

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 90

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1991

- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr R. F. Edwards) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Chaney, Mrs Crosio, Mr Filing, Mr Kerin, Mr Prosser, Mr Shack and Mr Tuckey, from 199, 17, 714, 41, 232, 226 and 200 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and that the right to life of the unborn be protected.
 - Mr Baldwin, Mr Cadman, Dr Hewson, Mr Kerin, Mr Tickner and Mr Webster (2 petitions), from 88, 135, 25, 95, 165, 214 and 50 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.
 - Mr Downer, Mr Duncan, Mrs Gallus, Mr McLachlan, Mr Prosser, Mr J. L. Scott and Mr Wilson, from 12, 70, 58, 20, 30, 44 and 19 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 Bilney, Dr Catley and Mr McLachlan, from 96, 60 and 14 petitioners, respectively, praying that those parts of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which could undermine the parent-child relationship be denounced.
 - Mr Campbell, Mr Fife and Mr T. A. Fischer, from 54, 65 and 21 petitioners, respectively, praying that AIDEX 1991 be closed down and certain other action be taken to minimise the arms trade.
 - Mr Simmons, from 8 petitioners, in similar terms.
 - Mr Dawkins, Mrs Kelly and Mr McArthur, from 822, 1712 and 260 petitioners, respectively, praying that diplomatic and trade relations be established with the Croatian and Slovenian Republics.
 - Dr Catley and Mr Snowdon, from 226 and 62 petitioners, respectively, 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 McGauran, from 13 petitioners, in similar terms.
 - Dr Catley and Mr West, from 20 and 20 petitioners, respectively, praying that the AIDEX exhibition be replaced with an exhibition which highlights hazards to the environment.
 - Mr Hall and Mr J. L. Scott, from 38 and 134 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to ban international sales of armaments and arms-related technology.
 - Mr Beale, from 18 petitioners, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise electoral material on radio and television be rejected.

- Mr Bradford, from 29 petitioners, praying that legislation be introduced to protect the rights of the unborn and Medicare legislation be amended to prevent funding of abortion.
- Mr Cadman, from 267 petitioners, 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 Dawkins, from 975 petitioners, praying that Lucio Teseo be deported following his release from prison.
- Dr H. R. Edwards, from 65 residents of the Central Coast of New South Wales, praying that destruction of Australia's connection with the British Empire by altering the flag not be allowed.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 721 residents of country areas of Western Australia, praying that SBS television be made available to as many country areas of Western Australia as possible by December 1991.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 38 petitioners, praying that sex and fantasy audio text services on Telecom's 0055 service be disbanded.
- Mr T. A. Fischer, from 17 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr P. S. Fisher, from 112 petitioners, praying that offensive and sexually explicit recorded messages be removed from Telecom's 0055 recorded information service.
- Mr Hawker, from 121 residents of Victoria, praying that a war widow pension be granted to all widows of ex-servicemen who served overseas or in any declared war zones.
- Mr Jull, from 97 petitioners, praying that an extended cross runway be funded for the Brisbane Airport and that flight paths over certain Brisbane suburbs be changed.
- Mr Lloyd, from 96 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to enable the ABC to continue to provide a comprehensive range of services.
- Mr Mack, from 9 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 MacKellar, from 891 petitioners, praying that the Commonwealth Ombudsman be empowered to investigate any action that relates to programming decisions of the ABC.
- Mr McLachlan, from 29 petitioners, praying that the Commonwealth Government retain responsibility for the repatriation hospital system.
- Mr Moore, from 14 petitioners, praying that legislation banning political advertising be rejected.
- Mr Newell, from 2119 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 Price, from 934 petitioners, praying for recognition of Ukrainian independence and the establishment of an Australian diplomatic mission in Kiev.
- Mr Reith, from 8 petitioners, praying that legislation preventing the right to advertise political material on radio and television be rejected.
- Mr Ronaldson, from 328 petitioners, praying that the Husky dogs at Mawson Station in Antarctica be brought to, and housed in, Australia.
- Mr Scholes, from 15 petitioners, praying that a goods and services tax not be agreed to.
- Mr Scholes, from 15 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr J. L. Scott, from 356 petitioners, praying that the 1991 Budget decision to impose a \$3.50 Medicare co-payment be reversed.

Mr J. L. Scott, from 29 petitioners, praying that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child not be ratified.

Mr J. L. Scott, from 11 petitioners, praying for the establishment of a Royal Commission into the ownership and control of the press in Australia.

Mr Snow, from 125 petitioners, praying that sovereignty, independence and nationhood for the Ukraine be supported.

Mr Webster, from 15 petitioners, praying that the decision to discount by 2 per cent retirement benefits for servicemen be reversed and that reviews of conditions, salary, allowances, entitlements and benefits for servicemen be established.

Mr West, from 332 Croatian residents of Wollongong, NSW, praying that immediate recognition be given to Croatia and Slovenia as sovereign nations.

Petitions received.

3 ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Miles presented the following report and related material:

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Aboriginal and Islander Electoral Information Service—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 5 September 1991.

Minutes of proceedings.

Video recording.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Miles made a statement in connection with the report.

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

Mr Miles 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 SOVIET POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS: Mr Ruddock, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) having been appalled at the coup in the Soviet Union, congratulates the Soviet people and elected leaders, such as Mr Boris Yeltsin, for their amazing courage in standing against force of arms to resist a return to dictatorship;

(2) urges Soviet leaders to continue the reform process which will give freedom and democracy to the Soviet people and a market economy which can maximise the economic potential of the Soviet Union to the benefit of all its people;

(3) recognises the pain and stress involved in restructuring the Soviet political and economic systems and urges the West to actively support such changes; and

(4) further urges the Soviet leadership to free those republics, such as the Baltic States, which have been historically independent, were illegally incorporated and wish to return to the status of independent sovereign nations.

Debate ensued.

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

5 TAX EXEMPT SPECIAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS: Mr Kerr, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House commend to the Government the introduction of a scheme modelled on the British tax exempt special savings account in order to facilitate both the growth of domestic savings and the encouragement of Australian investment in Australian domestic industry.

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.

6 DISABILITY SERVICES: Mr Braithwaite, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House expresses its deep concern at:

- (1) the continued inflexibility of the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services in the interpretation and implementation of the Disability Services Act;
- (2) the fact that this implementation policy has led to growing waiting lists for disability services;
- (3) the claims by the Government that its policy is based on the expressed wishes of disabled persons and their families;
- (4) the fact that only a small proportion of persons with a disability are receiving a service under the rigid service-type guidelines used in implementing the Disability Services Act;
- (5) the fact that this Government appears to be demolishing much needed halfway houses and sheltered workshops; and
- (6) the intransigence of some Departmental officers in reviewing and approving existing services for funding under the Disability Services Act and the authoritarian attitude adopted by some officers in dealing with members of the community.

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.

7 STANDARDS APPLIED TO IMPORTS: Mr J. N. Andrew, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) calls on the Government to review the standards applied by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service to consumer goods imported into Australia; and
- (2) contends that the minimum standards applied to imports should reflect the minimum standards applied to exports from Australia of comparable goods.

Debate ensued.

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

8 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.

9 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS: Members' statements were made.

10 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

11 PRIME MINISTER—MOTION OF CENSURE: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved—That this House censures the Prime Minister for his failure to provide the leadership necessary to provide real job opportunities for the one in ten Australians now out of work, and for his failure to maintain the integrity of the Budget in the worst recession in 60 years.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Kerin (Treasurer) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

AYES, 68

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

NOES, 62

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

* 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 Acting Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

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

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

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And so it was negatived.

- 12 **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, 17 October 1991.

- 13 **HIGHER EDUCATION—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented the following paper:

Higher education: Quality and diversity in the 1990s—Policy statement, October 1991—

and, by leave, made a ministerial statement on the Government's policies and priorities for higher education for the coming decade.

Dr Kemp, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

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

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 1990-91.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 1990-91.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—AeroSpace Technologies of Australia—Report, June 1991.

Maritime College Act—Council of the Australian Maritime College—Report for 1990.

National Advisory Committee on Skills Recognition—Migrant skills reform strategy—Progress report, June 1991.

National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—111th session, Brisbane, June 1991.

Public Lending Right Act—Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 1990-91.

University of Canberra Act—Council of the University of Canberra—Report for 1990.

- 15 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—111th session, Brisbane, June 1991.

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

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

9 October 1991—Message No. 303—Student Assistance Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

10 October 1991—Message—

No. 304—Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment 1991.

No. 305—Honey Levy (No. 1) Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).

No. 306—Honey Levy (No. 2) Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).

No. 307—Honey Export Charge Amendment 1991 (*without requests*).

17 **PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—MEDICARE:**

The House was informed that Dr R. L. Woods had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The need for the Government to maintain its Budget proposal for a co-payment as part of the reform of Medicare to reduce overservicing and to better meet the cost of services in an equitable way”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr R. L. Woods rising to address the House—

Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Elliott	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr Bevis	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr J. L. Scott
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Mr Crean	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Newell	Mr Willis
Mr Dubois	Mr Jenkins	Mr O’Keefe	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Duffy	Mr Johns	Mr O’Neil	Mr Wright
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Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Costello	Dr Kemp	Mr Shack
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Atkinson	Mr Dobie	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
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Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Taylor
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Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Reith	
Mr Chaney	Mr Hawker	Mr Riggall	
Mr Charles	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—FINANCE MINUTE:** Mr Punch (Chairman), by leave, presented the following paper:
Public Accounts—Joint Committee—Finance minute on Report 308—The Parliamentary Information Systems Office (PISO) 'Unofficial Account'.
- 19 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr A. A. Morris, by leave, presented the following paper:
Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Hong Kong, Singapore and Indonesia, 24 January-23 February 1991—Report.
Mr A. A. Morris, Mr Sinclair and Mr Gibson, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
Paper: Mr Gibson, by leave, presented the following paper:
Clandestine organisation of Timorese—Copy of rough translation of letter from Fretilin signatories to Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), dated November 1990.
Mr Riggall, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the report.
- 20 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1991:** Mr Kerin (Treasurer), for Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Kerin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Kerin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for grants to the States and the Northern Territory.
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 Ruddock), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **FINANCIAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Corporations Act 1974* and the *Currency Act 1965*, 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 (Dr Wooldridge), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **FRINGE BENEFITS TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fringe Benefits Tax Act 1986*, 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 (Dr Wooldridge), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953*.
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 (Dr Wooldridge), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 25 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

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 following Bills: Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1991.

Income Tax (Deferred Interest Securities) (Tax File Number Withholding Tax) 1991.

Medicare Levy Amendment 1991.

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

- 26 **INCOME TAX (DEFERRED INTEREST SECURITIES) (TAX FILE NUMBER WITHHOLDING TAX) BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax on the non-quotation of tax file numbers in respect of certain deferred interest securities.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 27 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Free (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicare Levy Act 1986*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 28 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without requests:

10 October 1991—Message—

No. 310—Fishing Levy 1991.

No. 311—Statutory Fishing Rights Charge 1991.

No. 312—Foreign Fishing Licences Levy 1991.

No. 313—Fisheries Agreements (Payments) 1991.

- 29 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION BILL 1991:** The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 308

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to establish an Australian Fisheries Management Authority and a Fishing Industry Policy Council, 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, 10 October 1991

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

- 30 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 309

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act relating to fisheries*", 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, 10 October 1991

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

- 31 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FISHERIES LEGISLATION (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1991: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 314

Mr Acting Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to make provisions consequent upon, or associated with, the enactment of the 'Fisheries Administration Act 1991', the 'Fisheries Management Act 1991' and other related legislation, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 10 October 1991

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

- 32 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1991-92: The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the committee

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, Housing and Community Services, \$1 823 995 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 431 133 000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, \$1 554 597 000—debated and agreed to.

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Dubois reported accordingly.

Adjournment negatived: The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, \$1 724 065 000—

Department of Industrial Relations, \$352 040 000—

together agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories, \$758 324 000—agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs, \$362 351 000—agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Dubois reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Baldwin, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 33 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1991-92:** 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 Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 34 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL 1991-92:** 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 Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), the Bill was read a third time.

- 35 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) 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 Monday next at 2 p.m.

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

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

No. 17—Survey of international trade in services.

No. 18—Survey of foreign unrequited transfers.

No. 19—Topic to be included as a supplement to the monthly labour force survey: superannuation.

No. 20—Survey of student and apprentice income support issues.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders—1991—M44/91,
M45/91—Meat exports to the USA.

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

105—Amendments, 24 September and 3 October 1991.

106—Amendments, 24 September 1991.

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AASB 1010: Accounting for the revaluation of non-current assets.

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No. 98—Gratuity to compensate for loss of income.
No. 100—Repeal of determination.
No. 101—Temporary Rental Allowance.
Public Service Act—Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination—
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Training Guarantee (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules
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ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Crosio, Mrs Darling*, Mr Filing, Mr Gear*, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr McLeay, Mr Peacock, Mr Reid, Mr Rocher*, Mr Sciacca and Mrs Sullivan.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives