

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 156

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 1989

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr 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 Aldred, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr Chynoweth, Mrs Darling, Mr Duffy, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Gorman, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hawker, Dr Hewson, Mr Holding, Mr Jull, Mr Kent, Mr McGauran, Mr MacKellar, Mr Macphee, Mr Porter, Mr Pratt, Mr Shack and Mr Sharp, from 29, 21, 28, 26, 137, 166, 203, 559, 127, 383, 44, 10, 147, 8, 350, 85, 29, 354, 53 and 125 petitioners, respectively, praying that policies be implemented to increase Australian aid, fight poverty, protect the environment and promote human rights.

Mr Anderson, Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Cadman, Mr Cunningham, Mrs Darling, Mr Dobie, Mr Fife, Mr Kerr, Ms McHugh, Mr Porter, Mr Shack, Mr Spender and Mr Webster, from 12, 22, 109, 23, 16, 25, 44, 23, 607, 24, 44, 51 and 256 petitioners, respectively, praying that funding of abortions through Medicare cease and certain other action be taken to protect the right to life of the unborn.

Mr Anderson, Mr Beddall, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cross, Mrs Darling, Mr Jull, Mr Katter and Mr Robinson, from 85, 141, 321, 137, 20, 20, 267 and 56 petitioners, respectively, praying that steps be taken to maintain both high quality health care for the community and equity for community pharmacists.

Mr Blanchard, Mr Duffy, Mr Kerr, Mr Millar, Mr Nehl, Mr Pratt, Mr Snowdon and Mr Wilson, from 12, 12, 12, 44, 48, 23, 186 and 22 petitioners, respectively, praying that an International Earth Repair Action Decade begin on 5 June 1990.

Mr Cadman, Mr Cross, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Hall, Mr Nehl, Mr Webster and Dr Woods, from 195, 200, 98, 45, 50, 22 and 5065 petitioners, respectively, praying that the restructuring of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme be reconsidered.

Mr Anderson, Mr Cadman and Dr Woods, from 668, 60 and 113 petitioners, respectively, in similar terms.

Mr N. A. Brown, Mrs Child, Mr Halverson, Mr Peacock, Mr Reith and Mr Shipton, from 25, 59, 21, 101, 22 and 43 petitioners, respectively, praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr R. J. Brown, Mr Gear, Mr Humphreys and Mr Johns, from 673, 550, 22 and 189 petitioners, respectively, praying that support for the capital gains tax be maintained.

- Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Kent and Mr Peacock, from 83, 389 and 164 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Abortion Funding Abolition Bill be supported.
- Mr Duffy, Mr Holding and Ms McHugh, from 156, 11 and 7434 petitioners, respectively, praying that woodchipping be phased out and certain other action be taken in relation to the forests of south eastern Australia.
- Mr Beale and Mr Lamb, from 168 and 3 petitioners, respectively, praying that proposed legislation which would require companies to assess their taxable income within 15 days of the end of a financial year not be passed.
- Mrs Darling and Ms McHugh, from 20 and 420 petitioners, respectively, praying that any attempt to restrict access to abortion under Medicare be opposed.
- Mr T. A. Fischer and Dr Hewson, from 6 and 42 546 petitioners, respectively, praying that the emphasis on monetary policy be replaced by lower Government expenditure, microeconomic restructuring and reform of the taxation system.
- Mr Anderson, from 73 petitioners, praying that the allocation to roads from fuel excise revenue be increased by 10 cents per litre from existing taxes and continue at that level for the next decade with adjustments for changes in fuel prices.
- Mr Baldwin, from 600 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to bring about the end of the civil war in El Salvador.
- Mr Beale, from 570 petitioners, praying that Austudy grants be made available to students of non-government funded training establishments.
- Mr Beale, from 2 petitioners, praying that the importation and possession of child pornography be made a criminal offence and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography in the ACT.
- Mr Blanchard, from 281 petitioners, praying that action be taken to ensure the production of disposable nappies which are biodegradable and free of dioxin.
- Dr Blewett, from 21 petitioners, praying for the implementation of a breast cancer screening and education program which is covered by Medicare and accessible to all Australian women.
- Mr Halverson, from 22 petitioners, in similar terms.
- Mr N. A. Brown, from 176 petitioners, praying that Australia undertake certain steps to promote the rights of Albanians in Yugoslavia.
- Mr Cadman, from 48 petitioners, praying that action to reverse rising cost trends be taken and positive incentives provided to encourage all health funds to share the cost of health care for the sick and elderly.
- Mr Cadman, from 12 petitioners, praying that proposals to restrict creditors from carrying out legitimate credit referencing be abandoned.
- Mr Chynoweth, from 36 438 petitioners, praying that the moratorium on mining of the Antarctic continent be extended and certain other action be taken in relation to environmental protection of the Antarctic.
- Mr Chynoweth, from 114 petitioners, praying for the preparation of a conservation convention to preserve Antarctica as a world park and for certain other action to protect the Antarctic.
- Mr Gorman, from 255 petitioners, praying that the recent decision of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Remuneration Tribunal be set aside.
- Mr Katter, from 2372 petitioners, praying that the emergency telephone number service which operated in Mount Isa, before the exchange was closed, be restored.
- Mr Kerr, from 842 petitioners, praying that Government funding of abortion be abolished.
- Mr Lloyd, from 677 petitioners, praying that Federal funding for rural highways and local roads receive a higher priority and that funds so allocated not be diverted to metropolitan roads.

- Ms McHugh, from 525 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to facilitate the immediate release by South Korean authorities of Dr Kim Jin-Yeop.
- Mr Nehl, from 240 residents of Telegraph Point, NSW, praying that proposed changes to mail sorting times at the Telegraph Point post office be cancelled.
- Mr Pratt, from 720 petitioners, praying that efforts to cut expenditure on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme by reducing pharmacists' remuneration be reconsidered.
- Mr Pratt, from 24 petitioners, praying that foreign investment in Australian property, business and resources be limited to 45 per cent of each purchase.
- Mr Price, from 1057 citizens of Ukrainian origin resident in New South Wales, praying for favourable consideration of an application for a Grant-in-Aid to the Ukrainian Welfare Association.
- Mr Robinson, from 22 petitioners, praying that the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child be deferred until approved by referendum.
- Mr Saunderson, from 431 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to oppose penal code reforms in El Salvador.
- Mr Saunderson, from 17 petitioners, praying that deregulation of television content be opposed.
- Mr Shack, from 6356 petitioners, praying that the continued viability of neighbourhood pharmaceutical services be guaranteed by an adequately funded Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.
- Mr Shack, from 204 petitioners, praying that Australia register its disapproval of the practice in China of boiling alive domestic cats for human consumption.
- Mr Shack, from 86 petitioners, praying that the importation and availability of pornography in videos, films and television be banned and certain other action be taken in relation to pornography.
- Mr Snowdon, from 244 residents of Yulara, NT, praying that regular daily air services between Alice Springs and Ayers Rock be resumed and full air services to central Australia be reintroduced.
- Mr Snowdon, from 95 residents of the Northern Territory, praying that the area known as Kakadu Stage 3 be returned to its rightful owners and that proclamation of the Northern Territory *Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Act 1989* be opposed.
- Dr Woods, from 40 petitioners, praying that certain action be taken to ensure the viability of community pharmacists.

Petitions received.

3 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—PAPER: Mr Lindsay (Acting Chairman) presented the following paper:

Committee of Members' Interests—Register of Members' Interests for the 35th Parliament—Notifications of alterations of interests received during the period 1 June 1989 to 29 November 1989.

4 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Mountford (Chairman) presented the following report and related paper:

Procedure—Standing Committee—The standing orders governing the conduct of committees of the House—

Report, dated November 1989 (6th Report).

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Mountford, Mr Scholes and Mr Lindsay made statements in connection with the report.

5 TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Saunderson (Chairman) presented the following report and related paper:

Transport, Communications and Infrastructure—Standing Committee—To pay or not to pay?: Pay television and other new broadcasting-related services—Report, dated November 1989.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Saunderson, Mr Jull, Mr Langmore and Mr J. L. Scott made statements in connection with the report.

6 INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—LONDON CONFERENCE, 1989—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Uren presented the following paper:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—82nd Conference, London, September 1989—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Mr Uren made a statement in connection with the report.

7 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—35TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Mr Mildren presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—35th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Barbados, October 1989—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch.

Mr Mildren and Mr Cowan made statements in connection with the report.

8 URBAN ENVIRONMENT: Mr Tickner, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House deplores the deterioration of the urban environment in Australian cities and urges national, State and local governments to initiate policies to protect and enhance the urban environment and the quality of life in Australian cities and towns.

Debate ensued.

The time allotted for the debate having expired, the debate was interrupted, the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday, and Mr Johns was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

9 HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA: Mr MacKellar, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House:

- (1) condemns the persistent pattern of human rights violations in the Socialist Republic of Romania and notes that these violations are contrary to the Helsinki Accords and other international agreements to which Romania is a party;
- (2) calls on the Romanian Government to allow the right of free emigration;
- (3) calls on the President and Government of Romania to respect the basic right of ethnic minorities, among them 2.5 million Hungarians, Germans, Serbians, Croatians and Ukrainians, to allow their children to be educated in their native language;
- (4) calls on the Romanian Government to cease immediately the intimidation of those who seek to exercise freedom of religion;
- (5) strongly protests at the destruction of 7000 traditional villages to make way for an agricultural collectivisation program, the implementation of which has already resulted in gross abuses of human rights; and
- (6) urges the Romanian Government to institute meaningful reforms that comply with obligations under international agreements and to observe immediately the rights of national minorities, the right of emigration, freedom of religion and all human rights.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 10 **ABORTION FUNDING ABOLITION BILL 1989:** 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.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting Thursday.

- 11 **PHILATELIC MATERIAL—DISPLAY AND SALE IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE:** Mr Scholes, pursuant to notice, moved—

(1) That this House:

- (a) condemns the action of Australia Post in removing from Parliament House all facilities for the display and sale of philatelic material of the postal agencies of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Christmas Island, both of which have representation in each House of the Australian Parliament and whose residents are Australian citizens, and of Norfolk Island, an external Australian territory;
- (b) considers that Australia Post has acted improperly and has displayed significant greed by removing the display and sales of Australian territories philatelic material in order to remove competition from the excessive amount of material being produced by Australia Post; and
- (c) calls on Australia Post to reverse immediately its decision; and

(2) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur.

Mr Lamb seconded the motion.

It being 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.

- 12 **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.

Papers: Mr Braithwaite, by leave, presented the following papers:

Disability Services Amendment Bill 1989—

Draft Bill.

Draft explanatory memorandum.

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mrs Child be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

- 13 **MEMBERS' STATEMENTS:** Members' statements being made—

Paper: Dr H. R. Edwards, by leave, presented the following paper:

Fourth National Prayer Breakfast—30 October 1989—Programs for the Fourth National Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship Lunch and copy of Address given at the Breakfast by Senator Tate.

Members' statements continued.

- 14 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

- 15 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Aboriginal deaths in custody—Royal Commission—Report of inquiry into the death of—

Wayne John Dooler—Corrigendum.

Alistair Albert Riversleigh.

- Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Commissioner of Taxation—Report and financial statements, including freedom of information statement and a report pursuant to the Child Support Act, for 1988-89.
- Commonwealth Employees' Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Commission for the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation of Commonwealth Employees—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report, including freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Government (Non-tax) charges, dated 29 September 1989 (No. 422)—Summary and findings.
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Statement pursuant to section 45 relating to action taken during 1988-89 in respect of reports made to the Minister by the Industries Assistance Commission.
- National Film and Sound Archive—Review 1988-89.
- Parliamentary Counsel Act—Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Public Service Act—
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
 - Department of Social Security—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
 - Department of Transport and Communications—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report and freedom of information statement, for 1988-89.
- Royal Australian Air Force—Schedules of special purpose flights for period 1 July to 31 December 1987.
- Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Report and financial statements, including the Auditor-General's Report, for 1988-89.
- Taxation statistics 1987-88.

16 **ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY—ROYAL COMMISSION—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 of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal deaths in custody of the inquiry into the death of Alistair Albert Riversleigh.

Question—put and passed.

17 **PAPERS:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) presented the following papers: Petitions which are not in accord with standing and sessional orders of the House on the following subjects:

- Gay mardi gras (Mr L. J. Scott, 89 petitioners).
- Government funding of abortion (Mr Webster, 54 337 petitioners).
- Mortgage rates (Dr Kerr, 1246 petitioners).
- Peace tax fund (Mr Beazley, 76 petitioners).

- 18 **RAOUL WALLENBERG:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, moved—That, noting the continued international concern about the fate of Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg, who disappeared into Soviet hands in January 1945 following the defeat of Nazi forces in Budapest, and recent discussions between Soviet authorities and Raoul Wallenberg's family about his fate, this House:
- (1) affirms its admiration for the selfless and heroic work of Raoul Wallenberg in saving the lives of tens of thousands of potential victims, both Jewish and non-Jewish, of Nazi terror during the Second World War;
 - (2) urges all interested parties to continue to co-operate in a comprehensive and conclusive examination of the circumstances relating to the detention of Raoul Wallenberg by Soviet authorities from 1945 onwards; and
 - (3) resolves through its work on human rights issues, to continue to apply the universal principles of freedom, justice and humanity that so vividly manifest themselves in Raoul Wallenberg's work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **DISABILITY REFORM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER:** Mr Howe (Minister for Social Security), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the Government's strategy to assist people with disabilities, and presented the following paper:

Disability reform—Statement by Mr Howe, Minister for Social Security, dated November 1989.

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

- 20 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate, dated 29 November 1989, were reported:

- (a) agreeing to the amendments made by the House in the following Bill: Australian Federal Police Legislation Amendment (No. 2) 1989—Message No. 489.
- (b) returning the following Bill without amendment: Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) 1989-90—Message No. 490.
- (c) acquainting the House that it had referred the following matter to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts for inquiry and report:
 - An examination of the events surrounding the establishment and operation of the "unofficial PISO account" with particular reference to:
 - (a) the role and responsibility of the former manager of PISO;
 - (b) the role and responsibility of the Parliamentary Librarian;
 - (c) the role and responsibility of Computer Power as prime contractor to PISO;
 - (d) the role and responsibility of consultants employed by Computer Power on behalf of PISO;
 - (e) whether a conflict of interest did arise when a consultant, employed by Computer Power, acted in a line management position;
 - (f) the role and responsibility of other managers of PISO who were associated with this account;
 - (g) the apparent lack of involvement of the Finance Section, Parliamentary Library, with the auditing procedures of PISO's accounts and the role and responsibility of the Auditor-General in overlooking this matter; and
 - (h) whether the breaches outlined in the Auditor-General's report warrant further action—Message No. 491.

- 21 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY AND FAMILIES:** The House was informed that Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The damage being done to the

Australian economy and families as a result of the Prime Minister's broken promises".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 22 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Simmons (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by the Speaker or, in the event of the Speaker being unavailable, by the Chairman of Committees, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Member.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 23 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Mr Simmons (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel) moved—That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 24 **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Mr Simmons (Minister for Defence Science and Personnel), by leave, moved—That the following orders of the day, government business, be discharged:

Australian National University Bill 1988—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Committee—Report on Australia's relations with the South Pacific—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Commonwealth procurement guidelines—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Pulp Mills—Modern technology and environmental protection—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Retirement income policy—Paper and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Social justice for young Australians—Paper and ministerial statement—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Coringa-Herald National Nature Reserve—Papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Residents' rights in nursing homes and hostels—Final report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Residents' rights in nursing homes and hostels—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Industry, Science and Technology—Standing Committee—Report on superconductivity and related new materials—Government response—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Guidelines for the preparation of departmental annual reports—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Reform of shipping and the waterfront—Ministerial statement—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Government business enterprises reforms and telecommunications pricing—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission—Report on homeless children—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Science and technology—Ministerial statement (Mr Hawke)—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Science and technology—Ministerial statement (Mr Jones) and papers—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Census of population and housing, 1991—Ministerial statement and paper—Motion to take note of papers: Resumption of debate.

Australian Airlines Limited—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Inter-State Commission—Report on waterfront investigation—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Film Censorship Board and Films Board of Review—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Pricing Authority—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Special purpose aircraft—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Development Commission and Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Report of Auditor-General—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Interim report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Report of inquiry into death of Charles Sydney Michael—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Report of inquiry into death of Edward James Murray—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Report of inquiry into death of John Clarence Highfold—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody—Royal Commission—Report of inquiry into death of Kingsley Richard Dixon—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Northern Land Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Central Land Council—Report—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Aboriginal Development Commission—Delayed report—Paper—Motion to take note of paper: Resumption of debate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

25 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—20TH REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the 20th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

20TH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The joint committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to the Parliament since 2 November 1989, recommends that the following be printed:

Affirmative Action (Equal Employment Opportunity for Women) Act—Affirmative Action Agency—Report for period 1 June 1988 to 31 May 1989.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Anglo-Australian Telescope Board—Report for 1988-89.

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—9th Report, for 1988-89—Volumes 1 and 2.

- Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—National Capital Planning Authority—Report for period 31 January to 30 June 1989.
- Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Report for 1988-89.
- Australian Film Commission Act—
 Australian Film Commission—Report for 1988-89.
 Film Australia Pty Limited—Report for 1988-89.
- Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act—Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 1988-89.
- Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council—Report for 1988-89.
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act—Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation—Report for 1988-89.
- Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Reports—
 For 1988-89.
 The future of Australian astronomy, dated September 1989.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Report for 1988-89.
- Australian Trade Commission Act—Australian Trade Commission—Report for 1988-89.
- Bankruptcy Act—Report for 1988-89.
- Commonwealth Electoral Act—Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 1988-89.
- Commonwealth Fire Board—Report for 1988-89.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
 Reports—
 Updates of relativities, 1989.
 56th report, for 1988-89.
- Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Report for 1988-89.
- Employment, Education and Training Act—National Board of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1988-89.
- Independent Air Fares Committee Act—Independent Air Fares Committee—
 8th Report, for 1988-89.
- Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
 Government (Non-tax) charges, dated 29 September 1989 (No. 442)—
 Volume 1—Report.
 Volume 2—The importance of Government (Non-tax) charges: Appendixes C to F.
 Volume 3—Efficiency issues and public enterprises: Appendixes G to N.
 Volume 4—Studies—Public rail freight, electricity and workers compensation arrangements.
- International trade in services, dated 30 June 1989 (No. 418).
- Travel and tourism, dated 29 September 1989 (No. 423).
- Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—
 Report for 1988-89.
- International Monetary Agreements Act—Report on operation of Act, for 1988-89.
- Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Report for 1988-89.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 50—
 Informed decisions about medical procedures, dated June 1989.
- Members of Parliament (Staff) Act—Report on consultants engaged under section 4, for 1988-89.
- Merit Protection (Australian Government Employees) Act—Merit Protection and Review Agency—Reports for—
 1987-88.
 1988-89.
- National Gallery Act—Australian National Gallery—Report for 1988-89.

National Library Act—National Library of Australia—29th Report, for 1988-89.

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission Act—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 1988-89.

Ombudsman Act—Commonwealth Ombudsman and Defence Force Ombudsman—Reports for 1988-89.

Pig Industry Act—Australian Pork Corporation—Report for 1988-89.

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Corporation—Report for 1988-89.

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act—Report on working of Act, including Auditor-General's Report on National Cultural Heritage Fund, for 1988-89.

Public Service Act—

- Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Administrative Services—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Community Services and Health—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Employment, Education and Training—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Industrial Relations—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of Primary Industries and Energy—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff—Report for 1988-89.
- Department of the Treasury—Report for 1988-89.
- Public Service Commissioner—Report for 1988-89.

Rural Industries Research Act—Tobacco Research Council—Report for 1988-89.

Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act, for 1988.

Superannuation Act—

- Commissioner for Superannuation—Report for 1988-89.
- Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—Report for 1988-89.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Veterans' Review Board—Report for 1988-89.

Veterans' Entitlements Act and Public Service Act—Reports of Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for 1988-89.

War Graves Act—Office of Australian War Graves, Department of Veterans' Affairs—Report for 1988-89.

Public Service Act—Public Service Commissioner—Report for 1988-89—Corrigendum.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Corporation—Report for 1988-89—Corrigendum.

H. A. JENKINS
Chairman

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Jenkins, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

26 PUBLICATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Jenkins (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Publications:

Publications—Joint Committee—Distribution of bound volumes of Hansard—Report, dated November 1989.
Evidence received by the committee.
Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Jenkins, by leave, made a statement in connection with the report.

- 27 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT) BILL 1989:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to promote the occupational health and safety of persons employed by the Commonwealth and Commonwealth authorities, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr P. F. Morris 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.
- 28 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1989:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Industrial Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts relating to matters dealt with by the Department of Industrial Relations, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr P. F. Morris 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.
- 29 TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 6) 1989:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr P. F. Morris presented an explanatory memorandum to the Bill.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Andrew), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 30 CUSTOMS (DETENTION AND SEARCH) BILL 1989:** Mr Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care), for Mr Duffy (Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.
 Bill read a first time.
 Mr Staples moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Paper: Mr Staples 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.
- 31 PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Gear (Chairman) presented the following report and related paper:
 Privileges Committee—Matter referred to the committee on 23 November 1989—
 Report, including 2 dissenting reports, dated November 1989.
 Minutes of proceedings.
 Ordered—That the report be printed.
 Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That consideration of the report be made an order of the day for the next sitting.
 Question—put and passed.
- 32 BRISBANE AIRPORT—SANDFILLING OF INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL, OPERATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SITES—APPROVAL OF WORK:** Mr West (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: Sandfilling of international terminal, operational and commercial sites, Brisbane Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 33 SYDNEY (KINGSFORD-SMITH) AIRPORT—DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC APRON FACILITY—APPROVAL OF WORK: Mr West (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: Development of an additional domestic apron facility at Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 34 MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE: Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment: 30 November 1989—Message—
No. 493—Grain Legumes Levy Legislation Amendment 1989 (*without requests*).
No. 494—Courts and Tribunals Administration Amendment 1989.
No. 495—Appropriation (No. 1) 1989-90 (*without requests*).
No. 496—Appropriation (No. 2) 1989-90.

- 35 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1989: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 492

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend various Acts relating to matters dealt with by the Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, 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, 30 November 1989

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

- 36 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3) 1989: 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—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

AYES, 65

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Lamb*	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Langmore	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Lavarch	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Mr Lindsay	Mr Simmons
Dr Blewett	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Mr Snow
Mr Bowen	Mr Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Snowdon
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Hand	Mr Mildren	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mrs Harvey	Mr Milton	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Uren
Mrs Child	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O’Keefe	Mr Willis
Mr Cleland	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	Mr Wright
Mr Courtice	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch	
Ms Crawford	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson	
Mrs Darling	Mr Kerr	Mr Sawford	

NOES, 44

Mr Adermann	Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith
Mr Aldred	Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher
Mr Anderson	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Porter	Mr Wilson
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Pratt	Dr Woods
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Prosser	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 275, dated 7 November 1989, 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 Mr Humphreys (Minister for Veterans' Affairs), the Bill was read a third time.

37 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1989: 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 Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care), the Bill was read a third time.

38 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1989—SENATE'S MESSAGE NO. 454: The order of the day having been read for the consideration of message No. 454 from the Senate returning the National Health Amendment Bill 1989 and insisting on its amendment No. 2 disagreed to by the House—

Mr Staples (Minister for Housing and Aged Care) moved—That the House insists on disagreeing to amendment No. 2 insisted on by the Senate.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 62

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Langmore	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mr Lavarch	Mr Sciacca
Mr Beddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Lindsay	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Mr Simmons
Dr Blewett	Mr Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Snow
Mr Bowen	Mr Haad	Mr Mildren	Mr Snowdon
Mr R. J. Brown	Mrs Harvey	Mr Milton	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	Mr West
Mr Cleland	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	Mr Willis
Mr Courtice	Mr Kerin	Mr Punch	Mr Wright
Ms Crawford	Mr Kerr	Mr Saunderson	
Mr Dubois	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sawford	

NOES, 44

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Ruddock
Mr Anderson	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Shack
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sharp
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Miles	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Millar	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Porter	Mrs Sullivan
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Pratt	Mr Webster
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

39 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1989: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 497

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 insists upon its Amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

The Senate desires the reconsideration of the Bill in respect of the Amendment.

KERRY SIBRAA
PresidentThe Senate,
Canberra, 30 November 1989

Ordered—That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) moved—That the House insists on disagreeing to the amendment insisted on by the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mr R. F. Edwards, in the Chair)—

AYES, 61

Mr Baldwin	Mr Duffy	Mr Langmore	Mr Scholes
Mr Beazley	Ms Fatin	Mr Lavarch	Mr Sciacca
Mr Boddall	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Lee	Mr J. L. Scott
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Lindsay	Mr L. J. Scott
Mr Blanchard	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Mr Simmons
Dr Blewett	Mr Grace*	Mr Martin	Mr Snow
Mr Bowen	Mr Hand	Mr Mildren	Mr Snowden
Mr R. J. Brown	Mrs Harvey	Mr Milton	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Hollis	Mr A. A. Morris	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Howe	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Humphreys	Mr Mountford	Mr West
Mr Chynoweth	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Willis
Mr Cleeland	Mr Jenkins	Mr Price	Mr Wright
Mr Courtice	Mr Kerin	Mr Punch	
Ms Crawford	Mr Kerr	Mr Saunderson	
Mr Dubois	Mr Lamb*	Mr Sawford	

NOES, 43

Mr Aldred	Mr Connolly	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shack
Mr Anderson	Mr Cowan	Mr McArthur	Mr Sharp
Mr Andrew	Mr Downer	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Beale	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Miles	Mr Sinclair
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Millar	Mr Smith
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Nehl	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Pratt	Mr Webster
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Prosser	Mr Wilson
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Hawker*	Mr Reith	Dr Woods
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr Rocher	Dr Wooldridge
Mr Cobb	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

40 TENURE OF APPOINTEES TO COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNALS—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr J. L. Scott presented the following report and related papers:

Tenure of Appointees to Commonwealth Tribunals—Joint Select Committee—Report, including 2 dissenting reports, dated November 1989.

Evidence received by the committee.

Minutes of proceedings.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

41 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 5 to 15, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

42 PROPOSED PARLIAMENT HOUSE ADVISORY PANEL: Mr West (Minister for Administrative Services), having amended, by leave, notice No. 6, government business, moved:

(1) That a Parliament House Advisory Panel be established, to advise the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on proposals for significant works in Parliament House.

(2) That the following provisions apply to the Panel:

(a) the Panel shall consist of 8 members, as follows:

(i) the President or a person appointed by the President to represent the President, and one other person appointed by the President,

(ii) the Speaker or a person appointed by the Speaker to represent the Speaker, and one other person appointed by the Speaker,

(iii) the Minister designated by the Prime Minister as the relevant responsible Minister or a person appointed by the Minister to represent the Minister, and one other person appointed by the Minister,

(iv) the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives or a person appointed by the Leader to represent the Leader, and

(v) a chairman who is an eminent member or former member of either House of the Parliament, appointed by the President and the Speaker after consultation with the Minister and the Leader of the Opposition;

(b) members shall be appointed to the Panel within 15 days after this resolution has been agreed to by both Houses of the Parliament, and shall hold office until the expiration of 15 days after the first meeting of the House of Representatives after the second general election occurring after this resolution has been so agreed to;

(c) members of the Panel, other than those appointed under paragraph (b), shall be appointed within 15 days after the first meeting of the House of Representatives after a general election of the House, and shall hold office until the expiration of 15 days after the first meeting of the House after the next ensuing general election;

(d) a member of the Panel other than the President, the Speaker, the Minister and the Leader of the Opposition may resign the member's office by writing addressed to the President and the Speaker, and the consequent vacancy shall be filled by the President, the Speaker, the Minister or the Leader of the Opposition, as the case requires;

(e) a member of the Panel appointed by the President, the Speaker, the Minister or the Leader of the Opposition may be removed from office, and the consequent vacancy filled, by the President, the Speaker, the Minister or the Leader of the Opposition, as the case may be;

- (f) if the chairman is not present at a meeting of the Panel the Panel may elect a member to act as chairman for the purposes of that meeting;
 - (g) the quorum of the Panel shall be 4 members;
 - (h) questions before the Panel shall be decided by a majority of members present and voting, including the chairman or member acting as chairman, and if the votes on a question are equally divided the chairman or member acting as chairman shall have a casting vote; and
 - (i) the President and the Speaker may determine allowances for expenses and fees to be paid, out of an appropriation provided by the Parliament, to members of the Panel, other than the President, the Speaker, the Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, in respect of their service as members of the Panel, and a copy of each such determination shall be laid before each House of the Parliament within 5 sitting days of that House after the determination is made.
- (3) That all proposals made to or by the President or the Speaker, or the President and the Speaker, for works in Parliament House, which are designated by the chairman, in accordance with guidelines determined by the Panel, as significant works, be referred to the Panel.
 - (4) That a copy of guidelines determined in accordance with paragraph (3) be laid before each House of the Parliament within 5 sitting days of that House after the guidelines are determined.
 - (5) That the Panel provide to the President and the Speaker a report on each proposal referred to the Panel, and draw attention to any aspects of the proposal the Panel considers significant, particularly having regard to the effect of the works referred to in the proposal on the architectural and aesthetic integrity of Parliament House.
 - (6) That it is expected that, in considering a proposal, the Panel will obtain and have regard to appropriate advice.
 - (7) That the President and the Speaker attach to each report provided to them a statement indicating:
 - (a) the action required to give effect to the proposed works referred to in the report;
 - (b) whether that action is the responsibility of the President or the Speaker or of the President and the Speaker; and
 - (c) whether it is intended that that action be undertaken.
 - (8) That a copy of each report and attached statement be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the provision of the report to the President and the Speaker.
 - (9) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

Closure: Mr Beazley 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 9.50 p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr Speaker, or by the Chairman of Committees, in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 November 1989:

Defence Housing Authority Act—Statement relating to a joint venture between the Defence Housing Authority and Delfin Property Group Limited for the development of land at Holsworthy, NSW, approved by Minister on 29 November 1989.

Fisheries Act—Notices—Nos. 204A, 212A.

Treaties—Text of—

Which have been signed for Australia and which require further action by Australia before the treaty can enter into force for Australia—

- (1) Protocol amending the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income of 11 February 1969. Signed at Canberra 16 October 1989.
- (2) Agreement between Australia and the Kingdom of Thailand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income. Signed at Canberra 31 August 1989.
- (3) Protocol amending the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income of 13 April 1976. Signed at Paris 19 June 1989.
- (4) Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between Australia and the Kingdom of Spain. Signed at Madrid 3 July 1989.
- (5) Treaty between Australia and the Republic of Portugal on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters. Signed at Lisbon 4 July 1989.
- (6) Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of Canada on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters. Signed at Ottawa 19 June 1989.
- (7) Agreement between Australia and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income. Signed at Canberra 24 May 1989.
- (8) Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunications Union. Signed at Nice 30 June 1989.

To which Australia has become a party by signature—

- (9) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement to further extend the operation of Article 18 (3) of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income of 11 February 1969. Signed at Canberra 16 October 1989. Entry into force 16 October 1989, the date of the Note in reply.
- (10) Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement to amend the Schedule to the Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan for Air Services of 19 January 1956. Signed at Canberra 15 June 1989. Entry into force 15 June 1989, the date of the Note in reply.
- (11) Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Signed at Canberra 6 August 1989. Entry into force 6 August 1989 pursuant to Article 8.
- (12) Treaty on Development Co-operation between the Government of Australia and the Government of Papua New Guinea, and Exchange of Letters. Signed at Canberra 24 May 1989. The Treaty entered into force when Notes were exchanged at Port Moresby 1 September 1989 pursuant to Article 11.1. The Letters entered into force on 24 May 1989, the date of the Letter in reply.

- (13) Protocol between the Government of Australia and the Government of Thailand concerning the Financing of a Railway Project in Thailand. Signed at Canberra 31 August 1989. Entry into force 31 August 1989 pursuant to Article 5.
- (14) Protocol between Australia and Sweden further amending the Treaty concerning Extradition of 20 March 1973. Signed at Canberra 11 May 1989. Entry into force 10 June 1989, thirty days following signature, pursuant to Article 3.1.
- (15) Exchange of Letters constituting an Accord between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics relating to Co-operation in Civil Aviation. Signed at Moscow 5-12 July 1989. Entry into force 12 July 1989, the date of the Letter in reply.
- (16) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning Defense Logistic Support. Signed at Sydney 4 November 1989. Entry into force 4 November 1989 pursuant to Article XX.1.
- (17) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning Defense Communications Services. Signed at Canberra 6 November 1989. Entry into force 6 November 1989 pursuant to Article IX.1.

Which Australia has accepted or to which Australia has acceded—

- (18) Amendment done at Rome, November 1983, to Article I (a) of the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific Region of 27 February 1956, as amended. Instrument of acceptance deposited for Australia 24 October 1989. The Amendment is not yet in force.
- (19) Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the German Democratic Republic concerning the Treatment of War Graves of Members of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the German Democratic Republic, done at Berlin 27 April 1987. Instruments of accession deposited for Australia at London and Berlin 11 October 1989. Entry into force for Australia 11 October 1989 pursuant to Article 6 (2).
- (20) Convention on the means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, done at Paris 14 November 1970. Instrument of acceptance, subject to reservation to Article 10, deposited for Australia 30 October 1989. Entry into force for Australia 30 January 1990.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Cunningham, Mr P. S. Fisher*, Mr Griffiths, Mr Jones, Mr Katter*, Dr Klugman*, Mr Moore, Mr Taylor, Mr Tuckey and Mr White.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives