION OF CENSURE: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister and his Ministers (past and present) for their deplorable lack of integrity and the preoccupation with the current leadership struggle at a time of grave economic crisis.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 64

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 64

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

16 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER: The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 28 of 1990-91—
Department of Administrative Services: Estate Management.

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 Auditor-General's audit report No. 28 of 1990-91; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

17 **PAPER:** The Deputy Speaker presented the following paper:

Committee reports—Schedule of Government responses to the reports of House of Representatives and joint committees, for period 20 December 1990 to 6 June 1991, and outstanding responses to reports presented from 1982.

18 **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 the next sitting Thursday.

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

Asbestos in Defence—Report of independent review (Mr J. D. Enfield)—
Report, dated 8 March 1991.

Statement by Mr Bilney, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel.

Australian Civil Offsets Program—Report, including details on the Partnerships for Development Program, for 1989-90.

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report—An apple for the teacher?: Choice and technology in learning—Government response, dated June 1991.

20 **PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers:

Petitions which are not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House on the following subjects:

Banning of sexually related messages from the 0055 telephone network (Mr Hawke, 634 petitioners).

Crisis in the Persian Gulf (Mr Gorman, 196 petitioners).

Funding for the ABC (Mr Beazley, 432 petitioners).

21 **PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC CRISIS:** 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 failure of the Hawke Government to uphold high standards of integrity and leadership and to provide clear policy direction in Australia's current economic crisis".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson rising to address the House—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 73

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

NOES, 62

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 22 **SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION 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—
Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill having expired—
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. 154, dated 30 May 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.
Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
- 23 **INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT 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.
Paper: Mr Hawker, by leave, presented the following paper:
Government/industry meeting on road transport, joint statement—Media release (77/88) by Minister for Transport and Communications, Senator Evans, dated 14 July 1988.
Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 5.25 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

24 INTERSTATE ROAD TRANSPORT CHARGE 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 Hawker who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the House declines to give the Bill a second reading as it is of the opinion that the method of determining registration charges for B-Doubles should be consistent with existing Federal Interstate Registration Scheme (FIRS) principles and should not be varied until such time as it is possible to implement a comprehensive and consistent set of charges in respect of the national road transport industry”.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 5.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

AYES, 73

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr Elliott	Mr Jones	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bevis	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Breton	Mr Gayler	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear*	Mr Lee	Mr Snowdon
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Dr Catley	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
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Mr Courtice	Mr Griffiths	Mr Martin	Mr Walker
Ms Crawford	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr West
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mrs Crosio	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hulls	Mr Newell	Mr Wright
Mr Dubois	Mr Humphreys	Mr O’Keefe	
Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O’Neil	
Mr Duncan	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	

NOES, 60

Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mrs Bailey	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Mr Filing	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Moore	Mr Somlyay
Mr Burr	Mr Ford	Mr Nugent	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr Peacock	Mr Taylor
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Mr Charles	Mr Halverson	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Riggall	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 25 **FOREIGN JUDGMENTS 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.

Paper: Mr Duffy (Attorney-General) presented a correction to the explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

Limitation of debate: At 6.10 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 26 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY (JOB SEARCH AND NEWSTART) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 217

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to social security to provide for certain new allowances, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 5 June 1991

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Clause 7, page 12, proposed subsection 523 (1), line 35, omit "not required", substitute "taken".
- No. 2—Clause 7, page 13, proposed subparagraph 523 (2) (a) (i), lines 9 and 10, omit "remote area", substitute "an area described in subparagraph 522 (2) (a) (iii)".
- No. 3—Clause 7, page 13, proposed subsection 523 (2), line 26, omit "the person is not required", substitute "then, unless the person has been notified of a requirement under subsection 522 (2) in relation to the period, the person is taken".
- No. 4—Clause 7, page 14, proposed subsection 525 (1), line 10, omit "entry", substitute "activity".
- No. 5—Clause 7, page 56, proposed paragraph 593 (b), lines 10 to 12, omit all words after "person", substitute "satisfies the activity test".
- No. 6—Clause 7, page 64, proposed subsection 603 (1), line 10, omit "not required", substitute "taken".

- No. 7—Clause 7, page 64, proposed subparagraph 603 (2) (a) (i), lines 21 and 22, omit “remote area”, substitute “an area described in subparagraph 601 (2) (a) (iii)”.
- No. 8—Clause 7, page 64, proposed subsection 603 (2), line 38, omit “the person is not required”, substitute “then, unless the person has been notified of a requirement under subsection 601 (2) in relation to the period, the person is taken”.
- No. 9—Clause 7, page 65, proposed paragraph 606 (1) (e), line 28, at end of paragraph, add “, not being measures compelling the person to work in return for payment of newstart allowance”.
- No. 10—Clause 7, page 66, proposed paragraph 606 (5) (c), line 17, at end of paragraph, add “at the request of either party to the agreement”.
- No. 11—Clause 7, page 66, at end of proposed section 607, add the following subsection:
 “(2) A notice under paragraph (1) (c) must:
 (a) be in writing; and
 (b) set out the reasons for the decision to give the notice; and
 (c) include a statement describing the rights of the person to apply for the review of the decision.”.
- No. 12—Clause 7, page 78, proposed paragraph 620 (d), line 13, after “a”, insert “job search allowance or”.
- On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the amendments were agreed to.
 Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr Sciacca, the House adopted the report.

27 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 218

Mr Speaker,

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KERRY SIBRAA
 President

The Senate,
 Canberra, 5 June 1991

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

- No. 1—Clause 19, page 7, lines 23 to 29, omit the clause.
- No. 2—After clause 20, page 8, insert the following clause:
 “20A. Section 251 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1C) and substituting the following subsection:
 “(1C) A determination made under subsection (1B) giving, revoking or varying directions is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 46A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.”.
- On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Sciacca, the House adopted the report.

28 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SEX DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 220

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Sex Discrimination Act 1984', the 'Marriage Act 1961' and the 'War Gratuity Act 1945', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 6 June 1991

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 2, page 1, subclause (1), line 7, omit "and 7", substitute " , 7 and 7A".

No. 2—After clause 7, page 3, insert the following clause:

"7A. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 40 the following section:

Review of operation of subsections 40(2) and (3)

'40A. (1) The Minister must review the operation of subsections 40 (2) and (3) before 1 June 1996.

'(2) The review must include, but need not be limited to, a recommendation as to whether subsections 40 (2) and (3) should be repealed.

'(3) The Minister must cause copies of the review to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the completion of the review.'"

On the motion of Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Sciacca, the House adopted the report.

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

5 June 1991—Message No. 219—Social Security (Rewrite) Transition 1991.

6 June 1991—Message—

No. 221—Veterans' Entitlements Amendment 1991.

No. 222—Veterans' Entitlements (Rewrite) Transition 1991.

No. 223—Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment 1991.

30 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday, 20 June 1991, at 9.30

a.m., unless the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, the Chairman of Committees, fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 31 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 32 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

President of the Republic of Ireland—Senate's resolution: Consideration of Senate's message No. 76.

War Crimes Act—Report—Erratum—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report on year 12 retention rates—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Nursing home standards—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report on the Financial Management Improvement Program—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Wool Corporation—Report—Corrigendum—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Reports and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Resource Assessment Commission—Report on Kakadu Conservation Zone—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Kakadu Conservation Zone—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Racist violence—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Guidelines for the preparation of departmental annual reports—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Telecommunications (Interception) Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1988—Report on financial assistance—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1988—Report on the application of financial assistance granted to non-government schools—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Science and Technology Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report on strengthening careers education in schools—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Anti-dumping Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Special Rural Research Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

- Migration Act—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Higher education funding for the 1991-93 triennium—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Privacy Commissioner—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Ozone Protection Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Heritage Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- National Science and Technology Centre—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Commonwealth procurement guidelines—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Higher Education Council—Report on higher education: the challenges ahead—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Higher Education Council—Report on higher education planning for 1991-93 funding triennium—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Microeconomic reform in transport and telecommunications—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Law Reform Commission—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Bankruptcy Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Wheat Research Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (General Capital Increase) Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- International Monetary Agreements Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Student Assistance Act—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Drought Policy Review Task Force—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Report—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Pipeline Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Safeguards Office—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Industry Research and Development Board—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Industry Commission—Annual report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Wool Corporation—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Wool Research and Development Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Rockin Robin—Investigation into the search and rescue incident—
Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Rockin Robin—Investigation into the search and rescue incident—
Statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Annual report—Motion to take note of
paper: Resumption of debate.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report on
health home and community care program—Government response—
Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—
Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of
debate.

Australian Agricultural Council—Resolutions—Motion to take note of
paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Soil Conservation Council—Resolutions—Motion to take note
of paper: Resumption of debate.

Question—put and passed.

- 33 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COUNCIL:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the *Australian National University Act 1946*, this House elects Dr Catley and Mr Ruddock to be members of the Council of the Australian National University until the commencement of the *Australian National University Act 1991*.

Question—put and passed.

- 34 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER:** Mr Dubois (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 36th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 6 December 1990 to 5 June 1991.

- 35 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—10TH REPORT:** Mr Fitzgibbon presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 10TH 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 16 May 1991, recommends that the following be printed:

AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Pty Limited—Report for 1989-90.

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit Report No. 26 of 1990-91—Audit of the Australian Wheat Board 1989-90.

Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act—Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program—Report for 1988-89 (Final).

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Safety Review Committee—Report for 1989-90.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Election 1990—Report on election funding and financial disclosure.

Fisheries Act—Northern Territory Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1990.

Higher Education Funding Act 1988—Report on determinations made under the Act in respect of 1990.

Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1990.

Wool Marketing Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report for 1989-90—Corrigendum.

War Crimes Act—Report on the operation of the Act, for 1989-90—
Erratum.

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

Question—put and passed.

- 36 **NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—
REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Lindsay (Chairman) presented the
following report:

National Crime Authority—Parliamentary Joint Committee—Report—
Examination of the Annual Report for 1989-90 of the National Crime
Authority, dated June 1991.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- 37 **INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE—
PUBLICATION, PRINTING AND CIRCULATION OF PROPOSED REPORT:** Mr
Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) if the House is not sitting when the Standing Committee on Industry,
Science and Technology has completed its report on genetically modified
organisms, the committee may send the report to the Speaker, or, in
the absence of the Speaker, to the Chairman of Committees, and, in
that event:
 - (a) the publication of the report is authorised by this resolution; and
 - (b) the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be,
is authorised to give directions for the printing and circulation of
the report.
- (2) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent
with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding
anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.

Question—put and passed.

- 38 **TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The
Speaker made a statement relating to the trial period of televising of the
proceedings of the House of Representatives and the desirability for a
House committee to review the arrangements.

- 39 **TELEVISIONING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SELECT COMMITTEE:**
Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—

- (1) That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the
televising of the proceedings of the House of Representatives and its
committees with particular reference to:
 - (a) the impact of the trial period of televising from 12 February 1991;
 - (b) the reactions of Members and others to the trial period;
 - (c) the suitability of the conditions governing the televising of
proceedings adopted for the trial period;
 - (d) the suitability of the guidelines for the camera operators;
 - (e) difficulties encountered by the broadcasters in complying with the
conditions; and
 - (f) any other matters relevant to this issue.
- (2) That the committee consist of 5 members, 3 members to be nominated
by the Government Whip or Whips and 2 members to be nominated
by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith
notified in writing to the Speaker.
- (4) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.

- (5) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall act as chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chairman at that meeting.
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (7) That the committee appoint the chairman of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chairman at that meeting.
- (8) That the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the members of that subcommittee.
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (10) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (11) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (12) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any sittings or adjournment of the House.
- (13) That a subcommittee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (14) That the committee report by 20 August 1991.
- (15) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing and sessional orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing and sessional orders.

Debate ensued.

Motion amended by Mr Beazley, by leave, by omitting "3" from paragraph (2) and substituting "the Speaker and 2".

Mr Fife, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

- 40 **INSURANCE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Kerin (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Insurance Act 1973* and the *Life Insurance Act 1945*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 41 **INSURANCE ACQUISITIONS AND TAKEOVERS BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), for Mr Kerin (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the ownership and control of Australian-registered insurance companies, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 42 **LIFE INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS' PROTECTION LEVIES BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the imposition of levies on life insurance companies for the purpose of protecting certain policy holders.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Free moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 43 **LIFE INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS' PROTECTION LEVIES COLLECTION BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the collection and application of the levies imposed by regulations under the *Life Insurance Policy Holders' Protection Levies Act 1991*, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Free moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 44 **LIFE INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Act 1989*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Free moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 45 **GENERAL INSURANCE SUPERVISORY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *General Insurance Supervisory Levy Act 1989*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Free moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 46 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Trade and Overseas Development), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 8, private Members' business, being called on forthwith.
Question—put and passed.
- 47 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIBET:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Kerr—That this House:
- (1) expresses its deep concern about the current situation in Tibet;
 - (2) recognises that human rights abuses have been committed in Tibet by the People's Republic of China since 1959 and that human rights abuses are reportedly continuing;
 - (3) endorses Resolutions No. 1353 of 1959, No. 1723 of 1961 and No. 2079 of 1965 of the UN General Assembly and recognises that they remain relevant today;
 - (4) endorses the call for the cessation of practices which deprive the Tibetan people of their fundamental human rights and freedoms;

- (5) commends the Dalai Lama and his representatives for consistently rejecting the use of violence and notes that this was acknowledged in the awarding of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama;
- (6) endorses the representations made by the Australian Government and by members of this Parliament to the People's Republic of China on alleged human rights abuses generally and in Tibet;
- (7) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to:
 - (a) recognise the fundamental human rights and freedoms of the Tibetan people as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Human Rights Covenants, including the right to practise their cultural and religious traditions without fear of persecution, arrest or torture;
 - (b) enter into earnest discussions, without preconditions, with the Dalai Lama and his representatives with a view to reducing the tensions in Tibet; and
 - (c) respond to representations made by the Australian Government and by members of this Parliament on allegations on human rights abuses and the human rights situation in general in Tibet; and
- (8) calls on the Australian Government to continue to make representations to, and seek responses from, the Government of the People's Republic of China on allegations of human rights abuses in Tibet—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

48 DEFENCE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF

PAPERS: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 30 May 1991*), viz.:

Defence Communications—Corporate plan—1991-2001.

Defence Force and the community—Report of the Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) on the Wrigley Review, dated May 1991.

Defence into the 21st century—Ministerial statement.

Department of Defence—Report to the Minister, dated May 1991—

Force structure review.

Ready reserve program—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

49 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—PETROLEUM RESOURCE RENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 224

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to petroleum to apply the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax to petroleum recovered from the Bass Strait, and to provide for the wider deductibility of exploration expenditure, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 6 June 1991

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—After clause 2, page 2, insert the following clause:

Grant to minimise transitional pressures on gas prices

“2A. There is payable to the State of Victoria, out of monies appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose, an amount of \$30 million in respect of each of the two years after 1 July 1990, in order to minimise transitional pressure on gas prices on an equitable basis.”

No. 2—After clause 43, page 45, add the following Part:

“PART 7—REPORT ON OPERATION OF PRRT ACT

Report on the operation of Act

“44. (1) The Minister, by 30 November 1992, is to cause to be laid before each House of the Parliament a report on the operation of the Act.

“(2) The report prepared by the Minister shall include:

- (a) whether the Act has been effective in achieving its objectives;
- (b) the impact on prices and on industry; and
- (c) the impact on the development of new off-shore petroleum projects.

“(3) For the purposes of the report the Minister shall seek submissions on the operation of the Act from persons in all States and Territories, and any such submissions shall be made available to each House of Parliament.

“(4) In this section:

‘Minister’ means the Minister who administers the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*;

‘the Act’ means the *Petroleum Resource Rent Tax Assessment Act 1987*.”

On the motion of Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources), amendment No. 1 was disagreed to and amendment No. 2 was agreed to, after debate.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Scholes reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Griffiths, the House adopted the report.

Mr Griffiths moved—That Mr Grace, Mr Lindsay and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to amendment No. 1 of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Griffiths, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to amendment No. 1 of the Senate

Senate amendment No. 1 is not acceptable because:

- (1) The amendment to insert a clause 2A, “Grant to minimise transitional pressures on gas prices”, is not directly related to the purposes of the Bill to apply the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax to petroleum recovered from Bass Strait and to provide for the wider deductibility of exploration expenditure, and for related purposes.
- (2) The Government’s decision to provide a special grant of \$30 million for each of the first two years of application of Resource Rent Tax, will be made through an appropriation to be brought before the Parliament in the budget session. The safeguards provided by the standard provisions of the appropriate process deal appropriately with any concerns related to the disbursement of the special grant.
- (3) The amendment is superfluous and unnecessary and bears no direct relationship to the purposes of the Bill. It is, therefore, not

appropriately contained in the Petroleum Resource Rent Legislation Amendment Bill 1991.

On the motion of Mr Griffiths, the committee's reasons were adopted.

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

6 June 1991—Message—

No. 225—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment 1991.

No. 226—Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Royalty) Amendment 1991.

51 **DEFENCE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 30 May 1991*), viz.:

Defence Communications—Corporate plan—1991-2001.

Defence Force and the community—Report of the Interdepartmental Committee (IDC) on the Wrigley Review, dated May 1991.

Defence into the 21st century—Ministerial statement.

Department of Defence—Report to the Minister, dated May 1991—

Force structure review.

Ready reserve program—

Debate resumed.

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

52 **ADJOURNMENT:** Ms Fatin (Minister for Local Government) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, 20 June 1991, at 9.30 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 June 1991:

Fisheries Act—Copies of agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and—

Australian Longline Industries Pty Ltd, dated 13 May 1991.

Bluefin Exporters Pty Limited, dated 10 May 1991.

Tuna Longline Development Cooperation Pty Limited, dated 8 May 1991.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Determinations—

1991/8—Chief Executive Officer, Australian Capital Territory Electricity and Water Authority and holders of public offices on other bodies.

1991/9—Vice-Chancellor, Australian National University and holders of public offices on other bodies.

Reports—

1991/1—Vice-Chancellors, Principals, Chief Executive Officers and Deputy Chief Executive Officers—Rates of salaries.

1991/2—Ministers of State—Salary additional to the basic parliamentary salary.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Costello, Mrs Darling, Mr Howard, Mr Keating, Mr McLachlan and Mr Punch.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives