

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 148

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1992

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- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Leo McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1992-93:** The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditure—Department of Defence, \$9 349 173 000—further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$479 432 000—

Department of Tourism, \$91 546 000—

together debated.

It being approximately 12.45 p.m., in accordance with sessional order 101A—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
  - Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1991.
  - Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report by the Australian Research Council, including the Board's comments—Support for postgraduate research awards in the 1993-95 triennium: Interim advice.
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Half way to equal: Report of the inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for women in Australia, 14 April 1991—Interim government response, 18 September 1992.
  - National Health and Medical Research Council—Report—113th session, Hobart, June 1992.

- 5 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—INTERIM GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Half way to equal: Report of the inquiry into equal opportunity and equal status for women in Australia, 14 April 1992—Interim government response, 18 September 1992.

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

- 6 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SMALL BUSINESS AND THE UNEMPLOYED:** The House was informed that Mr Prosser had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The failure of the Keating Government to recognise the continuing impact and pain of the recession on Australian small business and the unemployed of Australia”.

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

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 7 **PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—WORKS WITHIN THE ZONE—APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS:** Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs), for Ms Fatin (Minister for the Arts and Territories), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the House approves the following proposals contained in reports of the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone presented to the House on 4 June and 20 August 1992, namely: Administrative Building carpark; commencement column plaque; electricity upgrade; National Library lakeside podium; Parliament House interpretive trail and loading dock and carpark/gardeners’ storage area; and signs within the Zone.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—CONSTRUCTION OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY STAFF APARTMENTS, ATTAKARN PRASIT, BANGKOK, THAILAND:** 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: Construction of Australian Embassy staff apartments, Attakarn Prasit, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr Beddall presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1992:** Mr Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1987*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Papers:* Mr Beddall presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill and a summary of amendments.

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

- 10 **OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Students Charge Act 1979*.

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.

- 11 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1992-93:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Schedule 3—

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Primary Industries and Energy, \$479 432 000—

Department of Tourism, \$91 546 000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Social Security, \$1 085 585 000—  
debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Administrative Services, \$552 271 000—  
debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Health, Housing and Community Services, \$1 998 517 000—

Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 481 030 000—

together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

- 12 **STATES GRANTS (GENERAL PURPOSES) BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for grants to the States and the Northern Territory.

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

- 13 **STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister for Higher Education and Employment Services) presented a Bill for an Act relating to financial assistance for tertiary students, and for connected 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 (Dr Kemp), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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Department of Veterans' Affairs, \$1 481 030 000—

together further debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditure—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,  
\$1 950 169 000—debated and agreed to.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, \$1 370 685 000—

Department of Industrial Relations, \$162 159 000—

together debated.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr Truss reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into  
the said committee.15 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Staples (Minister for Aged, Family and Health Services)  
moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure:* Mr Staples moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly,  
and passed.

And then the House, at 12.01 a.m., adjourned until this day at 9.30 a.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 7 October  
1992:Ozone Protection Act—Notices (10) under subsection 40(3), 11 August  
1992.**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr  
Anderson, Mr Broadbent, Mr Cameron\*, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Fitzgibbon,  
Mrs Gallus, Mr Hand, Mr Jones, Mr Kerin, Mr A. A. Morris, Mr P. F.  
Morris, Mr Sciacca, Dr Theophanous and Mr Tuckey.

\* On leave

**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives