THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 123

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 1992

- 1 The House met, at 9.30 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Beazley, Dr Charlesworth and Mr Prosser, from 146, 250 and 128 petitioners, respectively, praying that certain persons held in detention in Port Hedland, WA, be granted domestic temporary resident status for two years.
 - Mr Beale, from 84 petitioners, praying that any move to remove the Queen of Australia as the head of state be opposed.
 - Mr T. A. Fischer, from 67 petitioners, praying that the proposal to withdraw the 20 per cent sales tax exemption on pet food and products be reconsidered.
 - Mr Hand, from 195 petitioners, praying that the export of kangaroo products be banned and action be taken to prohibit the commercial killing of kangaroos.
 - Mr Holding, from 828 petitioners, praying that the CES office in Coventry Street, South Melbourne, remain open.
 - Mr Holding, from 312 petitioners, praying that grievances of Hungarian listeners of SBS Radio 3EA be addressed.
 - Mr Hollis, from 133 petitioners, praying that a parliamentary democracy in Macedonia be supported and that diplomatic relations be established with Macedonia forthwith.
 - Mr Howe, from 1081 petitioners, praying that the provision of the Disability Services Act which provides for the termination of Commonwealth funding for sheltered workshops on 30 June 1992 be rescinded.
 - Ms McHugh, from 59 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to investigate the Dili massacre, monitor human rights abuses in East Timor, allow the East Timorese to determine their future and stop the transfer of Australian military equipment to Indonesia.
 - Mr MacKellar, from 90 petitioners, praying that the portrait of Caroline Chisholm on the five dollar note be retained.
 - Mr MacKellar, from 29 citizens, praying that certain action be taken to close down industries causing ozone layer depletion and to change energy use by the car industry.
 - Mr Prosser, from 16 residents and landowners of south-west Western Australia, praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be directed to cease listing of lands in south-west Western Australia and to properly consult with landowners and their representatives.

Mr Snow, from 36 residents of Queanbeyan, NSW, and Canberra, praying for action to ensure a peaceful resolution of the conflict in East Timor and that the wishes of the East Timorese be determined by referendum.

Mr Snow, from 9 residents of and visitors to Shoalhaven, NSW, praying that the proposal to introduce an entry fee for persons and vehicles entering the Jervis Bay Territory be abandoned.

Mr Somlyay, from 53 petitioners, praying that the proposed 20 per cent sales tax on veterinary pharmaceuticals be rejected.

Mr Somlyay, from 34 residents of the Sunshine Coast, Qld, praying that local transmission facilities be established to receive and locally transmit SBS to the Sunshine Coast.

Mr Tickner, from 62 petitioners, praying that certain broadcasting legislation be amended to oblige all broadcasters as part of their licence conditions to include a percentage of Christian programs each week.

Mr Webster, from 138 petitioners, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and certain other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.

Petitions received.

3 LONG TERM STRATEGIES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Jones (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Expectations of life: Increasing the options for the 21st century—

Report, April 1992.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Jones moved—That the House take note of the report.

Debate adjourned, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day, and Mr Jones was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

4 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Lavarch (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Half way to equal: Report of the inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for women in Australia—

Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 14 April 1992.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Lavarch moved—That the House take note of the report.

Debate adjourned, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day, and Mr Lavarch was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

5 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Scholes (Chairman) presented the following reports and related papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—Reports and minutes of proceedings— The standing orders governing the Speaker, Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and Officers, 31 March 1992.

Seconding of private Members' notices of motions, 31 March 1992.

Ordered—That the reports be printed.

Mr Scholes made a statement in connection with the reports.

Mr Scholes moved—That the House take note of the reports.

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.

6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT— STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr MacKellar presented the following report and related papers:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade-Joint Committee-Review of the

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—

Report, April 1992.

Evidence received by the committee.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr MacKellar, Mr Sinclair and Mr Langmore made statements in connection with the report.

Mr MacKellar 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.

7 TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr P. F. Morris—That the House take note of the report (presented on 2 April 1992), viz.:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—Warehouse to wharf: Efficiency of the interface between seaports and land transport—Report, 2 April 1992—

Debate resumed.

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

8 LONG TERM STRATEGIES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Jones—That the House take note of the report (see entry No. 3), viz.:

Long Term Strategies—Standing Committee—Expectations of life: Increasing the options for the 21st century—Report, April 1992—

Debate resumed.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Nehl was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

9 DISABILITY SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Braithwaite, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Disability Services Act 1986.

Mr Braithwaite made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

- 10 TESTING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS: Mr Gibson, having amended, by leave, notice No. 2, private Members' business, moved—That this House:
 - (1) expresses its support for the actions of the Government of France in suspending the testing of nuclear weapons in the South Pacific;
 - (2) calls on the French Government to convert the twelve month suspension of testing into a permanent cessation of all testing, development, production and deployment of nuclear weapons by France;

- (3) calls on other Governments around the world to also cease all testing, development and production of nuclear weapons; and
- (4) requests the Australian Government to actively pursue international negotiations to achieve an immediate and permanent cessation of nuclear testing throughout the world.

Debate ensued.

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

- 11 PROPOSED REFERENCE TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS: Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House refers to the Standing Committee on the Environment, Recreation and the Arts, for full inquiry and report, the matter of current proposals to relocate the Coode Island chemical facilities to the Point Wilson area of Port Phillip Bay, including in the terms of reference:
 - (1) investigation of:
 - (a) the effects on Port Phillip Bay of any failure or accident in an area with little tidal movement;
 - (b) the size of chemical and petroleum facilities in a small area between North Geelong and the Avalon Airfield;
 - (c) the danger of any failure in containing volatile, explosive, inflammable and toxic substances to the population of Northern Geelong, Corio and Lara as well as areas in Central and Eastern Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula;
 - (d) the need for a full environmental impact statement; and
 - (e) whether the proposed development could reverse the process of cleaning up Corio Bay and the areas south of the Werribee River which has taken place since the disclosure of the toxic nature of these waters in 1973; and
 - (2) urgent treatment of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

- 12 HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURMA: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Halverson—That the House:
 - (1) calls upon the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) of Burma to cede legal authority to a civilian government as mandated by the Burmese people in the elections of May 1990;
 - (2) condemns the arrest and detention of Burmese citizens for the peaceful expression of their political views;
 - (3) condemns the SLORC's disregard of human rights and fundamental freedoms; and
 - (4) urges the Australian Government to:
 - (a) call upon the UN Human Rights Commission to continue and expand its scrutiny and action over the human rights situation in Burma;
 - (b) affirm its support for the resettlement of genuine Burmese asylum seekers who are without other safe and reasonable alternatives; and
 - (c) call upon the Government of Thailand to accord Burmese refugees temporary safe haven and access to procedures for third country resettlement—

Debate resumed.

It being past 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A and the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

13 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.

- 14 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS: Members' statements were made.
- 15 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 16 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS: The Speaker presented the following papers:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1991-92—

No. 28—Project audit—Australian Taxation Office: Prescribed payments system.

No. 29—Project audit—Australian Taxation Office: Conversion of automated production systems.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved-That:

- (1) this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Auditor-General's audit reports Nos. 28 and 29 of 1991-92; and
- (2) the reports be printed. Question—put and passed.
- 17 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—Report for 1990-91.

Family Law Act—Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1990-91.

18 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF FAMILY STUDIES—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Family Law Act—Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 1990-91.

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

19 PAPER: Mr Griffiths (Minister for Resources) presented the following paper: LPG industry—Copy of transcript extracts of interviews by Philip Satchell on Radio 5AN with—

Alexander Downer, 23 April 1992.

Alan Griffiths, Alexander Downer and Leon Byass, Energy Information Centre (Office of Energy Planning), 28 April 1992.

20 AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—MAJOR NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITIES—REPORT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Free (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following paper:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Major National Research Facilities: A national program—Report, March 1992.

Mr Free, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:

Australian Science and Technology Council—Major National Research Facilities: A national program—Report—Ministerial statement, 30 April 1992.

Mr Simmons (Minister for Local Government) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

21 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—RESOURCE SECURITY:

The House was informed that Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's failure to save jobs by delivering genuine cost-cutting reform and effective resource security".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

22 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, 7 May 1992.

23 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1988.

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 Bill.

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

24 STATES GRANTS (TAFE ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Act 1989.

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 Bill.

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

25 TRAINING GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Training Guarantee (Administration) Act 1990*, 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 Bill.

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

26 SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1992: Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Baldwin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

27 AVIATION FUEL REVENUES (SPECIAL APPROPRIATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Aviation Fuel Revenues (Special Appropriation) Act 1988, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Snowdon presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

28 COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1992: Mr Willis (Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to rehabilitation, workers' compensation and occupational health and safety in respect of persons employed by the Commonwealth and Commonwealth authorities, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

29 COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUNDING) BILL 1992: Mr Willis (Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a new long service leave funding scheme in the black coal mining industry, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

30 COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE) PAYROLL LEVY BILL 1992: Mr Willis (Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy in respect of wages paid to certain employees employed in the black coal mining industry, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

31 COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE) PAYROLL LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1992: Mr Willis (Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the collection of levy imposed by the Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Act 1992, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Willis moved-That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

32 STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE)
AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Willis (Minister representing the Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to

amend the States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1949.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Willis moved-That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Willis presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

33 COAL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Coal Industry Act 1946, in accordance with an agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales, to restructure the Joint Coal Board, to remove certain regulatory functions of the Board and to confer other functions on the Board, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

34 COAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Coal Research Assistance Act 1977.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

35 COAL TARIFF LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975 and to amend the Excise Tariff Act 1921, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

36 STATES AND NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS (RURAL ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the States and Northern Territory Grants (Rural Adjustment) Act 1988.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

37 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—ORDER OF THE DAY, COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION REPORTS: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), by leave, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the order of the day, committee and delegation reports, for the resumption of debate on the report of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs entitled "Half way to equal: Equal opportunity and equal status for women in Australia", being called on forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

38 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Lavarch—That the House take note of the report (see entry No. 4), viz.:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Half way to equal: Report of the inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for women in Australia—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 14

April 1992-

Debate resumed.

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

39 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Lindsay presented the following report:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Visit of the Defence Subcommittee to Nurrungar-Woomera and Northern Territory, October 1991—Report, April 1992.

Mr Lindsay and Mr Sinclair, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

40 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN BUSINESS REGULATION BILL 1992: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 408

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "An Act to enable certain Commonwealth business-regulating authorities to provide assistance to certain foreign business-regulating authorities or agencies, and for related 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.

MAL COLSTON Deputy-President

The Senate,

Canberra, 30 April 1992

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Clause 7, page 4, subclause (3), line 8, omit "foreign regulator", substitute "Commonwealth regulator".

On the motion of Mr Free (Minister for Science and Technology), the amendment was agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly. On the motion of Mr Free, the House adopted the report.

41 CRIMES (TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES)

AMENDMENT BILL 1992: 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.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate. Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

- On the motion of Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
- 42 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT BILL 1992: 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.
- 43 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 Monday next at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 April 1992:

Customs Act—Instruments of approval—1992—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4. Superannuation Benefits (Supervisory Mechanisms) Act—Determination—1992—No. 4.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Burr, Mr Chaney, Mrs Kelly, Mr McGauran, Mr Punch, Mr Sciacca* and Mrs Sullivan.

*On leave

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Clerk of the House of Representatives