

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 124

MONDAY, 4 MAY 1992

- 1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Keating (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr Kerin (Minister for Trade and Overseas Development), Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security) would answer questions on his behalf.
- 3 **DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (MR C. W. BRIDGES-MAXWELL):** The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 15 April 1992, of Mr Crawford William Bridges-Maxwell, a Member of this House for the Division of Robertson from 1964 to 1969.
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of electoral divisions, 1992—
Australian Capital Territory.
Tasmania.
Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report No. 3—Inquiry into the conduct of the 1987 Federal election and 1988 referendums, May 1989—Government response.
- 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—GOVERNMENT'S ONE NATION PROGRAM:** The House was informed that Mr Reith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The rejection of the Government's One Nation program by the OECD as evidenced by its considerably lower growth forecasts for the Australian economy, a higher unemployment forecast and its urgent call for more vigorous microeconomic reforms".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Reith addressed the House.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
- 7 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 410, dated 30 April 1992, 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 its inquiry into the Midford Paramount case and related matters to 20 August 1992.

- 8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—FLAGS AMENDMENT BILL 1990: Message No. 409, dated 30 April 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Flags Act 1953’ to ensure that the Australian National Flag is not altered except with the approval of the Australian people voting in a referendum, that the Australian National Flag is not supplanted by use of the powers under the Act, and that the appointment of other flags and ensigns is subject to disallowance by either House of the Parliament*”.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 9 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.

Paper: Mr Costello, by leave, presented the following paper:

Victorian Building Industry Agreement, 1989-1992.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 70

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

NOES, 63

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

* 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 Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.

10 AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION 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.

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

AYES, 128

Mr Aldred	Mr Dawkins	Mr Humphreys	Mr Reith
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Dobie	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Riggall
Mr Atkinson	Mr Downer	Mr Jenkins	Mr Rocher
Mrs Bailey	Mr Dubois	Mr Johns	Mr Ronaldson
Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Duncan	Mr Jull	Mr Sawford
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Dr Kemp	Mr Scholes
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mr Kerr	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Langmore	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Ferguson	Mr Lavarch	Mr Shack
Mr Bradford	Mr Fife	Mr Lee	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Filing	Mr Lindsay	Mr Simmons
Mr Brereton	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Broadbent	Mr Ford	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Free	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Cadman	Mrs Gallus	Mr MacKellar	Mr Snowdon
Mr Cameron	Mr Gayler	Mr McLachlan	Mr Somlyay
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear*	Mr Martin	Mr Staples
Mr Carlton	Mr Gibson	Mr Melham	Mrs Sullivan
Dr Catley	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Chaney	Mr Grace*	Mr Moore	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Griffiths	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hall	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Halverson	Mr Newell	Mr Walker
Mr Connolly	Mr Hand	Mr Nugent	Mr Webster
Mr Costello	Mr Hawker	Mr O'Keefe	Mr West
Mr Courtice	Mr Hicks	Mr O'Neil	Mr Willis
Mr Cowan	Mr Holding	Mr Peacock	Mr Wilson
Ms Crawford	Mr Hollis	Mr Price	Mr H. F. Woods
Mr Crean	Mr Howard	Mr Prosser	Dr R. L. Woods
Mrs Crosio	Mr Howe	Mr Punch	Dr Wooldridge
Mrs Darling	Mr Hulls	Mr Reid	Mr Wright

NOES, 2

Mr Cleary*

Mr Mack*

* Tellers

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Free (Minister for Science and Technology) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

11 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—AMENDMENT OF TITLE:

Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

- (1) sessional order 28B be amended by omitting from paragraph (a)(v) "Aboriginal Affairs" and substituting "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs";
- (2) references to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs in resolutions of the House of this session be read as references to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs; and
- (3) nominations notified to the Speaker of Members to be members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs be nominations of Members

to be members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

Question—put and passed.

12 **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:** Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until the next sitting.

13 **REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES LEGISLATION 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.

14 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 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 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 4 May 1992:

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

105—Amendments, 14 and 28 (2) April 1992.

106—Amendments, 28 April 1992.

107—Amendments, 28 and 30 April 1992.

Defence Act—Determinations under section 58B—1992—Nos. 16, 17.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 125(3).

Overseas Students (Refunds) Act—Determination under section 4 of education institutions, 22 April 1992.

Public Service Act—Determinations—1992—Nos. 127, 129, 130.

Telecommunications Act 1991—Determination of technical standard pursuant to subsection 246(1)—1992—TS 005.

Therapeutic Goods Act—Therapeutic Goods Order—No. 40—Dental materials.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Bilney, Mr Burr, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerin and Mr Sciacca*.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives