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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 21

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 1993

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Stephen Martin) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

**2 QANTAS SALE AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

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 Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), the Bill was read a third time.

**3 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION LIMITED SALE BILL 1993**

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 Connolly 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 is of the view that any sale of the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation should not undervalue this Commonwealth asset”.

Debate continued.

Mr McGauran addressing the House—

It being approximately 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.

**4 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 and 4, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**5 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were asked.

**6 PAPERS**

The following papers were presented:

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1992.

Supplementary explanatory memoranda to the following Bills:

Superannuation (Financial Assistance Funding) Levy 1993;

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) 1993;

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Consequential Amendments 1993; and

Superannuation (Resolution of Complaints) 1993.

**7 PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER**

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the following paper:

Defence Force Discipline Act—Judge Advocate General—Report for 1992.

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

**8 EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (REGISTRATION OF PROVIDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Dr Wooldridge—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**9 OVERSEAS STUDENTS TUITION ASSURANCE LEVY BILL 1993**

Mr Beazley (Minister for Employment, Education and Training) presented a Bill for an Act to allow levies to be imposed by the rules of a tuition assurance scheme established for the purposes of section 7A of the *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration of Providers and Financial Regulation) Act 1991*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

Debate adjourned (Dr Wooldridge—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**10 STATES GRANTS (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 1992*.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**11 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

Mr Free (Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain laws relating to vocational education and training.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Free presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**12 SOCIAL SECURITY (BUDGET AND OTHER MEASURES) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the 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.

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

*Paper:* Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**13 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1993**

Mr Sciacca (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Sciacca presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

**14 AUSTRALIAN WINE AND BRANDY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

Mr Crean (Minister for Primary Industries and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Crean presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

#### 15 CSL SALE BILL 1993

Mr Johns (Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the sale of CSL Limited, 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 (Mr Prosser), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

#### 16 AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Mr O'Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Land Transport Development Act 1988*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr O'Keefe moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

*Paper:* Mr O'Keefe presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.

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

#### 17 CHILDCARE REBATE BILL 1993

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of rebates for a proportion of certain child care expenses incurred by families.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

#### 18 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 29 September 1993, were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

Message—

No. 62—Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—Excise) 1993 (*without requests*).

No. 63—Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—General) 1993 (*without requests*).

No. 64—Protection of the Sea (Oil Pollution Compensation Fund) 1993.

No. 65—Protection of the Sea (Imposition of Contributions to Oil Pollution Compensation Fund—Customs) 1993 (*without requests*).

19 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION LIMITED SALE BILL  
1993

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Debate resumed.

Amendment negatived.

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. 38, dated 16 September 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 35, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

*Proposed new clause—*

Mr Katter moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill:

**Consideration to be given to retention of SMEC’s capacity to undertake projects of national significance**

“35A. In the management of the sale of SMEC, the Minister for Finance take into consideration that any purchaser of shares should be such that SMEC retains its interest in undertaking projects of national developmental significance.”.

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Dobie reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

20 HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL  
(NO. 2) 1993

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. 39, dated 23 September 1993, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mr Humphreys	Mr Punch
Mr Beazley	Mrs Easson	Mr Johns	Mr Quick
Mr Beddall	Mr Elliott	Mrs Kelly	Mr Sawford
Mr Bevis	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Sciacca
Mr Bilney	Mr Ferguson	Mr Kerr	Mr L. J. Scott
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Knott	Mrs S. J. Smith
Mr Brereton	Mr Free	Mr Langmore	Mr S. F. Smith
Mr Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lavarch	Mr Snowdon
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Staples
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Grace*	Ms McHugh	Mr Swan
Mr Cleary	Mr Griffin	Mr McLeay*	Mr Tanner
Ms Crawford	Mr Griffiths	Mr Melham	Dr Theophanous
Mr Crean	Mr Haviland	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Mrs Crosio	Ms Henzell	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Walker
Mr Cunningham	Mr Holding	Mr Newell	Mr Woods
Mr Dawkins	Mr Hollis	Mr O'Connor	
Ms Deahm	Mr Horne	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Dodd	Mr Howe	Mr Price	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Filing*	Mr McGauran	Mr Ronaldson
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Mack	Mr Ruddock
Mr Atkinson	Mr Forrest	Mr McLachlan	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Beale	Mrs Gallus	Mr Miles	Mr Slipper
Mr Bradford	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Halverson	Mrs Moylan	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Mr Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Neville	Mr Wakelin
Mr Carlton	Mr Jull	Mr Nugent	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Katter	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Pyne	Ms Worth
Mr Dobie	Mr Lieberman	Mr Reid	
Mr Downer	Mr Lloyd	Mr Reith	
Mr Evans	Mr McArthur	Mr Rocher	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Jenkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**21 THERAPEUTIC GOODS (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health), the Bill was read a third time.

**22 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1993**

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.

Bill read a first time.

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

*Paper:* Mr Gear presented an explanatory memorandum to the following Bills:

Income Tax (Franking Deficit) Amendment 1993.

Taxation Laws Amendment (No. 3) 1993.

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

**23 INCOME TAX (FRANKING DEFICIT) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (Franking Deficit) Act 1987*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

**24 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK (QUOTAS) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

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 Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

**25 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1993-94—BUDGET DEBATE**

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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Dr Wooldridge (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), viz.*—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 notes:

- (1) the likelihood of foreshadowed amendments to the Budget;
- (2) the vacillations and confusion about the Budget;
- (3) the pernicious impact on low income Australians;

- (4) the failure to reduce unemployment; and
- (5) the continuing abrogation of responsibilities towards the long-term unemployed”—

Debate resumed.

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

## 26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Bilney (Minister for Development Co-operation and Pacific Island Affairs) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 11.34 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 9.30 a.m.

## PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 September 1993:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act—Rules 1993 Regional council election (Amendment) (No. 1).

Christmas Island Act—

Casino Control Ordinance—Approval of forms—

Application for a licence as a key employee or operations employee.

Application for variation of key employee or operations employee licence.

Key employee licence.

Notification of categories of casino employees.

Operations employee licence.

Provisional key employee licence.

Provisional operations employee licence.

List of Western Australian Acts for period 6 August to 17 September 1993.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—List of Western Australian Acts for period 6 August to 17 September 1993.

## ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adams, Mr J. N. Andrew, Mr Cleeland, Mr Duffy, Mr Gibson, Mr Hawker, Mr Jones, Mr Lindsay, Mr MacKellar, Mr Peacock, Mr Simmons, Mr Sinclair, Mr Snow, Mr Somlyay, Mr Taylor, Mr Truss and Mr Willis.

**L. M. BARLIN**

Clerk of the House of Representatives