

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 85

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 1991

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

3 **MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, SPORT, THE ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND TERRITORIES—MOTION OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE:** Mr Chaney, by leave, moved—That the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories no longer possesses the confidence of this House. Debate ensued.

Mr Truss addressing the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

NOES, 62

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

\* 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 Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 61

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Anderson	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Ruddock
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp
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Mr Beddall	Mr Ferguson	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Bevis	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sawford*
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Dr Blewett	Mr Gayler	Mr Kerr	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Brereton	Mr Gibson	Mr Langmore	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lavarch	Mr Simmons
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Catley	Mr Hand	Mr Lindsay	Mr Snowdon
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And so it was negated.

## 4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Automotive Industry Authority Act—Automotive Industry Authority—Report for 1990-91.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Islands in the sun: Legal regimes of Australia's external territories and the Jervis Bay Territory, March 1991—Government response.

## 5 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Islands in the sun: Legal regimes of Australia's external territories and the Jervis Bay Territory, March 1991—Government response.

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

## 6 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: 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 confusion and

disarray surrounding the Government's administration of environmental policy and, in particular, its so-called new Federalist approach".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Chaney 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 Speaker, Mr McLeay, in the Chair)—

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 7 **PRIVILEGE—COMPLAINT OF BREACH:** Mr Downer raised, as a matter of privilege, evidence given by Mr S. Paddison, the then Chief Executive of the State Bank of South Australia, to the inquiry into the Australian banking industry by the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration and said that information obtained subsequently indicated that Mr Paddison may have misled the Committee.

The Speaker stated that he would consider the matter and report to the House.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:

7 September 1991—Message No. 177—Military Superannuation and Benefits 1991.

- 9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—SOCIAL SECURITY (DISABILITY AND SICKNESS SUPPORT) AMENDMENT BILL 1991: Message No. 178, dated 2 September 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of amendments and new clauses to be moved by a Minister upon request by the Senate to a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991* in relation to disability and sickness support, and for related purposes.
- 10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—SOCIAL SECURITY (DISABILITY AND SICKNESS SUPPORT) AMENDMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 293

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Social Security Act 1991' in relation to disability and sickness support, and for related purposes*", and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by Schedule A annexed.

The Senate desires to inform the House that the amendments indicated by Schedule B annexed have been made by the Senate in the bill.

KERRY SIBRAA  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 9 September 1991

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

*In the committee*

SCHEDULE OF THE REQUESTS BY THE SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS

No. 1—After clause 17, page 98, insert the following clause:

**Qualification for mobility allowance**

"17A. Section 1035 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from sub-subparagraph (a) (iii) (C) '20' and substituting '8';
- (b) by omitting from sub-subparagraph (b) (iii) (C) '20' and substituting '8'."

No. 2—After clause 18, page 98, insert the following clause:

**Effect on mobility allowance when person ceases to be qualified**

"18A. Section 1058 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (1)(b) '20' and substituting '8'."

No. 3—Schedule 2, page 186, proposed Schedule 1B, Note 7, last sentence, omit the sentence, substitute "Final combined ratings that are an odd number should be rounded up to the nearest even number, except where the odd number is a multiple of five. For example, 19 per cent should be rounded to 20 per cent, but 15 per cent would be recorded as 15 per cent."

No. 4—Schedule 2, page 187, proposed Schedule 1B, Note 8, after paragraph headed "**Visual Impairment**", insert the following heading and paragraph:

**"Gynaecological Conditions**

Gynaecological conditions such as post-natal depression, pelvic inflammatory disease and endometriosis should be assessed using Table 27.

Impairment due to mastectomy should only be scored where there is associated loss of upper limb function, and Table 3 should be used."

No. 5—Schedule 2, page 233, proposed Schedule 1B, after Table 26.4, insert the following Table:

**“TABLE 27.  
Impairment  
Rating**

**GYNAECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS  
Criteria**

NIL	Minor symptoms which are easily tolerated. Minimal effect on daily functioning or work capacity.
FIVE	Mild symptoms frequently present which are irritating or unpleasant but there is minimal limitation in the performance of normal daily activities.
TEN	Moderate and frequent symptoms which result in some interference with normal daily activities and may cause occasional days off work. Treatment may be required or may be recognised as being of use.
FIFTEEN	More severe and frequent symptoms present despite treatment. Some interference with normal daily activities which may result in short periods of absence from work.
TWENTY	Moderate to severe symptoms frequently present despite continuous treatment, resulting in an inability to carry out some normal daily activities, particularly those requiring some exertion or extended periods of concentration.
THIRTY	More severe symptoms frequently present despite continuous treatment, resulting in discernible loss of efficiency in many everyday activities.
FORTY	Severe symptoms frequently present despite continuous treatment, resulting in need for considerable assistance with many daily activities.
FIFTY	Very severe symptoms requiring continuous treatment which may include periodic confinement to home or hospital, resulting in need for considerable assistance with normal daily activities.”.

On the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), the requested amendments were made.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Dubois reported accordingly.

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

11 SENATE (QUORUM) BILL 1989 [1990]: The order of the day having been read for the second reading—

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

12 AUSSAT REPEAL 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 Smith who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:

- (1) condemns the Government for not taking steps to address the issue of the high debt of AUSSAT at any time in its term of office;

- (2) condemns the Government for choosing structural arrangements in telecommunications which do not satisfy the requirements for full micro-economic reform; and
- (3) notes that the Bill prepares AUSSAT for sale with the purpose that it forms the basis of the Second Telecommunications Carrier in a duopoly environment, which has the potential to compromise the development of a truly competitive telecommunications sector”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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. 179, dated 10 September 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.

- 13 **OVERSEAS STUDENTS 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 Willis (Minister for Finance), 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.

Dr Wooldridge addressing the House—

- 15 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.59 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 September 1991:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order—1991—L10/91—Corporation's Form L: Livestock.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Orders—Part 82—Amendment, 30 August 1991.

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

\*On leave

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