

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 136

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 1992

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- 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 Atkinson, Mr Beale, Dr Catley, Mr Connolly, Mr Costello, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr Duncan, Mr Elliott, Mr Fife, Mr Filing, Mr Gibson, Mr Griffiths, Mr Howard, Mr Jenkins, Mr McGauran, Mr Melham, Mr Peacock, Mr Prosser, Mr Riggall, Mr Rocher, Mr B. C. Scott, Mr Smith, Mr Truss and Mr Webster, from 192, 13, 33, 37, 8, 27, 20, 141, 46, 17, 43, 75, 13, 38, 38, 525, 21, 19, 314, 71, 106, 242, 1713, 47 and 36 concerned parents and consumers, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to ensure that legislation controlling television protects the young and impressionable.
 - Mr K. J. Andrews, Mr Connolly, Mr Fife, Mr Filing, Mr Jull, Mr McArthur, Mr McLachlan, Mr Riggall, Mr Ruddock and Mr Somlyay, from 123, 235, 475, 92, 212, 35, 10, 545, 11 and 206 petitioners, respectively, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless approved by the people of Australia in a national poll.
 - Mr Beale, Mr Crean, Mr Jenkins, Mr Lloyd, Mr Nehl, Mr Sharp, Mr Somlyay and Mr Truss, from 49, 44, 85, 1745, 156, 9, 174 and 556 petitioners, respectively, praying that no change be made to the design or colour of the Australian national flag and that it continue to represent a true manifestation of the nation's history.
 - Mr Hicks, Mr Nehl and Mr Truss, from 186, 415 and 7655 petitioners, respectively, praying that the current national flag be preserved and no change be made to its design unless supported by referendum by the majority of Australians in the majority of states.
 - Mr Atkinson and Mr Reith, from 10 and 16 residents of Victoria, respectively, praying that Medicare funding of abortion be terminated by support for the Abortion Funding Bill 1990.
 - Mr Free and Dr Wooldridge, from 26 petitioners and 1 petitioner, respectively, 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 Atkinson, from 175 petitioners, praying that the present flag be maintained until a referendum is held.
 - Mr Beale, from 130 petitioners, praying that no change be made to the national flag without a full referendum.
 - Dr Charlesworth, from 261 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken with respect to the Los Angeles riots.

- Mr Cowan, from 300 petitioners, praying for a referendum before any change is made to the design of the existing Australian flag.
- Mr Fife, from 50 petitioners, praying that no action be taken to change the national flag unless supported by a majority of votes in a majority of States.
- Mr Gayler, from 59 petitioners, praying that an International Earth Repair Action Decade begin on 5 June 1990.
- Mr Gayler, from 40 electors of the Division of Leichhardt, praying that the signal from the television transmitter at Cooktown, Qld, be boosted.
- Mr Howe, from 88 residents of South Australia, praying that intellectually disabled people be provided with health services and facilities comparable to those available to others.
- Mr Lavarch, from 680 electors of the Division of Fisher, praying that a street posting box be installed at the intersection of Bribie Island Road and Regina Avenue, Ningi, Qld.
- Mr McArthur, from 34 petitioners, praying that consideration be given to protecting the current rights of independent contractors.
- Mr Nehl, from 165 electors of the Division of Cowper, praying that the SBS television service be extended to the Northern Rivers region of NSW in conjunction with the commercial television equalisation program.
- Mr Nehl, from 57 petitioners, praying that adult information and entertainment not be available on Telecom's 0055 service to persons under the age of 18.
- Mr Newell, from 84 parents of children attending Catholic schools in the electorates of Richmond and Page, praying that additional funding be made available to assist in the building needs of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lismore, NSW.
- Mr B. C. Scott, from 4995 residents of Queensland, praying that any proposal to change the Australian flag be rejected.
- Mr B. C. Scott, from 631 electors of the Division of Maranoa, in similar terms.
- Mr Sharp, from 1055 petitioners, praying that the existing Australian flag be retained and Australians be given the opportunity to express that wish through a referendum.
- Mr Snowdon, from 819 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to investigate the Dili massacre, prevent further human rights abuses in East Timor and conduct a referendum on East Timor's right to self-determination.
- Mr Snowdon, from 148 residents of the Northern Territory, praying that the Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation be called on to justify its "core business" approach, the planning of redundancies and the auctioning of assets.
- Mr Somlyay, from 178 residents of the Sunshine Coast, Qld, praying that local transmission facilities be established to receive and locally transmit SBS to the Sunshine Coast.
- Mr Somlyay, from 117 petitioners, praying that Japanese tour guides not be granted visas to work in Australia.
- Mr Somlyay, from 47 petitioners, praying that accreditation proposals for child care centres not be adopted.
- Mr Webster, from 91 petitioners, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Webster, from 78 petitioners, praying that Australia remain a democratic constitutional monarchy with the Queen as head of state, represented in Australia by a Governor-General.
- Dr Wooldridge, from 177 residents of Victoria, praying that X and R-rated material not be allowed on Pay TV.

Petitions received.

3 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Langmore (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Moving pictures inquiry—

Report, 24 June 1992.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Langmore, Mr Webster, Mrs Gallus and Mr Dobie made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Langmore 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.

4 ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Langmore (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Environment, Recreation and the Arts—Standing Committee—Biodiversity: The contribution of community-based programs—

Report, 4 June 1992.

Minutes of proceedings.

Records of informal discussions and inspections.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Langmore, Mr Webster and Mr Newell made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Langmore 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.

5 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Kerr (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Standing Committee—Language and culture: A matter of survival—Inquiry into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language maintenance—

Report, 2 June 1992.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Kerr, Mr L. J. Scott, Dr Wooldridge, Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training) and Mr Riggall made statements in connection with the report.

The time allotted for making statements on the report having expired—

Mr Kerr 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.

6 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Scholes (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—The standing orders governing questions seeking information—

Report, 2 June 1992.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Scholes and Mr Truss made statements in connection with the report.

The time for consideration of committee and delegation reports having expired—

Mr Scholes 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 PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS NOTICE: Upon notice No. 1, private Members' business, being called on, Mr Bradford, in the absence of Mr Filing and at his request, fixed the next sitting as the day for moving the motion.

8 LEGAL PROFESSION: Mr Kerr, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

(1) commends those elements of the legal profession which are committed to eliminating remaining anti-competitive elements of the organisation of the profession; and

(2) expresses its support for moves within the legal profession to achieve the result that lawyers admitted and entitled to practise in one State have automatic reciprocal rights throughout the other States.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

9 AGRICULTURAL PROTECTION: Mr Cobb, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Parliament:

(1) welcomes the initial steps taken by the European Community to lower its massive levels of agricultural protection; and

(2) urges that the USA match these reductions in the interests of freeing up world trade in primary products.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

10 ABC 60TH ANNIVERSARY: Mr Langmore, pursuant to notice, moved—That, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, the House:

(1) congratulates the ABC on the high quality of its television and radio services in the fields of news and current affairs, entertainment, education and cultural programming; and

(2) calls on the Government to ensure that the resources of the ABC are steadily increased so as to enable it to extend and improve its services to the Australian community.

Debate ensued.

It being 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Atkinson was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

- 11 **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.
- 12 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.
- 13 **RETIREMENT OF MR BRUCE WEBSTER, OAM:** The Speaker informed the House of the proposed retirement of Mr Bruce Webster, OAM, from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and, after paying tribute to his service to the Parliament, the public and the ABC, wished him well in his retirement.
- 14 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 15 **PAPER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:
 Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum—Informal meeting, Canberra, Australia, 10 December 1991—Transcript of proceedings.
- 16 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:** The Speaker presented the following papers:
 Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit reports of 1991-92—
 No. 43—Project audit—Department of Administrative Services: Conflict of interest—A matter of principle.
 No. 51—Project audits—Industry, Technology and Commerce portfolio: Australian Customs Service.
 No. 52—Efficiency audit—Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs: Information technology management.
 No. 53—Project audit—Australian Customs Service: Accommodation, Victoria—Lexington building.
- 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. 43, 51, 52 and 53 of 1991-92; and
 (2) the reports be printed.
 Question—put and passed.
- 17 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 Australian Civil Offsets Program—Report, including the Partnerships for Development Program, for 1990-91.
 Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Prescribed health—A report on the prescription and supply of drugs—Part 1: Regulation and the pharmaceutical industry, 4 March 1992—Government response.
 Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Government responses to reports—
 Skills training for the 21st century, 18 December 1991.
 Words at work: A report on literacy needs in the workplace, 7 March 1991.
 Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Reports—
 Australian Research Council, including the Board's comments—Response to the review of the special research centres program and the key centres of teaching and research program, June 1992.
 Higher Education Council, including the Board's comments—Advice on funds allocated to higher education institutions, April 1992.

Schools Council, including the Board's comments—Response to discussion paper, *Review of the Commonwealth Capital Grants Program for Non-government Schools*, June 1992.

Family Law Council—Report—Patterns of parenting after separation, April 1992.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—A pocket full of change: Banking and deregulation, November 1991 *and* Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 18—Availability of capital, 9 December 1991—Consolidated government response.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1991.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report for 1991.

18 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report—Words at work: Literacy needs in the workplace, 7 March 1991—Government response.

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

19 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Community Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Prescribed health—The prescription and supply of drugs—Part 1: Regulation and the pharmaceutical industry, 4 March 1992—Government response.

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

20 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION—STANDING COMMITTEE AND INDUSTRY COMMISSION—REPORTS—CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—A pocket full of change: Banking and deregulation, November 1991 *and* Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report No. 18—Availability of capital, 9 December 1991—Consolidated government response.

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

21 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Employment, Education and Training—Standing Committee—Report—Skills training for the 21st century, 18 December 1991—Government response.

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

22 PRIVACY COMMISSIONER—ADVICE AND REPORT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER: Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security), by leave, made a ministerial statement on advice and report to Ministers from the Privacy

Commissioner relating to the disclosure of arrest details of AIDEX demonstrators, and presented the following papers:

Privacy Act—Privacy Commissioner—Advice and report to Ministers—Disclosure of arrest details of AIDEX demonstrators: Australian Federal Police and Department of Social Security, 18 June 1992.

Advice and report from the Privacy Commissioner on the disclosure of arrest details of AIDEX demonstrators—Ministerial statement, 25 June 1992.

Mr Connolly, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

23 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, 20 August 1992.

24 PAPERS: Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia), by leave, presented the following paper:

Euthanasia—Copy of letter from Richard Alston, Senator for Victoria, Shadow Minister for Superannuation and Child Care, to Hon. Dr Blewett, MP, together with attachment, 24 June 1992.

Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security) presented the following paper:

Euthanasia and bio-technology—Copy of letter from Neal Blewett to Senator R. Alston, Shadow Minister for Superannuation and Child Care, 24 June 1992.

25 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC RECOVERY:

The House was informed that Mr T. A. Fischer (Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The breakdown in the due processes of Government and the increasing insularity of the Prime Minister, jeopardising economic recovery in Australia”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr T. A. Fischer addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

26 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

25 June 1992—Message No. 496—Commonwealth Employment (Miscellaneous Amendments) 1992.

27 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER: Mr Dubois (Chairman) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 36th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests and a statement of registrable interests received during the period 28 November 1991 to 24 June 1992.

28 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORTS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Punch (Chairman) presented the following reports:

Public Accounts—Joint Committee—

Report 317—A champagne appetite but only a beer income: Defence's supply systems redevelopment project, 24 June 1992.

Report 318—Public sector research and development: Volume 1 of a report on research and development, 24 June 1992.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Mr Punch, by leave, made a statement in connection with the reports.

29 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—FACILITIES FOR INCREASED ARMY PRESENCE IN THE

NORTH AND REDEVELOPMENT OF LARRAKEYAH BARRACKS, DARWIN: Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), 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: Facilities for an increased Army presence in the north and redevelopment of Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 30 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—OFFICE CONSTRUCTION, SECTION 45, BELCONNEN, ACT:** Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), 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 work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Office construction at section 45, Belconnen, ACT, for Australian Estate Management to be leased by the Australian Taxation Office Canberra Branch.

Mr Bilney presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 31 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—OFFICE CONSTRUCTION, CORNER OF ADELAIDE AND CREEK STREETS, BRISBANE:** Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), 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 work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Office construction at the corner of Adelaide and Creek Streets, Brisbane, for Australian Estate Management to be leased by the Australian Taxation Office and other Commonwealth Government agencies.

Mr Bilney presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 32 PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL COMPLEX, BRISBANE AIRPORT:** Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), 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 work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of a new international terminal complex for the Federal Airports Corporation at Brisbane Airport.

Mr Bilney presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 33 REFURBISHMENT AND FITOUT OF JULIANA HOUSE, PHILLIP, ACT—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr Bilney (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), 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: Refurbishment and fitout of Juliana House, Phillip, ACT.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 34 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL BILL 1992:** Mr Howe (Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a National Health and Medical Research Council, and for related purposes.
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 (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 35 **NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), for Mrs Kelly (Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Price moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Price presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 36 **HONEY LEGISLATION (REPEAL AND AMENDMENT) BILL 1992:** Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Honey Marketing Act 1988*, to amend certain legislation relating to honey, and for related purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Price moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Price presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 37 **GRAIN LEGUMES LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Grain Legumes Levy Act 1985*, to change the way the levy is calculated.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Price moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Price presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 38 **OILSEEDS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Oilseeds Levy Act 1977*, to change the way the levy is calculated.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Price moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Price presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
Debate adjourned (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 39 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (FOREIGN INVESTMENT) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to income 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 (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 40 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 41 **SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to 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 (Mrs Bailey), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 42 **HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to health and community services, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

- 43 **NORFOLK ISLAND (ELECTORAL AND JUDICIAL) AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enable certain residents of Norfolk Island to vote in Parliamentary elections, and for other purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fatin moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Ms Fatin presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 44 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CONSTRUCTION OF GEORGE BALDESSIN “PEARS” SCULPTURE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL:** Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, moved—That, pursuant to section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, a proposal for work within the Parliamentary Zone, namely: The construction of the George Baldessin “Pears” sculpture adjacent to the Australian National Gallery, be approved.

Question—put and passed.

- 45 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CONSTRUCTION OF COOLING TOWER—APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL:** Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, moved—That, pursuant to section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, a proposal for work within the Parliamentary Zone, namely: The construction of a cooling tower to serve the needs of the High Court of Australia, be approved.

Question—put and passed.

- 46 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION—CARRIERS) BILL 1992:** Message No. 495, dated 24 June 1992, from the

Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to delay the commencement of certain changes to the Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Duncan, the Bill was read a third time.

- 47 **COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—MEMBERSHIP**: Mr Duncan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General), by leave, moved—That Mr Dobie be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Privileges, and that, in his place, Mr K. J. Andrews be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.

- 48 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18 August 1992, at 2 p.m., unless otherwise called together by the Speaker, or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees.
Question—put and passed.

- 49 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS**: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

Suspension of sitting: At 8.07 p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of sitting: At 8.43 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

- 50 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING SERVICES BILL 1992**: Message No. 497, dated 24 June 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act relating to broadcasting services*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Broadcasting Services Bill 1992—Second reading speech prepared for the Minister.

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

Leave granted for debate to ensue.

Mr Smith 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 condemns the Government for:

- (1) its failure to allow reasonable time for consideration of this Bill;
- (2) choosing structural arrangements in subscription television broadcasting services which do not fully satisfy the objects of the Bill;
- (3) adopting a regulatory policy for Pay TV services which contradicts the Government's stated aim (a) to readily accommodate technological change and (b) to encourage the development of broadcasting technologies;

- (4) its failure to provide a simply understood, streamlined and more publicly accountable complaints regime; and
 (5) compromising further the development of the truly competitive broadcasting sector required to deliver the promised benefits to consumers and to the Australian economy at large”.

Ordered—That Mr Smith be granted an extension of time.

Mr Beazley, by leave, again addressed the House without closing the debate. 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

Clauses 1 to 92, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 93—

On the motion of Mr Beazley, the following amendment was made: Page 39, line 29, omit from subclause (1) “Subject to sections 94 and 95, the”, substitute “The”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 94 omitted, after debate.

Clause 95 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Deputy Chairman, Mr L. J. Scott, in the Chair)—

AYES, 54

Mr Anderson	Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr J. N. Andrew*	Mr Connolly	Dr Kemp	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Costello	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr Atkinson	Mr Dobie	Mr McGauran	Mr Smith
Mrs Bailey	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Mack	Mr Somlyay
Mr Beale	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Bradford	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Taylor
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Ford	Mr Nehl	Mr Truss
Mr Broadbent	Mrs Gallus	Mr Prosser	Mr Webster
Mr Burr	Mr Hall	Mr Reid	Mr Wilson
Mr Cadman	Mr Halverson	Mr Riggall	Dr R. L. Woods
Mr Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Ronaldson	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Ruddock	
Mr Charles	Mr Howard	Mr B. C. Scott	

NOES, 65

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

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Beazley, the following amendment was made, after debate: Schedule 2, Part 6, paragraph 10(1)(g), page 96, omit all the words after "ABA", substitute "but will not broadcast such an 'R' classified program until the ABA has completed a hearing into the content and the impact on viewers of 'R' classified programs;".

Remainder of Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr L. J. Scott reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beazley, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 51 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1992:** Message No. 498, dated 24 June 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to make transitional arrangements and consequential amendments as a result of the enactment of the 'Broadcasting Services Act 1992'*".

Bill read a first time.

Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Broadcasting Services (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 1992—Second reading speech prepared for the Minister.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Bradford), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day a later hour this day.

- 52 DESIGN OF PROPOSED NEW \$5 NOTE:** Mrs Sullivan, by leave, moved—That this House:

(1) expresses its concern at the decision of the Reserve Bank Board to remove the image of Caroline Chisholm from the design of the proposed new \$5 note; and

(2) recommends that this decision be rescinded.

