

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

No. 84

MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1991

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- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **GOVERNMENT WHIPS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Gear (Government Whip) owing to public business overseas, Mr Sawford would act as Government Whip and Mr Elliott would act as Deputy Government Whip until 30 September 1991 and Mr Grace would act as Government Whip and Mr Sawford would act as Deputy Government Whip from 1 October to 31 December 1991.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED:** Mr Chaney moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for Pearce moving forthwith—That this House calls on the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories to table the tape recording of her meeting with conservation groups last week.
- Closure of Member:* Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.
- Question—put.
- The House divided (the Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 69

Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Keating	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Mr Ferguson	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beeddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Gayler	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibson	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snow
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Dr Catley	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hawke	Mr Martin	Mr Tickner
Mr Courtice	Mr Holding	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr West
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## NOES, 62

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia—second) addressing the House—

*Closure of Member:* Mr Beazley moved—That the honourable Member be not further heard.

Question—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*Closure:* Mr Beazley moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion for the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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And so it was negatived.

**5 PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Fisheries Act—Western Australian Fisheries Joint Authority—Report for 1990.

**6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Budget period of sittings be given to Mr Gear, on the ground of public business overseas, and to Mrs Darling, on compassionate grounds because of family illness.

Question—put and passed.

**7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Budget period of sittings be given to Mr Rocher on the ground of public business overseas.

Question—put and passed.

**8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** The House was informed that Mr Costello had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Government to adhere to high standards of public administration resulting in damage to public confidence, economic growth and employment prospects”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Costello addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**9 AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION TO CHINA—REPORT AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) presented the following papers:

Australian Human Rights Delegation to China, 14-26 July 1991—  
Report, September 1991.

Government response, 9 September 1991.

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

Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business and Customs) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

- 10 **DEFENCE FORCE (HOME LOANS ASSISTANCE) 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.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 176, dated 23 August 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), the Bill was read a third time.
- 11 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION 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 Duffy (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 12 **CRIMES 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 Duffy (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 13 **CRIMES (AVIATION) 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 Duffy (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time.
- 14 **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 L. J. Scott addressing the House—
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- 15 **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 Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.
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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 September 1991:

Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation (Price Control Arrangements)—Determination—1991—No. 1.

Bounty and Subsidy Acts—Returns for 1990-91, pursuant to the following Acts—

Bounty (Bed Sheeting).

Bounty (Books).

Bounty (Computers).

Bounty (Metal Working Machines and Robots).

Bounty (Photographic Film).

Bounty (Printed Fabrics).

*Bounty (Ships) Act 1980.*

*Bounty (Ships) Act 1989.*

Bounty (Ship Repair).

Bounty and Capitalisation Grants (Textile Yarns).

Copyright Act—Declaration pursuant to paragraph 10A (1) (b), dated 5 July 1991.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination—1991/10—Office holders of the Parliament and holders of public offices on other bodies.

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**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Dr Blewett, Mrs Darling\*, Mr Duncan, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Gear\*, Mr Grace, Mr Howe, Mr McArthur, Mr Peacock, Mr Rocher\*, Mr Scholes, Mr Shack and Mr Tuckey.

\*On leave

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