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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 44

FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER 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 PAPERS

The following papers were presented:

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1992-93.

CMTEK Limited—Report for 1992-93.

Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act—Equal employment opportunity program—Army and Air Force Canteen Service (AAFCANS)—Report for 1992-93.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Elizabeth and Middleton Reefs Marine National Nature Reserve—

Comments on the representations concerning the plan of management.

Plan of management.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report made pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act, for 1992-93.

Public Service Act—

Department of Finance—Report for 1992-93.

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report for 1992-93.

Radarscan Limited—Report for 1992-93.

Superannuation Act 1976—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating a report on the administration of the Retirement Benefits Office pursuant to the Public Service Act, for 1992-93.

3 PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS

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

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1992-93.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report made pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act, for 1992-93.

Public Service Act—

Department of Finance—Report for 1992-93.

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report for 1992-93.

Superannuation Act 1976—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating a report on the administration of the Retirement Benefits Office pursuant to the Public Service Act, for 1992-93.

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

4 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Messages from the Senate, dated 16 December 1993, were reported:

(a) returning the following Bill without amendment:

Australian National Training Authority Amendment (No. 2) 1993—Message No. 175;

(b) acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendment made by the House in the Development Allowance Authority Amendment Bill 1993—Message No. 172; and

(c) acquainting the House that the Senate has agreed to the amendments made by the House in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 1993—Message No. 173.

5 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 163

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act relating to duties of excise*", and requests the House to amend the bill as indicated by the annexed schedule.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 16 December 1993

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

*In the committee*SCHEDULE OF THE REQUEST BY THE SENATE FOR AN
AMENDMENT

Clause 6, page 4, after paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph:

“(ab) by inserting after sub-item 1(B) the following sub-item:

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| ‘(BB) | Beer produced for non-
commercial purposes using
commercial facilities or equipment | 15% of the rate applying to goods
classified to sub-item (C).’.”. |
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On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development), the requested amendment was made.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

**6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3)
1993**

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 164

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend the law relating to taxation*”, 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, 16 December 1993

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 22, page 6, proposed subsection 116CF(6), lines 7 to 10, omit the subsection, substitute the following subsection:

“(6) For the purposes of the application of subsection (2) to the CS/RA class of assessable income, the definition of “Income of class” has effect as if the following were assessable income of that class:

- (a) superannuation premiums to which subsection 111A(1) applies, being premiums in respect of CS policies;
- (b) the investment component of premiums to which section 111AA applies, being premiums in respect of RA policies.”.

No. 2—After clause 134, page 60, insert the following clauses:

General definitions

“134A. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition:

“eligible repair goods” has the meaning given by section 15C;’.

Insertion of new section

“134B. After section 15B of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part 2:

Eligible repair goods

‘15C.(1) Goods are eligible repair goods if:

- (a) the goods are parts that are used by a person (“the claimant”) exclusively in the repair, renovation or reconditioning of Australian-used goods owned by the claimant; and
- (b) as a result of that use, the goods become an integral part of the Australian-used goods; and
- (c) after the goods become an integral part of the Australian-used goods, property in the Australian-used goods passes under a contract from the claimant to another person (“the exemption user”); and
- (d) the exemption user gives the claimant a declaration under subsection (2).

‘(2) The declaration referred to in paragraph (1)(d) is a declaration that either:

- (a) the Australian-used goods; or
- (b) if the claimant has used the Australian-used goods as parts exclusively in the repair, renovation or reconditioning of other Australian-used goods so as to become an integral part of those other goods—those other goods;

are for use by the exemption user so as to satisfy one or more of exemption Items 1, 2, 18, 23, 28, 29, 33, 35, 36 and 38. The declaration must be in writing in a form approved by the Commissioner and be signed by the exemption user.

‘(3) The time when the goods become eligible repair goods is the later of the time when property in the Australian-used goods passes to the exemption user and the time when the exemption user gives the declaration to the claimant.’”.

No. 3—After clause 135, page 60, insert the following clause:

Schedule 1

“135A. Table 3 in Schedule 1 to the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following credit ground:

CR22	Tax on eligible repair goods	Claimant has borne tax on eligible repair goods.	the tax borne on the goods	when the goods became eligible repair goods
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No. 4—Clause 136, page 60, lines 34 to 36, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Application

“136.(1) The amendments made by sections 134A, 134B and 135A apply in relation to eligible repair goods where tax was borne on a dealing with the goods on or after 1 January 1993.

“(2) The amendment made by section 135 applies in relation to sales tax amending Acts that receive the Royal Assent after 26 October 1993.”.

No. 5—Clause 143, page 63, line 6, omit “CR22”, substitute “CR23”.

On the motion of Mr Gear (Assistant Treasurer), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

7 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 168

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for “*An Act to amend legislation relating to customs and excise, and for related purposes*”, 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, 16 December 1993

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 2, line 6 (page 1) to line 5 (page 2), omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

Commencement

“2.(1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 11 commence on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

“(2) Paragraph 5(c), section 8, section 16 and paragraph 17(c) commence on 1 January 1994.

“(3) The remaining provisions of this Act commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

“(4) If a provision covered by subsection (3) does not commence under that subsection within 6 months after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, it commences on the first day after the end of that period.”.

- No. 2—Clause 5, page 3, paragraph (a), proposed subsection 164(4AB), line 15, omit “1 January 1994”, substitute “1 July 1994”.
- No. 3—Clause 5, page 3, paragraph (a), proposed subsection 164(4AB), line 17, at end of subsection add “except where the applicant gave notice prior to 1 July 1994 of an intention to make an application on grounds set out in the notice”.
- No. 4—Clause 5, page 3, paragraph (c), proposed paragraph 164(4D)(b), lines 31 to 35, omit the paragraph.
- No. 5—Clause 5, page 3, paragraph (d), lines 36 to 40, omit the paragraph.
- No. 6—Clause 6, page 4, lines 1 to 21, omit the clause.
- No. 7—Clause 7, line 22 (page 4) to line 29 (page 5), omit the clause.
- No. 8—Clause 8, pages 5 and 6, paragraph (a), line 32 (page 5) to line 17 (page 6), omit the paragraph.
- No. 9—Clause 17, page 12, paragraph (a), proposed subsection 78A(4AB), line 24, omit “1 January 1994”, substitute “1 July 1994”.
- No. 10—Clause 17, page 12, paragraph (a), proposed subsection 78A(4AB), line 26, at end of subsection, add “except where the applicant gave notice prior to 1 July 1994 of an intention to make an application on grounds set out in the notice”.
- No. 11—Clause 17, page 13, paragraph (c), proposed paragraph 78A(4D)(b), lines 1 to 5, omit the paragraph.
- No. 12—Clause 17, page 13, paragraph (d), lines 6 to 10, omit the paragraph.
- No. 13—Clause 18, page 13, lines 11 to 31, omit the clause.
- No. 14—Clause 19, line 32 (page 13) to line 35 (page 14), omit the clause.
- No. 15—Clause 20, pages 14 and 15, paragraph (a), line 38 (page 14) to line 22 (page 15), omit the paragraph.
- No. 16—Clause 21, page 15, proposed subsection 80B(1), line 35, omit “78AAA, 78AAB.”.

On the motion of Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development), the amendments were agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Jenkins reported accordingly.

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

8 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—VETERANS’ AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 174

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 16 December 1993

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

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In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Part 2, Division 2, line 8 (page 2) to line 10 (page 3), omit the Division.

Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services) moved—That the amendment be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 74

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

NOES, 55

Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Filing*	Mr Mack	Mr Sharp
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Atkinson	Mr Forrest	Mrs Moylan	Mr Slipper
Mr Beale	Mrs Gallus	Mr Neville	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Prosser	Mr Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ronaldson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Hollis reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous, the House adopted the report.

Dr Theophanous moved—That Mr Elliott, Mr Fitzgibbon and the mover be appointed a committee to draw up reasons for the House of Representatives disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Dr Theophanous, on behalf of the committee, brought up such reasons, which were circulated, and are as follows:

Reasons of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate

The Bill requires full passage to implement changes to remove inconsistencies for service pension assessment and maintain the nexus of pension assessment with the Social Security Act.

Allocated pensions have the characteristics of managed investments without the constraints normally associated with a superannuation fund. For example, a superannuation fund provides fixed payments over a person's lifetime and there are no redeemable assets.

The Senate amendment excludes allocated pensions and allocated annuities from the managed investment rules in the Veterans' Entitlements Act and thereby prevents the equitable income and asset assessment of these investments compared with other forms of managed investments.

The Senate amendment will reduce the equity of the service pension income and assets tests. Pensioners with the same means and the same financial resources available to them should have the same amount of income and assets assessed for service pension purposes. People who invest in an allocated pension or allocated annuity should not be treated more beneficially than those who invest in other managed investments.

It is a principle of the income test that ongoing gains are treated as income for all investments that can be readily realised and utilised by the pensioners for their

support. There is no reason why allocated pensions and allocated annuities should be excluded and given privileged treatment.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous, the committee's reasons were adopted, after debate.

9 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CHILDCARE REBATE BILL 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 171

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to provide for the payment of rebates for a proportion of certain child care expenses incurred by families*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the bill with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

KERRY SIBRAA
President

The Senate,

Canberra, 16 December 1993

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

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE SENATE

Clause 5, page 3, after subparagraph (2)(b)(i), insert the following subparagraph:

"(ia) the other person is of the opposite sex;"

On the motion of Dr Theophanous (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Services), the amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Fitzgibbon reported accordingly.

On the motion of Dr Theophanous, the House adopted the report.

10 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1993

The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 176

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the bill for "*An Act to amend certain laws relating to vocational education and training*", 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, 16 December 1993

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 9, page 3, proposed subsection 14A(2), line 5, omit “The Minister may,”, substitute “Subject to subsection (3) and (3A), the Minister may,”.

No. 2—Clause 9, page 3, after proposed subsection 14A(3) insert the following subsection:

“(3A) Before forming an opinion under subsection (3) the Minister must seek, and have regard to, any advice provided by the Authority.”.

On the motion of Mr O’Keefe (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Communications), the amendments were agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr Fitzgibbon reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr O’Keefe, the House adopted the report.

11 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—7TH REPORT

Mr Fitzgibbon (Chairman), by leave, presented the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 7TH REPORT

The Publications Committee, having considered documents presented to the House of Representatives since 16 December 1993, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Bureau of Meteorology—Report for 1992-93.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 1992-93.

Family Law Act—Family Court of Australia—Report for 1992-93.

National Measurement Act—National Standards Commission—Report for 1992-93.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman—Report, including a report made pursuant to the Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act, for 1992-93.

Public Service Act—

Department of Finance—Report for 1992-93.

Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories—Report for 1992-93.
Superannuation Act 1976—Commissioner for Superannuation—Report, incorporating a report on the administration of the Retirement Benefits Office pursuant to the Public Service Act, for 1992-93.

ERIC FITZGIBBON
Chairman

17 December 1993

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

Question—put and passed.

12 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Mr Snow, by leave, presented the following report:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the European Institutions and Belgium, 12 September to 1 October 1993—Report, December 1993.

Mr Snow, Mr Sinclair and Mr Gibson, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

Mr Sinclair, by leave, again addressed the House.

13 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (SEA DUMPING) AMENDMENT BILL 1993

Message No. 170, dated 16 December 1993, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act 1981’*, and for related purposes”.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry, Technology and Regional Development) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate, by leave, ensued.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mrs Crosio (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Arts and Administrative Services), the Bill was read a third time.

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED

Dr Hewson (Leader of the Opposition) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith—That this House censures the Prime Minister for his failure to uphold proper standards of ministerial and parliamentary conduct in not dismissing the Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories over the gross maladministration of her portfolio and the misleading of this House in statements concerning the Community Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by standing order 91 for debate on the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Mr Martin, in the Chair)—

AYES, 58

Mr Aldred	Mr Downer	Mr McArthur	Mr B. C. Scott
Mr Anderson	Mr Evans	Mr McGauran	Mr Sharp
Mr J. N. Andrew	Mr Filing*	Mr McLachlan	Mr Sinclair
Mr K. J. Andrews	Mr Fischer	Mr Miles	Mr Slipper
Mr Atkinson	Mr Forrest	Mrs Moylan	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Beale	Mrs Gallus	Mr Neville	Mr Taylor
Mr Bradford	Mr Halverson	Mr Nugent	Mr Truss
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hawker	Mr Peacock	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cadman	Dr Hewson	Mr Prosser	Mr Vaile
Mr Cameron	Mr Hicks*	Mr Pyne	Mr Wakelin
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Reid	Mr Williams
Mr Charles	Mr Jull	Mr Reith	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Dr Kemp	Mr Rocher	Ms Worth
Mr Costello	Mr Lieberman	Mr Ronaldson	
Mr Dobie	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock	

NOES, 76

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

* Tellers

And so it was negated.

15 BUDGET PROCESSES—REFORM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER

Mr Dawkins (Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the proposed reform of the budget processes and presented the following papers:

Budget processes—Reform—

Budget consultation processes and timetable—Report of the working party.

Ministerial statement, 17 December 1993.

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

16 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS

Ordered—That business intervening before order of the day No. 9, committee and delegation reports, be postponed until a later hour this day.

17 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Blewett—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 28 October 1993*), viz.:

Procedure—Standing Committee—About time: Bills, questions and working hours—Inquiry into reform of the House of Representatives—Report, incorporating a dissenting report, 21 October 1993—

Debate resumed.

Mr Tuckey, who had already spoken, again addressed the House, by leave.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Beazley—Leader of the House), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

18 ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING

Mr Keating (Prime Minister) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Mr Dawkins (Treasurer) advised the House that today he had informed the Prime Minister of his desire to resign as Treasurer.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—BUSINESS FOR 18 DECEMBER 1993

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the business for consideration on Saturday, 18 December 1993, unless otherwise ordered, being as follows:

- (1) Messages from the Senate returning or transmitting legislation.
- (2) Notices and orders of the day, government business.
- (3) Committee and delegation reports, order of the day for the resumption of debate on the motion to take note of the report of the Standing Committee on Procedure on reforming the House of Representatives; and
- (4) Any motions for a special adjournment of the House and for leave of absence to all Members.

Question—put and passed.

20 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message No. 177, dated 17 December 1993, from the Senate was reported transmitting a resolution of the Senate authorising Senator Parer to appear before the House of Representatives Committee of Privileges for the purposes of the committee's inquiry into the alleged unauthorised disclosure of a draft report and deliberations of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts.

21 ADJOURNMENT

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 9 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 December 1993:
Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Plan—Amendment No. 9.

Child Care Act—Guidelines CCA/4B/93/3.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Road Vehicle (National Standards) Determination—1993 No. 3.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Bilney, Mr Campbell, Mr Connolly, Mr Hall, Mr Katter, Mr MacKellar, Mr Moore, Mr Nehl, Mr Simmons and Mr Somlyay.

L. M. BARLIN

Clerk of the House of Representatives