Question—put and passed.

- 53 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TERRITORIES LAW REFORM BILL 1992:** Message No. 499, dated 25 June 1992, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to reform the law of the Territory of Christmas Island and of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and for other purposes*".

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Paper: Ms Fatin, by leave, presented the following paper:

Territories Law Reform Bill 1992—Second reading speech prepared for the Minister.

Debate, by leave, ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate adjourned (Mr Snowdon—Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

- 54 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate, dated 25 June 1992, were reported:

(a) returning the Migration Agents Registration (Application) Levy Bill 1992 and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill

as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 500.

- (b) returning the Migration Agents Registration (Renewal) Levy Bill 1992 and acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 501.
- (c) returning the Customs Legislation (Tariff Concessions and Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill 1992 and acquainting the House that the Senate does not insist upon its amendments Nos. 1 and 3 disagreed to by the House—Message No. 502.

55 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: Message No. 290, dated 24 June 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of an amendment of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1985*.

56 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1992: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 503

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1986'*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has considered message no. 575 of the House of Representatives in reference to the bill.

The Senate has resolved that, while not conceding that Senate amendment no. 2 should have been a request for an amendment, it requests the House of Representatives to amend the bill in accordance with that amendment.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,
Canberra, 25 June 1992

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

In the committee

On the motion of Mr Snowdon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Employment, Education and Training), the following requested amendment was made: Clause 4, page 3, proposed paragraph 10A(2C)(a), line 1, omit "\$4,410,000", substitute "\$5,193,000".

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Snowdon, the House adopted the report.

57 TERRITORIES LAW REFORM 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 Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

58 BROADCASTING SERVICES (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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 Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications), the Bill was read a third time.

59 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—BROADCASTING SERVICES BILL 1992: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 505

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act relating to broadcasting services*", and acquaints the House that the Senate:

- (1) has disagreed to amendments nos 1, 2 and 3 made by the House and has agreed to amendment no. 4 with the amendment as indicated by annexed Schedule A; and
- (2) has made a further amendment to the bill as indicated by annexed Schedule B.

The Senate desires the reconsideration by the House of the bill in respect of the amendments disagreed to, and the concurrence of the House in the amendment made by the Senate to amendment no. 4 and the further amendment made in the bill.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 26 June 1992 a.m.

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISAGREED TO BY THE SENATE, AND AMENDMENT NO. 4 AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

No. 1—Clause 93, page 39, line 29, omit from subclause (1) "Subject to sections 94 and 95, the", substitute "The".

No. 2—Clause 94, page 40, omit the clause.

No. 3—Clause 95, page 40, omit the clause.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

No. 4—Schedule 2, Part 6, paragraph 10(1)(g), page 96, omit all the words after "ABA", substitute "but will not broadcast such an 'R' classified program until the ABA has completed extensive, Australia-wide qualitative and quantitative research on community standards of taste and decency in relation to classifications for pay television and on what levels of violence and depiction of sex should be allowed, and the ABA has approved the broadcast of such programs;".

SCHEDULE B

SCHEDULE OF THE FURTHER AMENDMENT MADE BY
THE SENATE IN THE BILL

Part 7, pages 39 to 46, clauses 93 to 116, omit the clauses.

Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Communications) moved—That the House of Representatives does not insist on its amendments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 disagreed to by the Senate, agrees to the amendment made by the Senate to amendment No. 4 of the House, and agrees to the further amendment made to the Bill by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Beazley, the House adopted the report.

60 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported:

- (a) returning the Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 1992 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 504, dated 25 June 1992.
- (b) returning the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Amendment Bill 1992 and acquainting the House that the Senate had agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate—Message No. 506, dated 26 June 1992 a.m.

61 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 3.18 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 18 August 1992, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to at this sitting.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 June 1992:

National Health Act—Principles formulated under subsections—

39BA(4), 22 June 1992.

39BB(5), 22 June 1992.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following provisions of Acts shall come into operation—

Cash Transaction Reports Amendment Act 1991—Provisions of the Act other than sections 1, 2, 3 and 7—6 December 1992.

Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act (No. 3) 1991—Part 2—22 June 1992.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Mr Brereton, Mr Cowan, Mrs Crosio, Mr Filing, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Gayler, Mr Goodluck, Mr Kerin, Mr Lloyd, Mr McLachlan, Mr Moore, Mr Nugent, Mr O'Neil, Mr Peacock, Mr Tuckey and Mr Walker.

L. M. BARLIN
Clerk of the House of Representatives