

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 159

WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 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 **REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Mr Halverson, by leave, moved—That the business of the House be suspended this day from 11 a.m. to 11.02 a.m. in order to allow Members and others within this place to commemorate Remembrance Day in the traditional manner by observing two minutes of silence.
Question—put and passed.
 - 3 **PAPERS:** Mr Price (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence) presented supplementary explanatory memoranda to the following Bills:
Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 6) 1992.
Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) 1992.
 - 4 **STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) 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.
Limitation of debate: At 10.40 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—
Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 340, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.
Further question—That the remaining stages of the Bill be agreed to—put and passed—Bill read a third time.
 - 5 **STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed by Dr Kemp who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House condemns the Government for its failure to give priority to raising standards of schooling in Australia to international levels, and for the unjustified restrictions it continues to impose on the right of parents to choose their children’s schooling”.
Amendment negatived.

Limitation of debate: At 10.45 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 341, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

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

- 6 **SALES TAX LAWS 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 having been resumed by Mr Rocher—

Remembrance Day: At 11 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day, business was suspended.

To commemorate Remembrance Day all Members present stood, in silence.
At 11.02 a.m., business resumed.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 11.25 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

- 7 **SALES TAX IMPOSITION (IN SITU POOLS) BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Limitation of debate: At 11.30 a.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

- 8 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (CAR PARKING) 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 McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

- 9 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 342, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Ms McHugh (Minister for Consumer Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

10 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS: Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 9, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

11 CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

12 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

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

Audit Act—Auditor-General—Audit report No. 5 of 1992-93—Project audit—Australian Taxation Office: Electronic lodgment service.

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. 5 of 1992-93; and

(2) the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

14 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for 1991-92.

Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation—Report for period 1 February to 30 June 1992.

Australian Wool Industry Council Act—Australian Wool Industry Council—1st report, for 1991-92.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1991-92.
Health Insurance Commission—Report for 1991-92.

Royal Australian Air Force Boeing accident inquiry—Accident involving No. 33 Squadron Boeing 707-368C A20-103 near East Sale on 29 October 1991—Summary of inquiry, November 1992.

Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Limited—Report for 1991-92.

15 AUSTRALIAN AND OVERSEAS 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 and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation Act—Australian and Overseas Telecommunications Corporation—Report for period 1 February to 30 June 1992.

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

- 16 **AUSTRALIAN WOOL INDUSTRY COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:
 Australian Wool Industry Council Act—Australian Wool Industry Council—1st report, for 1991-92.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Smith), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 17 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AGENCY—REPORT—PUBLICATION OF PAPER:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the report for 1991-92 of the Affirmative Action Agency.
 Question—put and passed.
- 18 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT:** 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 Government’s total incompetence in delivering reform and appropriate economic management, epitomised by the failure of the ‘One Nation’ statement”.
 The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
 Mr T. A. Fischer addressed the House.
 Discussion ensued.
 Discussion concluded.
- 19 **DEFENCE LOGISTICS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—APPROVAL OF WORK:** 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: Defence Logistics Redevelopment Project—Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
- 20 **MIGRATION 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 by Mr Ruddock who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House:
 (1) deploras the Government’s failure to control the refugee determination process, commencing with former Prime Minister Hawke’s decision on the People’s Republic of China nationals in Australia at the time of the Tienanmen Square massacre;
 (2) notes the lamentable time delays in moving to reform the refugee determination system; and
 (3) regrets that the further proposals put by the Coalition to limit judicial appeals, to require leave to access review procedures and to redeploy staff to the refugee screening process have been ignored”.
 Debate continued.
Limitation of debate: At 5.25 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—
 Amendment negatived.

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

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

- 21 **MIGRATION (DELAYED VISA APPLICATIONS) TAX BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Limitation of debate: At 5.30 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

- 22 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** Message No. 549, dated 10 November 1992, from the Senate was reported acquainting the House that the Senate had extended the time for the presentation of the report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts on its inquiry into the Midford Paramount case and related matters to 17 December 1992.

- 23 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

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

Anti-dumping legislation—Senate Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology—Report of inquiry into Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing legislation—International comparison: Cumulative time limits for anti-dumping actions—Graph.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 6.10 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

- 24 **CUSTOMS LEGISLATION (ANTI-DUMPING 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.

Limitation of debate: At 6.15 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

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

- 25 **CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) 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.

- 26 **QANTAS SALE BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Limitation of debate: At 7.05 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 343, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

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

- 27 **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Dr Kemp who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not opposing the passage of this Bill, the House condemns the Government for:

- (1) its failure over nine years to ensure the satisfactory development of vocational education and training in Australia and for creating a training emergency; and
- (2) the excessively bureaucratic and centralist character of many aspects of the Government’s national training agenda and for the confusion, complexity and uncertainty created by its current proposals”.

Debate continued.

Limitation of debate: At 7.55 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Amendment negatived.

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

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

- 28 **VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING BILL 1992:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Limitation of debate: At 8 p.m., the Deputy Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 344, dated 5 November 1992, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

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

29 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 8.01 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 11 November 1992:

Disability Services Act—Guidelines No. DSRP 1/1992.

Public Service Act—Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination—1992 No. 6.

ATTENDANCE: All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cameron*, Mr Cowan, Mr Goodluck, Mr Howe, Mr Kerin and Mr MacKellar.

*On leave

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives