

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

No. 80

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 1991

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.:

Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Bilney, Dr Catley, Mr Chaney, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Downer, Mr Duncan, Mr Filing, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mrs Gallus, Mr Hall, Mr Lloyd, Mr McLachlan, Mr O'Neil, Mr Sharp and Mr Wilson, from 98, 77, 7, 18, 20, 47, 38, 34, 19, 178, 177, 16, 154, 177, 39 and 27 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill 1990 be passed and that pregnant women with problems be helped to continue their pregnancies.

Mr Anderson, Mr Cadman, Mr Connolly, Mr Fife, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Lee, Mr MacKellar, Mr Melham, Mr Tickner, Mr Webster and Mr H. F. Woods, from 57, 170, 32, 62, 645, 71, 30, 15, 17, 39, 84 and 21 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 Hicks, Mr Hollis, Mr Sharp, Mr Sinclair, Mr Tickner and Mr H. F. Woods, from 27, 48, 16, 28, 48 and 41 residents of New South Wales, respectively, praying that certain action be taken in the 1991-92 Budget to redress falls in the real value of the pension relative to wages and alleviate poverty among low-income Australians.

Mr Baldwin, Mr Beale, Mr MacKellar, Mr Melham and Mr Price, from 15, 7, 15, 16 and 16 petitioners, respectively, 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 Chaney, Mr Langmore, Mr Ruddock, Mr Scholes and Mr Simmons, from 114, 512, 999, 293 and 269 petitioners, respectively, praying that diplomatic and trade relations be established with the Croatian and Slovenian Republics.

Mrs Bailey, Mr Reith and Mr Ruddock, from 8, 165 and 14 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise electoral material on radio and television be rejected.

Mr Beazley, Mr Kerin and Mr Langmore, from 253, 3550 and 13 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to increase and guarantee the level of ABC funding and that the prohibition on corporate sponsorship and advertising on the ABC be maintained.

- Mr Gorman, Mr Howard and Mr Price, from 160, 78 and 7 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and that the right to life of the unborn be protected.
- Mr Webster, from 189 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Braithwaite and Mr Reith, from 36 and 196 petitioners, respectively, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise political material on radio and television be rejected.
- Mr Connolly and Mr Price, from 13 and 23 petitioners, respectively, praying that AIDEX 1991 be closed down and certain other action be taken to minimise the arms trade.
- Dr R. L. Woods, from 17 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Duncan and Mr McLachlan, from 5272 and 14 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology.
- Mr Duncan, Mr Gibson and Mr Sciacca, from 155, 8 and 20 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.
- Mr Gibson and Mr Jull, from 99 and 12 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Commonwealth Government retain responsibility for the repatriation hospital system.
- Mr Wilson, from 23 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr J. N. Andrew, from 643 petitioners, praying for adequate funding to enable the ABC's radio program "The Country Hour" to continue.
- Mr Baldwin, from 430 petitioners, praying for a comprehensive public review of the Austudy scheme and that certain changes be made to the scheme.
- Mr Baldwin, from 162 petitioners, praying for the abolition of the Higher Education Contribution Scheme and that certain action be taken to ensure the provision of publicly funded, accessible and high quality tertiary education.
- Mr Beazley, from 21 residents of Queensland, praying that the ABC be provided with adequate funding to enable ABC TV daytime educational programs to continue.
- Mr Chaney, from 100 petitioners, praying that legislation to replace the Husky dogs in Antarctica with machinery be resisted.
- Ms Fatin, from 272 residents of Western Australia, praying that the Japanese fishing fleet be denied the use of Australian ports until international and Australian rules are respected.
- Ms Fatin, from 32 petitioners, praying that the AIDEX exhibition be replaced with an exhibition which highlights hazards to the environment.
- Mr Fife, from 78 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless supported by a majority of voters in a majority of States.
- Mr Filing, from 1214 petitioners, praying that the Yugoslav Government be urged to respect the declarations of independence by Slovenia and Croatia and to cease armed aggression against the Republics.
- Mr Filing, from 84 residents of Western Australia, praying that the 15 per cent import duty on metham sodium be removed.
- Mr P. S. Fisher, from 49 petitioners, praying that offensive and sexually explicit recorded messages be removed from Telecom's 0055 recorded information service.
- Mr Gorman, from 1309 petitioners, praying that any proposal for the functions of HMAS *Nirimba* and HMAS *Cerberus* to be consolidated at HMAS *Cerberus* be rejected.
- Mr Griffiths, from 3832 petitioners, praying that any proposal to close sheltered workshops not be proceeded with.

- Mr Hand, from 947 petitioners, praying that the Republic of Slovenia be recognised as an independent and sovereign state and that any action or force against the Republic and its people be condemned.
- Mr Hawker, from 132 electors of the Division of Wannon, praying for a twelve month moratorium on testing of non-liquid assets when assessment is being made for Austudy and the Family Allowance Supplement.
- Mr Hicks, from 49 electors of the Division of Riverina-Darling, praying that action be taken to cut fuel and sales taxes affecting livestock carriers and graziers in the Broken Hill district, NSW.
- Mr Jones, from 464 petitioners, praying that an alternative site to Little River, Vic., be chosen for the Australian Defence Industries munitions plant.
- Mr Jull, from 415 residents of Queensland, praying that the post office in Mango Street, Fruitgrove, Qld, not be closed.
- Mr Jull, from 33 petitioners, praying that an extended cross runway be funded for the Brisbane Airport and that flight paths over certain Brisbane suburbs be changed.
- Mrs Kelly, from 81 petitioners, praying that action be taken to phase out the consumption, production and export of chlorofluorocarbons and halons.
- Mr Langmore, from 50 petitioners, praying that policies be implemented to increase Australian aid, fight poverty, protect the environment and promote human rights.
- Mr Langmore, from 1 elector of the Division of Fraser, praying for legislation to ensure that each State has an Aboriginal representative in the Commonwealth Parliament.
- Mr Lindsay, from 149 electors of the Division of Herbert, praying that television reception in Stuart, Qld, be improved by the provision of a television booster.
- Ms McHugh, from 87 petitioners, praying that any attempt to restrict access to abortion under Medicare be opposed.
- Mr Hand, from 1219 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr Nehl, from 464 electors of the Division of Cowper, praying that a post office agency be established in the Lighthouse Beach area, Port Macquarie, NSW.
- Mr Newell, from 1521 electors of the Divisions of Richmond and Page, praying that the SBS television service be extended to the Northern Rivers region of NSW in conjunction with the commercial television equalisation program.
- Mr Newell, from 23 petitioners, praying that the transaction levy on beef producers be amended from a flat tax to a percentage levy based on price or weight.
- Mr O'Keefe, from 2653 petitioners, praying that a northern by-pass route be provided around the township of Bulla, Vic.
- Mr O'Neil, from 92 petitioners, praying that the ABC's radio program "The Country Hour" be retained in its present form.
- Mr Riggall, from 93 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 Riggall, from 42 petitioners, praying that the Disadvantaged Schools Program and Country Education Project remain Commonwealth special purpose programs and that certain action be taken to fund and improve services for schools.
- Mr Scholes, from 72 petitioners, praying that a goods and services tax not be agreed to.

Mr Smith, from 260 petitioners, praying that the Prices Surveillance Authority be instructed to set a maximum price of liquid petroleum gas without linking it to the prevailing world price, or to provide a subsidy to domestic users.

Mr Snow, from 30 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to make the Kings Highway, NSW, eligible for federal funding.

Mr H. F. Woods, from 570 petitioners, praying that Jaswinder Kaur be granted permanent resident status.

Mr H. F. Woods, from 9 petitioners, 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.

Dr R. L. Woods, from 101 residents of New South Wales, praying that immediate recognition be given to Croatia as a sovereign nation.

Petitions received.

- 3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ORDERS OF THE DAY, COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS:** Mr R. F. Edwards, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent orders of the day Nos. 1 to 10, Committee and Delegation reports, being called on together, and one question being put forthwith in respect of all the orders of the day.

Question—put and passed.

- 4 COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS—PAPERS NOTED:** The orders of the day having been read for the resumption of the debates on the motions to take note of the following papers, viz.:

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report, dated April 1991—A tour of duties: The final report of an inquiry into aspects of the Australian Customs Service (*presented on 16 May 1991*).

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Report 309—Annual reporting guidelines for statutory authorities (*presented on 16 May 1991*).

Migration Regulations—Joint Standing Committee—Report, dated 7 May 1991—Change of status on grounds of spouse/de facto relationships (*presented on 16 May 1991*).

Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report, dated 13 May 1991—Review of Auditor-General's report No. 12, 1990-91, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission: Community Development Employment Projects (*presented on 30 May 1991*).

Australian Capital Territory—Joint Committee—Report, dated 20 May 1991—Gungahlin's transport links (*presented on 30 May 1991*).

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Report—Visit to Papua New Guinea, February-March 1991 (*presented on 6 June 1991*).

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Report, dated 29 May 1991—Telecom's handling of customer complaints (*presented on 6 June 1991*).

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report, dated May 1991—Cars, prawns and interest rates: Review of the Auditor-General's report on data collection for the Consumer Price Index (*presented on 6 June 1991*).

Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Report, dated 15 May 1991—Australia as an information society: Grasping new paradigms (*presented on 20 June 1991*).

Procedure—Standing Committee—Reports, dated 4 June 1991 (*presented on 20 June 1991*)—

A citizen's right of reply.

The standing orders governing: General rule for conduct of business and procedures for the opening of Parliament—

Question—put and passed.

5 COMMONWEALTH-OWNED ENTERPRISES BILL 1991: Mr Beale, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to facilitate privatisation of certain Commonwealth-owned public enterprises, and for related purposes.

Mr Beale 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.

6 RESTORATION OF SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Cobb—That the Australian Government allow the restoration of normal sporting links with South Africa—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

7 NATURE CONSERVATION RESERVES: Mr Langmore, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House proposes that the Government extend the national system of nature conservation reserves so as to maintain viable populations of Australian animal and plant species.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

8 RESOURCE SECURITY LEGISLATION: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Burr—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 resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

9 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, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Melham was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 10 **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.

- 11 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

- 12 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 13 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1991-92—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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.

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.

- 14 **PAPER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:

Reserve Bank Act—Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 1990-91.

- 15 **TELEVISIONING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The Speaker (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Televising of the House of Representatives—Select Committee—The eyes have it: Inquiry into the televising of the House of Representatives and its committees—

Report, dated August 1991.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

The Speaker made a statement in connection with the report.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Advance to the Minister for Finance for 1990-91—Statement of heads of expenditure and the amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act 1901*.

Australian Securities Commission—Investigation into a placement of and dealings in securities of TNT Limited between 12 April 1991 and 1 June 1991—Report, dated 26 July 1991.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1989 and 1990.

Sport and Recreation Ministers' Council—Summary record of proceedings—20th meeting, Wellington, New Zealand, 17 August 1990.

- 17 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES COMMISSION—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** 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 Australian Securities Commission on the investigation into a placement of and dealings in securities of TNT Limited between 12 April 1991 and 1 June 1991.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Beazley moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Australian Securities Commission—Investigation into a placement of and dealings in securities of TNT Limited between 12 April 1991 and 1 June 1991—Report, dated 26 July 1991.

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

- 18 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON MERGERS, TAKEOVERS AND MONOPOLIES—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the Government's response to the report on mergers, takeovers and monopolies by the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

Mr Costello, by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.

- 19 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ENVIRONMENT AND INDUSTRY STRATEGIES:** The House was informed that Mr Chaney had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need for effective and co-ordinated environment and industry strategies to deliver satisfactory environmental and economic outcomes for Australia".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—Mr Chaney addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 20 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 3 September 1991, at 2 p.m., unless the Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—11TH REPORT:** Mr Gorman (Chairman) presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 11TH 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 June 1991, recommends that the following be printed:

Budget related papers 1991-92—

No. 4—Australia's overseas aid program.

No. 6—Science and technology budget statement.

No. 7—Social justice for indigenous Australians.

No. 5—Women's budget statement.

Commonwealth Criminal Law—Review Committee—

Fifth Interim Report, June 1991.

Interim Report—Principles of Criminal Responsibility and Other Matters, July 1990.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 11—Energy generation and distribution, dated 17 May 1991—

Vol. I—Summary and recommendations.

Vol. II—Report.

Vol. III—Supporting appendixes.

Murray-Darling Basin Act—Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 1989-90.

Public Service Act—Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 1990-91.

Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Marketing Advisory Committee—Report for 1990.

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

Question—put and passed.

- 22 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CRIMES AMENDMENT BILL 1991: Message No. 283, dated 21 August 1991, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Crimes Act 1914’*”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duffy (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Duffy 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.

- 23 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 284

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Copyright Act 1968’*”, 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, 21 August 1991

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

- 24 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SENATE (QUORUM) BILL 1989 [1990]: Message No. 285, dated 21 August 1991, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to determine the quorum of the Senate*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 25 DEFENCE FORCE (HOME LOANS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1991: Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Act 1990*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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 the next sitting.

26 **PRINT MEDIA—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:
 - (a) structural factors in the print media industry inhibiting competition between publications, including ownership, production (including paper supply) and distribution arrangements;
 - (b) the print media's distribution and information gathering arrangements;
 - (c) the extent to which the ownership or control of various sectors of the print media industry provides a barrier to entry by competitive alternatives;
 - (d) the adequacy of current Commonwealth legislation and practices to foster competition and diversity of ownership in the print media; and
 - (e) the practicability of editorial independence between proprietors and journalists.
- (2) That the committee consist of 12 members, 7 members to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips and 5 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 perform the duties of the 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 have leave to report from time to time.
- (15) That the committee report by 19 December 1991.
- (16) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

27 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

22 August 1991—Message No. 286—Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

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

Message No. 287

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Quarantine Act 1908’*”, 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, 22 August 1991

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

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE

No. 1—After clause 3, page 2, insert the following clause:

“3A. The amendment of the Principal Act effected by section 3 does not apply to expenses incurred in respect of any animals, embryos, gametes or other genetic material, plants or goods first detained in quarantine before 1 September 1991.”

No. 2—After clause 4, page 3, add the following clause:

“5. The amendment of the Principal Act effected by section 4 does not apply to expenses incurred in respect of any animals, embryos, gametes or other genetic material, plants or goods first detained in quarantine before 1 September 1991.”

On the motion of Mr Tickner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mrs Sullivan reported accordingly.

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

29 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1991-92—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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 Beale was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

30 **TABLING OF DOCUMENT—STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:** The Speaker made a statement relating to points of order raised during question time concerning a request to a Minister to table a document from which the Minister was quoting.

31 **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, 5 September 1991.

- 32 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1991-92—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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 Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) addressing the House—

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

Mr Sciacca requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—
Question—put and negatived.

Mr Sciacca continued his speech.

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

- 33 **PRINT MEDIA—SELECT COMMITTEE:** The House was informed of the following nominations of Members to be members of the Select Committee on the Print Media:

Dr Charlesworth, Mr Elliott, Mr Langmore, Mr Lee, Ms McHugh, Mr O'Keefe and Mr Sawford had been nominated by the Government Whip and Mr Costello, Mr Shack, Mr Sinclair, Mr Smith and Mr Somlyay had been nominated by the Opposition Whip.

- 34 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 3 September 1991, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 August 1991:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—
Proposals for the collection of information—1991—

No. 14—Survey of returned Australian travellers.

No. 15—Manufacturing census.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1991—

No. 3—Prescribed Goods (General) as amended (Amendment).

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Darling, Mr Duncan and Mr Goodluck.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives