

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 128

TUESDAY, 26 MAY 1992

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- 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 CHANGES AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Keating (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the resignation of Senator Richardson from the Ministry on 18 May 1992, Senator Collins was Acting Minister for Transport and Communications.
Mr Keating also informed the House that, during the absence through illness of Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) would answer questions on his behalf.
 - 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
 - 4 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** The Speaker presented the following papers:
 - Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1991-92—
 - No. 36—Project audit—Department of the Treasury: Procedures for managing the economic policy program.
 - No. 37—Efficiency audit—Management of central office training in selected departments.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. 36 and 37 of 1991-92; and
 - (2) the reports be printed.Question—put and passed.
 - 5 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Tiwi Land Council—12th Report, for 1990-91—Errata.
 - Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Federal Airports Corporation—Report for 1991.
 - Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 22—Review of overseas export enhancement measures, 3 April 1992—
 - Volume I—Report.
 - Volume II—Country studies.

- 6 INDUSTRY COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 22—
 Review of overseas export enhancement measures, 3 April 1992—
 Volume I—Report.
 Volume II—Country studies.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER:** Mr Keating (Prime Minister) moved—
 That leave of absence for one month be given to Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) on the ground of ill health.
 Question—put and passed.
- 8 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—BUDGET DEFICIT:** 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 doubling of the Budget deficit and the inability of the Government to pay for its One Nation promises, which will lead to higher interest rates and higher taxes”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr Reith addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 9 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
 12 May 1992—Message—
 No. 261—Mutual Assistance in Business Regulation 1992.
 No. 262—National Rail Corporation Agreement 1992.
 14 May 1992—Message—
 No. 263—
 Deer Velvet Export Charge 1992.
 Deer Velvet Levy 1992.
 Deer Slaughter Levy 1992.
 Deer Export Charge 1992.
 Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment 1992.
 No. 264—Corporations Legislation (Evidence) Amendment 1992.
 20 May 1992—Message—
 No. 265—Construction Industry Reform and Development 1992.
 No. 266—Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment 1992.
 25 May 1992—Message No. 267—Taxation Laws Amendment 1992.
- 10 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 1, privilege, relating to the consideration of a report from the Committee of Privileges, be postponed until 1 June 1992.
- 11 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 5 (1992).
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION BILL 1992:** Mr Howe (Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to discrimination on the ground of disability.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Howe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Mr Howe 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.

- 13 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Howe (Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend Acts relating to human rights and equal opportunity.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Howe 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.

- 14 **TAXATION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Dawkins (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Taxation Administration Act 1953*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Paper: Mr Dawkins 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.

- 15 **SUGAR CANE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend section 7 of the *Sugar Cane Levy Act 1987*, to increase the maximum rate of levy from \$0.10 per tonne to \$0.15 per tonne.

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

- 16 **POOLED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS BILL 1992:** Mr Free (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act about pooled development funds, 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 (Mr Jull), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 **DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE AUTHORITY BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Development Allowance Authority, 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 Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

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 Reith—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 **SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to the imposition and collection of a tax on dealings with goods that have been manufactured in Australia or imported into Australia, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Papers: Mr Baldwin presented the following papers:
 Explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:
 Sales Tax Assessment 1992.
 Sales Tax Imposition (Excise) 1992.
 Sales Tax Imposition (Customs) 1992.
 Sales Tax Imposition (General) 1992.
 Sales Tax Amendment (Transitional) 1992.
 Explanatory memorandum (comparison tables) to the following Bills:
 Sales Tax Assessment 1992.
 Sales Tax Imposition (Excise) 1992.
 Sales Tax Imposition (Customs) 1992.
 Sales Tax Imposition (General) 1992.
 Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) 1992.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **SALES TAX IMPOSITION (CUSTOMS) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose the tax payable under the *Sales Tax Assessment Act 1992*, so far as that tax is a duty of customs.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **SALES TAX IMPOSITION (EXCISE) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose the tax payable under the *Sales Tax Assessment Act 1992*, so far as that tax is a duty of excise.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **SALES TAX IMPOSITION (GENERAL) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose the tax payable under the *Sales Tax Assessment Act 1992*, so far as that tax is neither a duty of customs nor a duty of excise.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 23 **SALES TAX AMENDMENT (TRANSITIONAL) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to terminate the operation of the old sales tax law, to make amendments that are consequential on the new sales tax law, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Baldwin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 24 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act relating to

exemptions from sales tax and the classification of goods for the purpose of applying different rates of sales tax.

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 Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 25 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (SELF ASSESSMENT) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation so as to improve arrangements for the self assessment of tax, 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 Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 26 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS (PUBLIC MOBILE LICENCE CHARGE) BILL 1992:** Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a charge in the nature of a tax on the grant of certain public mobile licences under the *Telecommunications Act 1991*.

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 Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 27 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That business intervening before notice No. 3, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 28 **SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER 48A AND STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That sessional order 48A (adjournment of House) and standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for the remainder of this period of sittings.

Question—put and passed.

- 29 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), having amended, by leave, notice No. 2, government business, moved—That, in relation to the proceedings on the following Bills, so much of the standing and sessional orders by suspended as would prevent the Leader of the House making one declaration of urgency and moving one motion for the allotment of time in respect of all the Bills:

States and Northern Territory Grants (Rural Adjustment) Amendment Bill 1992;

States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992;

States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992;

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 1992;

A.C.T. Supreme Court (Transfer) Bill 1992;

Ministers of State Amendment Bill 1992;

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1992;

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Bill 1992;

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Bill 1992;

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Collection Bill 1992;

States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Amendment Bill 1992;
 Coal Industry Amendment Bill 1992;
 Coal Research Assistance Amendment Bill 1992;
 Coal Tariff Legislation Amendment Bill 1992;
 Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) Amendment Bills 1992;
 Wool Tax (Administration) Amendment Bill 1992;
 Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992;
 Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 1992;
 Social Security (Family Payment) Amendment Bill 1992;
 Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 1992;
 Transport and Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992;
 Telecommunications (Public Mobile Licence Charge) Bill 1992;
 Dairy Produce Amendment Bill 1992;
 Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1992;
 Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992;
 Health, Housing and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 1992;
 Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992;
 Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992; and
 Migration Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 30 **DECLARATION OF BILLS AS URGENT BILLS—LIMITATION OF DEBATE:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) declared that the States and Northern Territory Grants (Rural Adjustment) Amendment Bill 1992, States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992, States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992, Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 1992, A.C.T. Supreme Court (Transfer) Bill 1992, Ministers of State Amendment Bill 1992, Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1992, Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Bill 1992, Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Bill 1992, Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Collection Bill 1992, States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Amendment Bill 1992, Coal Industry Amendment Bill 1992, Coal Research Assistance Amendment Bill 1992, Coal Tariff Legislation Amendment Bill 1992, Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) Amendment Bills 1992, Wool Tax (Administration) Amendment Bill 1992, Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992, Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 1992, Social Security (Family Payment) Amendment Bill 1992, Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 1992, Transport and Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992, Telecommunications (Public Mobile Licence Charge) Bill 1992, Dairy Produce Amendment Bill 1992, Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1992, Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992, Health, Housing and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 1992, Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992, Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992 and Migration Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992 were urgent Bills.

Question—That the Bills be considered urgent Bills—put and passed.

Allotment of time: Mr Beazley then moved—That the time allotted in connection with the Bills be as follows:

- (1) States and Northern Territory Grants (Rural Adjustment) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 8.30 p.m. this day.
- (2) States Grants (Schools Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 10.20 p.m. this day.
- (3) States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 10.25 p.m. this day.
- (4) Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 10.30 p.m. this day.
- (5) Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.40 p.m. this day.
- (6) Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.45 p.m. this day.
- (7) Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Payroll Levy Collection Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.50 p.m. this day.
- (8) States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.55 p.m. this day.
- (9) Coal Industry Amendment Bill 1992—
 - (a) For the second reading, until midnight this day;
 - (b) For the committee stage, until 12.05 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May;
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until 12.10 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (10) Coal Research Assistance Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (11) Coal Tariff Legislation Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.20 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (12) Wool Tax (Nos. 1 to 5) Amendment Bills 1992—For the remaining stages, until 10.40 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (13) Wool Tax (Administration) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 10.45 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.

- (14) Primary Industries and Energy Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992—For the remaining stages, until 10.50 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (15) Transport and Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992—
 - (a) For the second reading, until 11.50 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May;
 - (b) For the committee stage, until 11.55 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May;
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until midday on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (16) Telecommunications (Public Mobile Licence Charge) Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.05 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (17) Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (18) Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (19) Social Security (Family Payment) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6.05 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (20) Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (21) Dairy Produce Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 8.35 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (22) Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 8.40 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (23) Health, Housing and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 1992—
 - (a) For the second reading, until 10.20 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May;
 - (b) For the committee stage, until 10.25 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May;
 - (c) For the remaining stages, until 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (24) Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 11.10 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 May.
- (25) Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.15 a.m. on Thursday, 28 May.
- (26) Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 12.20 a.m. on Thursday, 28 May.
- (27) Ministers of State Amendment Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 May.
- (28) A.C.T. Supreme Court (Transfer) Bill 1992—For the remaining stages, until 5.10 p.m. on Thursday, 28 May.
- (29) Migration Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1992—For the remaining stages, until 6 p.m. on Thursday, 28 May.

Question—put and passed.

31 STATES AND NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS (RURAL ADJUSTMENT) 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.

Limitation of debate: At 8.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

32 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) 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 by Dr Kemp who moved, as an amendment—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 failure of the Government to adopt an adequate policy for the development of the non-government school sector and, in particular, the House deplores the Government’s:

- (1) restrictive New Schools Policy;
- (2) excessive accountability requirements;
- (3) divisive recurrent funding policy; and
- (4) failure to recognise the real capital needs of non-government schools”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 268, dated 4 May 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade), the Bill was read a third time.

33 STATES GRANTS (TAFE ASSISTANCE) 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 by Mrs Sullivan who moved, as an amendment—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:

- (1) the continuing inability of the Government to establish a practicable policy for raising the skills of Australia’s young people, as an essential element in increasing their employment opportunities;
- (2) the unmet demand of some 150 000 places in TAFE; and
- (3) the Government’s threat to impose further centralised controls over TAFE institutions”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 269, dated 4 May 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Martin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

34 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING 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 by Dr Kemp who moved, as an amendment—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 continued mismanagement of higher education and, in particular, the House deplores the Government's:

- (1) determination to maintain a flawed system of funding for higher education;
- (2) failure to provide a satisfactory regulatory framework for the development of higher education;
- (3) failure to provide adequate opportunities for young people to lift their level of knowledge and skills and thereby to address a significant contributing factor to youth unemployment;
- (4) pursuit of a policy which prevents some 50 000 qualified Australian students from gaining places in tertiary institutions; and
- (5) failure to address the serious inequities of current arrangements".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 270, dated 11 May 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

35 COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE FUNDING) 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 by Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst welcoming the provisions of the Bill which return the responsibility for the administration of the Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave Fund to the coal industry, the House is of the opinion that the long service leave provisions should not be limited to those employees to whom an award, determination order or agreement applies".

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 11.40 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Amendment negatived.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 271, dated 1 May 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

36 COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE) PAYROLL LEVY 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.

Limitation of debate: At 11.45 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.

- 37 **COAL MINING INDUSTRY (LONG SERVICE LEAVE) PAYROLL LEVY COLLECTION 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—
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 38 **STATES GRANTS (COAL MINING INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE) 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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.
- 39 **COAL INDUSTRY 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 by Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—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:
(1) notes that this legislation is complementary to legislation of the New South Wales Parliament; and
(2) calls on the Federal Government to negotiate with the New South Wales Government with a view to abolishing the Joint Coal Board and transferring the occupational and health and other key components to industry managed bodies”.
- Debate continued.
Amendment negatived.
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.
On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the following amendment was made, after debate: Schedule 4, page 20, amendment of subsection 37(5), after “Chairperson” insert “or other member”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Hollis reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr Crean, the House adopted the report, and the Bill was read a third time.

- 40 **COAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE 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.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 272, dated 1 May 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

41 COAL TARIFF 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 by Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—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:

- (1) notes that the Government has adopted in the Bill one of the seven key tax abolition planks of ‘Fightback’; and
- (2) calls on the Government to implement the other six key tax abolition planks of ‘Fightback’, among them being the abolition of payroll tax, sales tax and fuel excise tax”.

Debate continued.

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Amendment negatived.

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 Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), the Bill was read a third time.

42 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 12.04 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 May 1992:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 122.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Declaration under section 9 relating to significant Aboriginal areas, Northern Territory, 8 April 1992.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 121.

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 215—Courses and Degrees Amendment No. 2.

No. 216—Institute of the Arts.

No. 217—Parking and Traffic Amendment No. 4.

No. 218—University House.

No. 219—Liquor (University House).

Broadcasting Act and Broadcasting (Limited Licences) Fees Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 126.

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

20—Amendment, 28 April 1992.

105—Amendments, 20 May 1992 (2).

106—Amendments, 20 May 1992.

- 107—Amendments, 20 May 1992.
Copyright Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 124.
Defence Act—
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Determinations—1992—Nos. 3, 4 and 5.
Determinations under section 58B—1992—Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.
Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 118.
Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1992—Nos. 3, 4, 5—Prescribed Goods (General) (Amendment).
No. 6—Export Control (Fees) (Amendment).
Fisheries Act—Notices—1992—Nos. 77E, NPF 15, NPF 16, NPF 17, NPF 18, NPF 19, NPF 20, NPF 21.
Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, Nos. 111, 119, 120.
Jury Exemption Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 123.
Lands Acquisition Act—Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under subsection 40(1).
Migration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 125.
Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination—1992—No. 2.
National Health Act—
Determinations—1992—Nos. HSB 7, HSB 9.
Guidelines under section 82F, 24 April 1992.
Pharmaceutical benefits—Declarations—1992—Nos. PB6, PB7.
Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act—Notice of approval—1992—No. 1 together with codes of practice (6), standards (2) and guidance notes (3).
Public Service Act—Determinations—1992—Nos. 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, LES 10, LES 11.
States Grants (TAFE Assistance) Act—Determination—No. TAFE 14/92.
Social Security Act 1991—Determination—1992—Instrument 92-11.
Superannuation Act 1976—Determinations pursuant to—
Subsection 134(4)—No. 2—Superannuation (CSS) Employer Component Payment (Australia Post Superannuation Scheme).
Subsection 241(1)—No. 1—Superannuation (CSS) Additional Employer Component Payment (Australia Post Superannuation Scheme).
Superannuation Benefits (Supervisory Mechanisms) Act—Determination—1992—No. 5.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney*, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Jones and Mr McLachlan.

*On leave

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Clerk of the House of Representatives