

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

No. 93

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1991

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr R. F. Edwards) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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.
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:
Australia-China Council—Report for 1990-91.
High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1990-91.
- 5 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—YOUNG PEOPLE:** The House was informed that Mr Bradford had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The devastating impact of the Government’s policies on the young people of Australia”.
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Bradford addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 6 **ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that the Acting Government Whip had nominated Mr Langmore to be a member of the Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts in place of Dr Charlesworth.
- 7 **PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES—AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the resolution of the House of 9 May 1990 concerning Parliamentary Secretaries be amended so as to read:
That, for the purposes of the procedures of the House, any reference to Ministers shall be taken to include Parliamentary Secretaries, with the exception of references to questions seeking information (chapter XI of the standing orders).
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr MacKellar, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

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

NOES, 55

Mr Aldred	Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Costello	Mr Howard	Mr Riggall
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Cowan	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Dobie	Dr Kemp	Mr B. C. Scott
Mrs Bailey	Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Mack	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McLachlan	Mr Smith
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Burr	Mrs Gallus	Mr Moore	Mr Truss
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr Nehl	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Nugent	Mr Webster
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Charles	Mr Hawker	Mr Reid	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8 **TELEVISION OF PROCEEDINGS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) the House authorises live television broadcast and rebroadcast of:
 - (a) the proceedings of the House and excerpts of proceedings, including the adjournment debate; and
 - (b) the public proceedings of House of Representatives committees, subject to the approval of individual committees—
 as provided for by this resolution;
- (2) the House supports in principle the amendment of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946* to make statutory provision for the televising of the proceedings of the Senate, the House of Representatives and the committees of each House and joint committees of both Houses;
- (3) a standing committee be appointed in each Parliament to consider and determine in respect of live television broadcast and rebroadcast of proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the House of Representatives and the public proceedings of House of Representatives committees:
 - (a) the conditions to apply to television broadcasters;
 - (b) the guidelines for operators of sound and vision equipment;
 - (c) the guidelines for the televising of House of Representatives committees; and
 - (d) whether breaches of the conditions and guidelines have occurred and, if so, what penalties should apply;
- (4) the committee referred to in paragraph (3) of this resolution shall:
 - (a) consist of those Members of the House of Representatives who are members of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of

Parliamentary Proceedings in each Parliament, who shall elect a chairman and deputy chairman; and

- (b) have power to send for persons, papers and records;
- (5) until otherwise determined the conditions and guidelines to apply to live television broadcast and rebroadcast shall be those set out in the Report of the Inquiry into the Televising of the House of Representatives and its committees, dated August 1991;
- (6) the arrangements relating to the live television broadcast and rebroadcast of proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the House of Representatives shall be reviewed by the committee established under paragraph (3) of this resolution prior to the end of the 1993 Autumn sittings of the House; and
- (7) the House requests the Government to seek advice from the Attorney-General as to the legal position of bodies authorised to receive the signal of proceedings with a view to the House granting access to that signal to government departments, political party headquarters and others.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 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. 190, dated 14 October 1991, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill. The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr Tuckey moved the following amendment: Clause 38, page 14, lines 9 and 10, omit proposed paragraph 838(d), substitute the following paragraph:

“(d) the value of the person’s assets does not exceed \$2 000 000 plus an additional amount of \$100 000 for each additional FA child (after the first)”.

Debate continued.

Mr P. S. Fisher addressing the committee—

It being 7.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

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

Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health 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

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr Nehl, in the Chair)—

AYES, 2

Mr Aldred*

Mr Tuckey*

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Mr Anderson	Mr Dubois	Mr Humphreys	Mr Punch
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Duffy	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Reid
Mr K. J. Andrews	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Jenkins	Mr Reith
Mr Atkinson	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Johns	Mr Riggall
Mrs Bailey	Mr Elliott	Mr Jull	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Baldwin	Ms Fatin	Mr Keating	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Ferguson	Dr Kemp	Mr Sawford*
Mr Beazley	Mr Fife	Mr Kerr	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Mr Filing	Mr Langmore	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bevis	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Lee	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Lindsay	Mr Shack
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lloyd	Mr Simmons
Mr Brereton	Mr Ford	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Broadbent	Mr Free	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr R. J. Brown	Mrs Gallus	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Burr	Mr Gibson	Mr Mack	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr MacKellar	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr McLachlan	Mr Tickner
Mr Carlton	Mr Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Truss
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr Melham	Mr Walker
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hall	Mr Miles	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr West
Mr Costello	Mr Hand	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Courtice	Mr Hawker	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Wilson
Mr Cowan	Dr Hewson	Mr Newell	Mr H. F. Woods
Ms Crawford	Mr Hicks	Mr Nugent	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Crean	Mr Hollis	Mr O'Keefe	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Dawkins	Mr Howard	Mr O'Neil	Mr Wright
Mr Dobie	Mr Howe	Mr Price	
Mr Downer	Mr Hulls	Mr Prosser	

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

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

10 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—The Acting Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 October 1991:

Australian Wool Corporation Act—Determinations pursuant to subsection—
98A(1), 18 September 1991.

98B(1), 18 September 1991.

Australian Wool Realisation Commission Act—Determinations pursuant to subsection—

80A(1), 18 September 1991.

80B(1), 18 September 1991.

Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Determinations pursuant to subsection—

89B(1), 18 September 1991.

89C(1), 18 September 1991.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Chaney, Mrs Crosio, Mrs Darling*, Mr Gear*, Mr Hawke, Mr Holding, Mr Jones, Mr Kerin, Mr Lavarch, Mr McLeay, Mr Peacock*, Mr Rocher*, Mr Sciacca*, Mrs Sullivan and Dr Theophanous.

* On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives