

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 96

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 1991

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET LEGISLATION 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Howard, viz.*—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 deplores the Government’s failure to acknowledge Commonwealth employees’ freedom to associate, and the Government’s failure to capture the productivity improvements to be had from enterprise bargaining within the federal Public Service by:

- (1) proscribing compulsory membership of trade unions;
- (2) proscribing preference for trade unionists in awards and federal legislation;
- (3) abolishing automatic deduction of union dues within Commonwealth departments and authorities; and
- (4) giving the chief executive officers of Commonwealth departments and statutory authorities the same responsibility as their private sector counterparts in deciding the size, composition, deployment, pay and conditions of employees, subject only to a budget constraint”—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

AYES, 70

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister), the Bill was read a third time.

- 3 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION 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.

Mr Hollis 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.

- 4 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Paper: Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications) presented the following paper:

Labour productivity growth 1983-84 to 1989-90 and union membership, by industry—Table.

Questions without notice continued.

Paper: Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth, State and Territory relations—Draft proposals for Premiers and Chief Ministers of States and Territories in the Australian Federation, November 1991.

Questions without notice continued.

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

Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions—21st meeting, Wellington, New Zealand, 12 July 1991.

Australian Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—Report for 1990-91.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1990-91.

War Crimes Act—Report on operation for 1990-91.

- 6 PRIME MINISTER—VISIT TO ZIMBABWE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning his recent visit to Zimbabwe

and the 1991 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Harare, and presented the following paper:

Prime Minister—Visit to Zimbabwe and the 1991 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Harare—Ministerial statement, 6 November 1991.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

Suspension of standing and sessional orders—Extended time for speech: Mr Beazley, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 26 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Dr Hewson addressed the House.

Debate adjourned (Mr R. J. Brown—Minister for Land Transport), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 7 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC POLICY AND COMMONWEALTH/STATE RELATIONS:** 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 lack of leadership displayed by the Government in regard to economic policy and Commonwealth/State relations”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Costello addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 321, dated 6 November 1991, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had extended the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts on the Midford Paramount case and related matters to 30 April 1992.

- 9 **CHANCERY AND HEAD OF MISSION RESIDENCE, ISLAMABAD, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN—CONSTRUCTION—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport), for Mr Beddall (Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and on which the committee has duly reported to Parliament: Construction of a new Australian Chancery and Head of Mission residence at Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 10 **BROADCASTING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act 1942*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Beazley presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Broadcasting Amendment (No. 2) 1991.

Radio Licence Fees Amendment 1991.

Television Licence Fees Amendment 1991.

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

- 11 **RADIO LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Radio Licence Fees Act 1964*, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **TELEVISION LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Beazley (Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Television Licence Fees Act 1964*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1991:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related matters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Humphreys moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Humphreys 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.
- 14 **REPATRIATION INSTITUTIONS (STAFF) BILL 1991:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the staff of repatriation institutions that become institutions operated by States and authorities of States.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Humphreys moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Humphreys 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.
- 15 **VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS (PROVISION OF TREATMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* in relation to the provision of treatment.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Humphreys moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Papers: Mr Humphreys presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill, and, by leave, presented the following paper:
Repatriation private patient principles—Copy of draft instrument.
Debate adjourned (Mr T. A. Fischer—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SELF-GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1991:** Mr Simmons (Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the self-government of the Australian Capital Territory.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Simmons moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Simmons 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.

17 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

18 CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) 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.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Sullivan, in the Chair)—

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Mr Charles	Mr Halverson	Mr Reith	
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Riggall	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

19 ADJOURNMENT: It being approximately 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 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 6 November 1991:

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1991—Nos. 106, 108.

Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing 1 November 1991 as the date on which sections 3 and 4 of the *Crimes (Investigation of Commonwealth Offences) Amendment Act 1991* commence.

Superannuation Benefits (Supervisory Mechanisms) Act—Determination—1991—No. 11.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cameron, Mr Carlton, Dr Catley, Mrs Darling*, Mr Gear*, Mr Jones*, Mr Lloyd, Mr P. F. Morris, Mr Rocher* and Mr B. C. Scott.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives