

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 133

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 1992

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Hollis (Chairman), by leave, made a statement concerning the inquiry by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works into air traffic services centres at Brisbane and Melbourne. Mr Taylor and Mr Mack, by leave, also made statements in connection with the matter.
- 3 **STANDING COMMITTEES—MEMBERSHIP:** The House was informed of the nominations of Members to be members of the following standing committees:
- Procedure:*
Mrs Sullivan had been nominated by the Opposition Whip in place of Mr Shack.
- Employment, Education and Training:*
Mr Riggall had been nominated by the Opposition Whip.
- Environment, Recreation and the Arts:*
Mr J. L. Scott had been nominated by the Government Whip in place of Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs).
- 4 **COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—REPORT CONCERNING A LETTER RECEIVED BY MR NUGENT, MP:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Gear—That the House take note of the report (*presented on 7 May 1992*), viz.:
- Committee of Privileges—Report concerning a letter received by Mr Nugent, MP, including minutes of proceedings, 7 May 1992—
And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Tuckey, viz.—That the following words be added to the motion: “and requires Dwyer and Company, Solicitors, to formally apologise to Mr Nugent, MP, and to the Parliament for their action”—
Amendment agreed to.
Motion, as amended, agreed to.
- 5 **SUGAR CANE LEVY 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.
Mr H. F. Woods 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.

6 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Keating (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Duffy (Attorney-General), Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy) would answer questions on his behalf.

Mr Keating also informed the House that, during the absences abroad of Mr Kerin (Minister for Trade and Overseas Development) and Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories), Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security) would answer questions on behalf of Mr Kerin and Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories) would answer questions on behalf of Mrs Kelly.

7 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

Member named and suspended: The Speaker named the Member for Bennelong (Mr Howard) for defying the Chair.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the Member for Bennelong be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

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

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

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.36 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice continued.

- 8 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:
 Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 38 of 1991-92—Efficiency audit—Department of Defence: Management of Army training areas.
 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 report No. 38 of 1991-92; and
 (2) the report be printed.
 Question—put and passed.
- 9 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation—Financial statements for period 6 November 1991 to 31 January 1992.
 Australian Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—Final report, for period 1 July 1991 to 31 January 1992.
 Nursing home and hostel standards—List of monitoring reports published between 1 February and 30 April 1992.
 OTC Limited—Report for period 1 April 1991 to 31 January 1992.
- 10 **AUSTRALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Australian Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—Final report, for period 1 July 1991 to 31 January 1992.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **OTC LIMITED—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 OTC Limited—Report for period 1 April 1991 to 31 January 1992.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 12 **AUSTRALIAN AND OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation—Financial statements for period 6 November 1991 to 31 January 1992.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 **NURSING HOME AND HOSTEL STANDARDS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Nursing home and hostel standards—List of monitoring reports published between 1 February and 30 April 1992.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY:**
 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 underlying weakness of the

Australian economy as evidenced by yesterday's national accounts and the continuing high levels of unemployment".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Mr Reith addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

15 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

3 June 1992 a.m.—Message—

No. 424—Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) (No. 2) 1991-92.

No. 425—Appropriation (No. 3) 1991-92 (*without requests*).

No. 426—Appropriation (No. 4) 1991-92.

No. 427—Supply (Parliamentary Departments) 1992-93.

No. 428—Supply (No. 1) 1992-93 (*without requests*).

No. 429—Supply (No. 2) 1992-93.

16 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSAL: Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) moved Customs Tariff Proposal No. 6 (1992).

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

17 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, STAGE 1: Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), 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*, the following proposed works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Badgerys Creek Airport development, stage 1.

Mr Snowdon presented plans in connection with the proposed works.

Question—put and passed.

18 DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), for Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

Prime Minister—Visit to Indonesia and Papua New Guinea—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report on protection of the coastal environment—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Parliamentary Secretaries—Guidelines on role and function—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian vocational certificate training system—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Opposition's taxation and expenditure proposals—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Australian Customs Service: Coastwatch—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Parliamentary Zone—Proposals for works within zone—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Broadcasting Services Bill 1992—Draft—Papers and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

The economy and employment—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

- Immigration Review Tribunal—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australia and the World Bank—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Operations of the IMF and World Bank—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report on racist violence in Australia—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Reports into sports funding and administration—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- National gas strategy—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Nursing home and hostel standards, August-October 1991—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Data-matching program—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Girls in schools 4—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community control management and resources—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on Auditor-General's audit report No. 29, 1989-90—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on Auditor-General's audit report No. 12, 1990-91—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Aboriginal Affairs—Standing Committee—Report on training in skills for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island community management and development—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Advance to the Minister for Finance—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Australia's International Development Cooperation Program—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Prime Minister—Visit to Zimbabwe—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Women and TAFE: A national plan of action—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.
- Australian Human Rights Delegation to China—Report and Government response—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.
- Question—put and passed.

19 SUGAR CANE LEVY 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 Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—REPORTS—RESPONSE BY GOVERNMENTS—PAPERS AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS NOTED:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Beazley (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 31 March 1992*), viz.:
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission—The first step: A report on the initial community consultations on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, March 1992.
- Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Response by Governments—
 Ministerial statement.
 Overview.
 Volumes 1 to 3—
 Debate resumed.
 Question—put and passed.
- 21 **ONE NATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Keating (Prime Minister)—That the House take note of the papers (*presented on 26 February 1992*), viz.:
- One Nation—
 Ministerial statement, 26 February 1992.
 Statement, 26 February 1992—
 Debate resumed.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Webster), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 22 **SELECTION COMMITTEE—AMENDED REPORT:** Mr Halverson (Acting Chairman) presented the following report:
 Selection Committee—Amended report relating to the program of business prior to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4 June 1992—
 and, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted in lieu of the report presented on 28 May 1992.
 Question—put and passed.
- 23 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Simmons (Minister for Family Support) moved—That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 And then the House, at 8 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 3 June 1992:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act—Declaration pursuant to section 10 relating to significant Aboriginal areas, Northern Territory, 15 May 1992.
- Australian Postal Corporation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 132.
- Extradition Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 128.
- Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 130.
- Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 129.
- Military Superannuation and Benefits Act—Instrument—1992—No. 2.
- Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 131.

Sugar Cane Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1992, No. 127.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Chaney, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Jenkins, Mr Jones, Mrs Kelly, Mr Kerin, Mr Lindsay, Mr Moore and Mr Somlyay.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives