

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 153

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 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 Campbell, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr T. A. Fischer, Mr Truss and Mr Willis, from 23, 43, 21, 15, 1875, 403 and 116 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 Chaney, Mr Hawker and Mr Taylor, from 41, 104 and 76 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 Dobie, Mr R. F. Edwards and Mr Smith, from 27, 498 and 94 concerned parents and consumers, respectively, praying that certain action be taken to ensure that legislation controlling television protects the young and impressionable.
- Mr Dubois, Mr R. F. Edwards and Mr Hollis, from 1476, 17 832 and 3175 petitioners, respectively, praying for unconditional recognition of the Republic of Macedonia as a sovereign and independent state.
- Mr Anderson and Mr Truss, from 48 and 75 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 Downer and Mr McLachlan, from 556 and 802 electors of South Australia, respectively, praying that the House urge Commonwealth fisheries to bring about an immediate and complete ban on monofilament shark gill nets.
- Mr Beale, from 19 petitioners, praying that the health service not be nationalised without approval by referendum.
- Mr Beazley, from 504 residents of Western Australia, praying that Western Australian based air, sea and land search and rescue services not be terminated.
- Mr Cadman, from 104 petitioners, praying that Medicare funding of abortion be terminated as soon as possible.
- Mr Campbell, from 21 petitioners, praying that any proposal to change the Australian flag be rejected.
- Ms Fatin, from 2344 residents of the south west region of Western Australia, praying that the south west region of Western Australia be included in the 1992-94 program for expansion of SBS television services.

Mr T. A. Fischer, from 86 petitioners, praying that the new five dollar note be reviewed.

Mr Hall, from 117 petitioners, praying that Medicare funding of abortion be discontinued without delay.

Mr Halverson, from 135 petitioners, in similar terms.

Mr Halverson, from 15 petitioners, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Mack, from 285 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to limit the activity of the Papua New Guinea defence forces in Bougainville and to improve the circumstances of Bougainville's civilian population.

Mr Mack, from 31 petitioners, praying that the use of genetic engineering and cloning of human beings, animals, plant life, microbes and foods be prohibited.

Mr Snow, from 57 electors of the Division of Eden-Monaro, praying for an adjustment to the parental income threshold entitlement to Austudy.

Mr Taylor, from 1 petitioner, praying that importation of goods supported by subsidies and other non-tariff or dumping measures be stopped and that tariffs remain in place while other nations use such measures.

Petitions received.

**3 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Scholes (Chairman) presented the following report and related papers:

Procedure—Standing Committee—The standing orders governing disorder and strangers—

Report, 13 October 1992.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Scholes made a statement in connection with the report.

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.

**4 MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Hawker, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

Mr Hawker made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

**5 FLAGS AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Hawker, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Flags Act 1953* to ensure that the Australian National Flag is not altered except with the approval of the Australian people voting in a referendum, that the Australian National Flag is not supplanted by use of the powers under the Act, and that the appointment of other flags and ensigns is subject to disallowance by either House of the Parliament.

Mr Hawker made a statement in relation to the Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, in accordance with sessional order 104A.

**6 DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH:** Mr Langmore, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House endorses the statement on the distribution of wealth in Australia, entitled “Common Wealth for the Common Good”, issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference and in particular supports the recommendations

relating to (a) support for developing countries, (b) monitoring the Australian financial system, (c) a strengthened commitment to growth of employment, (d) improved availability of housing, (e) progressive and equitable taxation and social security systems, (f) improvements in health services and Medicare, (g) funding for education, (h) development of co-ordinated family policies, (i) justice for Aboriginal people, (j) recognition of the common good and of equity in all areas of Australian society and (k) the conduct of an inquiry into the distribution of wealth in Australia by the Commonwealth Government to be completed no later than 1994-95.

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.

**7 TARIFFS AND INDUSTRY POLICIES:** Mr Cleary, pursuant to notice, moved—  
That this House:

- (1) calls on the Prime Minister to acknowledge that international trade is not carried out on a level playing field;
- (2) calls on the Government to immediately institute a halt to tariff and quota reduction; and
- (3) urges the Government to implement industry policies designed to protect the jobs of those in Australia's manufacturing base.

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.

**8 HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIBET:** Mr Nehl, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House acknowledges the progress being made in human rights questions in the Tibet Autonomous Region since the visit of the Australian Human Rights Delegation to China in July 1991.

Debate ensued.

It being approximately 12.30 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 104A and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

**9 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.

**10 MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements were made.

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

*Paper:* Mr Kerin (Minister for Trade and Overseas Development) presented the following paper:

A success story—Australia's trading performance—Minister for Trade and Overseas Development, October 1992.

Questions without notice concluded.

**12 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** The Speaker presented the following paper:

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 2 of 1992-93—Efficiency audit—Department of Defence: Commercial activity in the Defence Science and Technology Organisation.

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. 2 of 1992-93; and
- (2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

**13 PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

- Australian Securities Commission Act—Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 1991-92.
- Data-Matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report, October 1992.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1991-92.
- Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report pursuant to the Life Insurance Act, Insurance Act, Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act and Occupational Superannuation Standards Act, for 1991-92.
- Nursing home standards review panel—Report for 1991-92.
- Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 1991-92.
- University of Canberra Act—Council of the University of Canberra—Report for 1991.

**14 NURSING HOME STANDARDS REVIEW PANEL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Nursing home standards review panel—Report for 1991-92.

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

**15 HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report for 1991-92.

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

**16 INSURANCE AND SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Insurance and Superannuation Commission—Report pursuant to the Life Insurance Act, Insurance Act, Insurance (Agents and Brokers) Act and Occupational Superannuation Standards Act, for 1991-92.

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

**17 DATA-MATCHING PROGRAM—PROGRESS REPORT—PAPER AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security) presented the following paper:

Data-Matching Program (Assistance and Tax) Act—Department of Social Security and the Data-Matching Agency—Report on progress, October 1992.

Dr Blewett, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:

Data-Matching Program progress report for the Department of Social Security and the Data-Matching Agency—Ministerial statement, 15 October 1992—

and moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Free—Minister for Science and Technology), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON GENETIC MANIPULATION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Free (Minister for Science and Technology), by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the Government's response to the report on genetic manipulation by the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, and presented the following papers:

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Report—Genetic manipulation: The threat or the glory?—Government response—

Ministerial statement, 15 October 1992.

Schedule of responses to committee recommendations, 15 October 1992.

Mr Free moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

- 19 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION:** The House was informed that Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Prime Minister's policy backflips which have prolonged the effects of the recession he engineered and the suffering of the Australian people".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Dr Hewson addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 20 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, 5 November 1992.

- 21 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—20TH REPORT:** Mr Gorman (Chairman) presented the following report:

#### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 20TH REPORT

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The Committee, having considered petitions and documents presented to the Parliament since 17 September 1992, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1991.

Industry Commission Act—Industry Commission—Report—Water resources and waste water disposal, 17 July 1992 (No. 26).

Meat Research Corporation Act—Meat Research Corporation—Report for 1991-92.

National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Report for 1991-92.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—  
Report for 1991-92, including reports pursuant to the Complaints  
(Australian Federal Police) Act and the Freedom of Information Act.  
Social Security Act—Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for  
1991-92.

Trade Practices Act—Trade Practices Commission—Report for 1991-92.

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 1 of 1992-93—Ministerial  
portfolios: Budget sittings 1992—Corrigendum.

**RUSS GORMAN**  
Chairman

15 October 1992

Mr Gorman, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

**22 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE—  
STATEMENT BY MEMBER:** Mr Kerr, by leave, made a statement concerning  
the future program of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations  
and Securities.

**23 STANDING ORDERS—ADOPTION, OMISSION AND AMENDMENTS:** Mr Beazley  
(Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That:

(1) the following sessional orders be adopted as standing orders:

- (a) 28B (General purpose standing committees) (adopted 8 May 1990,  
as amended 4 September 1991, 29 November 1991, a.m., and  
4 May 1992);
- (b) 28C (Standing Committee on Procedure) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (c) 40 (Days and hours of meeting) (adopted 8 May 1990, as amended  
6 December 1990);
- (d) 48A (Adjournment and next meeting) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (e) 101 (Routine of business) (adopted 8 May 1990, as amended  
6 December 1990);
- (f) 101A (Question time) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (g) 102A, 102B and 102C (relating to committee and delegation  
reports) (adopted 8 May 1990, as amended 6 December 1990);
- (h) 104 (Precedence to government and private Members' business)  
(adopted 8 May 1990);
- (i) 104A (Private Members' business—procedure) (adopted 8 May  
1990, as amended 14 March 1991);
- (j) 104B (Withdrawal of private Members' business) (adopted 8 May  
1990);
- (k) 106 (Grievance debate) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (l) 106A (Statements by Members) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (m) 107 (Discussion of matter of public importance) (adopted 8 May  
1990);
- (n) 112, 113, 115, 118, 119, 120, 127, 129, 130 and 132 (relating to  
petitions) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (o) 133 (Notices of motion—how given) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (p) 135 (Order of notices) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (q) 139 (Terms of notice altered) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (r) 193 (When division may be taken) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (s) 211 (Initiation of bills) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (t) 347 (Report and minutes presented) (adopted 8 May 1990);
- (u) 348 (Consideration set down) (adopted 8 May 1990);

(2) standing order 91 be amended by omitting:

“Other bills (Opposition Member)—”

and substituting:

“Other bills (Opposition or other non-government Member)—”

- (adopted as a sessional order 8 May 1990);
- (3) standing order 25 (Standing Orders Committee) be omitted;
  - (4) standing order 109 (General business—priority to notices) be omitted;
  - (5) for the purpose of altering the title of Chairman of Committees to Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees, the following additional changes be made to the standing orders:
    - (a) the first paragraph of standing order 13 (Chairman of Committees appointed) be omitted, and the following paragraph be substituted:
 

“13. At the commencement of each Parliament, or whenever the office becomes vacant, a Member shall be appointed by the House to be Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees.”;
    - (b) the following new standing order be inserted after standing order 13:
 

*Duty of Chairman*

“13A. The Chairman of Committees shall take the Chair whenever a committee of the whole is constituted.”;
    - (c) the last sentence of standing order 16 (Continued absence of Speaker) be omitted, and the following sentence be substituted:
 

“The Acting Chairman of Committees shall take the Chair as Deputy Speaker whenever requested to do so by the Acting Speaker during a sitting without any formal communication to the House.”;
    - (d) standing order 17 (Speaker relieved by Deputy Speaker) be amended by omitting “as Deputy Speaker”;
    - (e) standing order 19 (Speaker relieved by Deputy Chairman) be omitted and the following standing order be substituted:
 

*Speaker relieved by Deputy Chairman*

“19. The Speaker or the Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees, may call on any one of the Deputy Chairmen to take the Chair as Deputy Speaker.”;
    - (f) the following standing orders or headings be amended as indicated by inserting before “Chairman” (wherever occurring) “Deputy Speaker and”:
      - (i) heading to Chapter III (SPEAKER, CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMEN AND OFFICERS);
      - (ii) heading to standing order 13 (Appointment of Chairman);
      - (iii) standing order 13 after the first paragraph;
      - (iv) heading before standing order 14 (Absence of Speaker and Chairman);
      - (v) standing order 14 (Absence of Speaker);
      - (vi) standing order 15 (Absence of Speaker and Chairman of Committees);
      - (vii) standing order 17 (Speaker relieved by Deputy Speaker);
      - (viii) standing order 22 (When vacancy in Speakership, Chairman to fix time of meeting);
      - (ix) standing order 91 (Time limits);
      - (x) standing order 241 (Verbal or formal amendments);
      - (xi) standing order 325 (Speaker and Chairman of Committees);
    - (g) standing order 370 (Messages to be signed by Speaker or Deputy Speaker) be amended by inserting “and Chairman of Committees” after “Deputy Speaker”;
  - (6) sessional order 28D (Selection Committee) (adopted 8 May 1990, as amended 14 March 1991), be further amended by inserting “Deputy Speaker and” before “Chairman” for the purpose of altering the title of Chairman of Committees to Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees, and that it be adopted as a standing order; and

(7) the amendments to the standing orders adopted by this resolution be effective from and including 3 November 1992.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 24 **SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1992:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Social Security Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Dr Blewett moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Dr Blewett presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

- 25 **BANKING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts relating to banking.

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

- 26 **MEDICARE LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medicare Levy Act 1986*, 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 Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 27 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 5) 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 following Bills:

Income Tax (Dividends and Interest Withholding Tax) Amendment 1992.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 5) 1992.

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

- 28 **INCOME TAX (DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST WITHHOLDING TAX) AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** Mr Baldwin (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (Dividends and Interest Withholding Tax) Act 1974*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 29 **CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 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 Beddall (Minister for Small Business, Construction and Customs), the Bill was read a third time.

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

15 October 1992—Message—

No. 537—Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Legislation Amendment 1992.

No. 538—Social Security Amendment 1992.

No. 539—Social Security Amendment (No. 2) 1992.

31 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION BILL 1992:**  
The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 536

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act relating to discrimination on the ground of disability*”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA  
President

The Senate,  
Canberra, 15 October 1992

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

*In the committee*

**SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE**

No. 1—Clause 31, page 22, line 2, omit “The regulations may prescribe regulations”, substitute “The Minister may formulate standards”.

No. 2—Clause 31, page 22, at end of clause, add the following subclauses:

“(2) Disability standards formulated in accordance with this section are to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the disability standards are formulated and take effect only as provided by the following provisions of this section.

“(3) If:

(a) notice of a motion to amend the disability standards is given in either House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days after the disability standards have been laid before that House; and

(b) the disability standards, whether or not as amended, are subsequently approved by that House; and

(c) the other House approves the disability standards in the form approved by the first-mentioned House;

the disability standards take effect in the form so approved from the day on which that other House approves the disability standards in that form.

“(4) If no notice of a motion to amend the disability standards is given in the House of Representatives or the Senate within 15 sitting days of the particular House after the guidelines have been laid before that House, the guidelines take effect from the day immediately after that 15th sitting day or, where that day differs in respect of each House, the later of those days.”

No. 3—Clause 50, page 29, subclause (1), line 12, after “telecommunications services”, insert “through payphones and public payphones”.

No. 4—Clause 50, page 29, subclause (2), at end of subclause, add the following definitions:

“; ‘payphone’ has the same meaning as in the *Telecommunications Act 1991*;

‘public payphone’ has the same meaning as in the *Telecommunications Act 1991*”.

On the motion of Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

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

32 **PIPELINE AUTHORITY 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.

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 Beale, by leave, the following amendments were made together, after debate:

Clause 13—

Page 6, line 21, omit “section is”, substitute “sections are”.

Page 7, at the end of the clause add the following proposed section:

**Sale or disposal of pipeline not prevented**

“16B. Nothing in this Act is to be taken to prevent the sale or disposal of a pipeline.”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to—Mr Mack dissenting.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Nehl reported accordingly.

Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, Housing and Community Services), by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Question—put and passed—Mr Mack dissenting.

Mr Johns, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed—Mr Mack dissenting.

Bill read a third time.

33 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Rocher who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House notes the current high levels of taxation in Australia, and the high compliance costs resulting from the Government’s taxation policies”.

Debate adjourned (Mr R. J. Brown—Minister for Land Transport), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

34 **ADJOURNMENT**: Mr R. J. Brown (Minister for Land Transport) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr Filing rising to address the House—

*Closure*: Mr R. J. Brown 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 11.05 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 3 November 1992, at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 October 1992:

Customs Act—Instruments of approval—1992 Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34.

Public Service Act—Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination—1992 No. 5.

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**ATTENDANCE:** All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Broadbent, Mr Cadman, Mr Cameron\*, Mr Chaney, Dr Charlesworth, Mr Dawkins, Mr Duffy, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mrs Gallus, Mr Gear, Mr Jones, Dr Kemp, Mr A. A. Morris, Dr Theophanous and Mr Tuckey.

\* On leave

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**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives