

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 82

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 1991

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **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 Aldred 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Archives Act—
Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report for 1990-91.
Australian Archives—Report for 1990-91.
Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report—Toward a national education and training strategy for rural Australians, June 1991.
Services Trust Funds Act—Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1990.
 - 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:** 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 Government's negative approach to development proposals, particularly in the resource sector, which has cost the nation dearly in prospective jobs and opportunities".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr T. A. Fischer addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
 - 6 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
3 September 1991—Message No. 291—Law and Justice Legislation Amendment 1991.
 - 7 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), pursuant to notice,

presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Baldwin 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.

8 INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (QUOTA INCREASE AND AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS) BILL 1991: Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provisions relating to an increase in Australia's quota in the International Monetary Fund, and to amend the *International Monetary Agreements Act 1947* to implement certain amendments to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund.

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 McGauran), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

9 GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEES—SESSIONAL ORDER 28B: Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), for Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, moved—That sessional order 28B be amended as follows:

- (1) by adding at the end of paragraph (b):

“Annual reports of government departments and statutory authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the relevant committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to committees in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee: Provided that (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker, and (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.”; and

- (2) by omitting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) Each committee appointed under subparagraphs (a) (i) to (iv) and (vi) to (viii), inclusive, shall consist of 12 members and the committee appointed under subparagraph (a)(v) shall consist of 10 members, with membership of each committee reflecting the proportion of Government to non-government Members in the House, namely, 6 Government and 4 non-government Members for a committee of 10 members and 7 Government and 5 non-government Members for a committee of 12 members. Each committee may be supplemented with up to 3 members for a particular inquiry. Government members are to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips and non-government members are to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips in consultation with any minority group or other non-government member. In the event of disagreement in the nominations, the disagreement shall be notified to the Speaker who shall inform the House and the House shall determine the matter: Provided that if the appropriate numbers of Government and non-government members have been nominated and the committee has met and elected a chairman no other nomination or notification of disagreement other than in respect of the filling of a casual or supplementary vacancy shall be made.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 **RICE LEVY BILL 1991:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on rice produced in Australia. 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 Lloyd—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 11 **HONEY LEVY (NO. 1) 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 12 **HONEY LEVY (NO. 2) 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—

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 13 **HONEY EXPORT 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.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

- 14 **MIGRATION REGULATIONS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT:** The order of the day having been read for the consideration of message No. 290 from the Senate requesting the concurrence of the House in the Senate's modification of the resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House relating to the amendment to the resolution of appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Regulations—

The House proceeded to consider the Senate's modification, which is as follows:

Paragraph (2), omit the paragraph, substitute the following paragraph:

“(2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips and 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.”.

Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) moved—That:

(1) the House of Representatives, having considered message No. 290 of the Senate relating to the amendment to the resolution of appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Regulations, does not concur in the Senate's modification of the resolution transmitted to the Senate by the House in message No. 272; and

(2) a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution.

Question—put and passed.

15 **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 Newell addressing the House—

16 **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.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 September 1991:

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—
Parts—

105—Amendments, dated 23 and 29 July 1991 and 8 and 16 August 1991.

106—Amendments, dated 29 July 1991.

107—Amendments, dated 29 July 1991.

Corporations Act—Accounting standard—AASB 1025: Application of the reporting entity concept and other amendments.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 40(1).

Privacy Act—Public Interest Determination pursuant to section 72, dated 22 August 1991.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Dr Blewett, Mrs Darling, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Grace, Dr Kemp, Mr McArthur, Mr Martin, Mr Scholes, Mr Shack, Mr Sinclair and Mr Wilson.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives