

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 108

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 1982

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- 1 The House met, at 1.45 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Right Honourable Sir Billy Snedden) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **MINISTERIAL CHANGE AND ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) informed the House that, following the resignation yesterday of Sir Phillip Lynch as Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr Peacock had been appointed Minister for Industry and Commerce.
Mr Fraser also informed the House that, during the absence of Mr Street (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Sinclair (Minister for Defence) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
 - 3 **PAPER:** The following paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Copy of letter from Mr W. J. O'Reilly, Commissioner of Taxation, to Mr J. B. Reid, dated 24 September 1982, concerning alleged unsatisfied tax liabilities.
 - 4 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GENERAL BUSINESS NOTICE:** Mr Fraser (Prime Minister) moved—That so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent notice No. 1, general business, given for Tuesday, 12 October 1982, by the Leader of the Opposition, being called on forthwith.
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.
 - 5 **COMMITTEE OF REVIEW OF COMMONWEALTH ADMINISTRATION—APPOINTMENT OF MR J. B. REID:** Mr Hayden (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—
 - (1) deploras the Prime Minister's personal choice of Mr J. B. Reid as a member of the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Administration because the said Mr Reid was a director of 4 separate companies which were sold on 28 June 1977 to 6 directors who are identifiably part of the Brian J. Maher Group shown by the McCabe Lafranchi report as being responsible for massive tax evasion practices, the Maher Group directors in question being John Patrick Donnelly, Terence John Reilly, Al Gottersen, Graham Goldberg, Lee Gabriel Hurley and Geoffrey Delco;
 - (2) condemns the preference of the Government for people identified as being engaged in tax avoidance and evasion to represent it on public instrumentalities, boards and on committees of inquiry, and
 - (3) calls on the Prime Minister to have Mr Reid stand down immediately from the Committee of Review of Commonwealth Administration, the Board of Qantas Airways Limited and the Board of the Australian Bi-Centennial Authority, to which he was appointed by this Government, until these matters are fully investigated.

Papers: Mr Hayden, by leave, during his speech, presented the following papers:

Ace Drive Yourself Pty Limited—Copies of—

Annual return made up to 30 December 1977.

Balance sheet as at 30 June 1977.

Declaration of solvency, dated 1 February 1977.

Names and addresses of directors and secretaries at time of sale to dealer, following purchase by dealer and following final sale by dealer, and registered office addresses prior to purchase, following purchase and following final sale.

Notice of address of registered office and of office hours and of particulars of changes, dated 23 June 1978.

Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries, dated 23 June 1978.

All Cars Drive Yourself Pty Limited—Copies of—

Annual return made up to 30 December 1977.

Balance sheet as at 30 June 1977.

Declaration of solvency, dated 1 February 1977.

Names and addresses of directors and secretaries at time of sale to dealer, following purchase by dealer and following final sale by dealer, and registered office addresses prior to purchase, following purchase and following final sale.

Avis Air Charter System Pty Limited—Copy of declaration of solvency, dated 1 February 1977.

Exeat Pty Limited—Copies of—

Annual return made up to 30 December 1977.

Balance sheet as at 30 June 1977.

Declaration of solvency, dated 1 March 1977.

Names and addresses of directors and secretaries at time of sale to dealer, following purchase by dealer and following final sale by dealer.

Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries, dated—

27 April 1976.

9 June 1978.

23 June 1978.

Kenny's Drive Yourself Pty Limited—Copies of—

Balance sheet as at 30 June 1977.

Declaration of solvency, dated 1 February 1977.

Names and addresses of directors and secretaries at time of sale to dealer, following purchase by dealer and following final sale by dealer, and registered office addresses prior to purchase, following purchase and following final sale.

Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries, dated—

28 June 1977 (2).

9 June 1978.

Paravane Pty Limited—Copies of—

Balance sheet as at 30 June 1977.

Certificate of incorporation on change of name of company—Change of name of Avis Air Charter System Pty Limited to Paravane Pty Limited, dated 20 May 1977.

Names and addresses of directors and secretaries at time of sale to dealer, following purchase by dealer and following final sale by dealer, and registered office addresses prior to purchase, following purchase and following final sale.

Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries, dated—

28 June 1977 (2).

9 June 1978.

23 June 1978.

Printing Associates Pty Limited—Copies of—
Balance sheet as at 30 June 1977.

Declaration of solvency, dated 1 February 1977.

Names and addresses of directors and secretaries at time of sale to dealer, following purchase by dealer and following sale by dealer, and registered office addresses prior to purchase, following purchase and following final sale.

Particulars and changes of particulars in register of directors, managers and secretaries, dated—

28 June 1977 (2).

9 June 1978.

23 June 1978.

Ordered—That Mr Hayden be granted an extension of time.

Papers: Mr Fraser (Prime Minister), by leave, during his speech, presented the following papers:

Copies of letters from Mr J. P. O'Halloran, Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, A.C.T., to—

Greenwood Challoner and Co., Chartered Accountants, dated 14 May 1982.

Mr A. B. Bagnall (The Liquidator), Shellbank Holdings Pty Ltd, dated 4 June 1982.

Ordered—That Mr Fraser be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Closure: Mr Howard (Treasurer) moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The House divided (the Speaker, Sir Billy Snedden, in the Chair)—

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| Mr Beazley | Mr Dawkins | Mr B. O. Jones | Mr Morris |
| Dr Blewett | Mr Duffy | Mr Keating | Mr Mountford |
| Mr Bowen | Mr Free | Mrs Kelly | Mr Scholes |
| Mr J. J. Brown | Mr Hawke | Mr Kent | Mr Scott |
| Mr R. J. Brown | Mr Hayden | Mr Kerin | Dr Theophanous |
| Dr Cass | Mr Holding | Dr Klugman | Mr Uren |
| Mrs Child | Mr Howe | Mr McLeay | Mr Wallis |
| Mr Cohen | Mr Humphreys* | Mr McMahon | Mr West |
| Mr Cross | Mr Innes | Mr Maher | Mr Willis |
| Mr Cunningham | Dr Jenkins | Mr Mildren | |
| Mrs Darling | Mr Johnson* | Mr Milton | |

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| Mr Adermann | Mr Dean | Mr Hunt | Mr O'Keefe |
| Mr Anthony | Mr Drummond | Mr Hyde | Mr Peacock |
| Mr Baume | Dr Edwards | Mr Jarman | Mr Robinson |
| Mr Birney | Mr Falconer | Mr Jull | Mr Rocher |
| Mr Bouchier | Mr Fife | Sir James Killen | Mr Ruddock |
| Mr N. A. Brown | Mr Fisher* | Mr Lloyd | Mr Sainsbury |
| Mr Bungey | Mr Fraser | Mr Lusher | Mr Shack |
| Mr Burr | Mr Giles | Mr MacKellar | Mr Shipton |
| Mr Cadman | Mr Goodluck | Mr MacKenzie | Mr Sinclair |
| Mr D. M. Cameron | Mr Groom | Mr McLean* | Mr Spender |
| Mr E. C. Cameron | Mr Hall | Mr McVeigh | Mr Tambling |
| Mr I. M. D. Cameron | Mr Harris | Mr Macphee | Mr Thomson |
| Mr Carlton | Mr Hicks | Mr Millar | Mr Tuckey |
| Mr Coleman | Mr Hodges | Mr Moore | Mr Viner |
| Mr Connolly | Mr Hodgman | Mr Newman | Mr White |
| Mr Cowan | Mr Howard | Mr Nixon | Mr Wilson |

* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

6 **ADJOURNMENT:** Sir James Killen (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 3.11 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 October 1982, pursuant to statute:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 248.

Apple and Pear Stabilization Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 240.

Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 246.

Bankruptcy Act—Rules—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 247.

Barley Research Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 238.

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 237.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance—1982—No. 6—Medical Practitioners.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 236, 252, 255.

Dairy Produce Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 243.

Distillation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 256.

Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 254.

Family Law Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 244.

Federal Court of Australia Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 245.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 251.

Health Insurance Commission Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 249.

Homeless Persons Assistance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 241.

Judiciary Act—Rule of Court—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 262.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired for postal services—Balranald, N.S.W.

Statement of lands acquired by agreement authorised under sub-section 7 (1).

Lighthouses Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 242.

Live-stock Export Charge Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 261.

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 239, 260.

Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 258.

National Gallery Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 259.

National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 250.

Patents Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, Nos. 232, 233.

Public Service Act—

Determination—1982—No. 11.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 257.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1982—

No. 90—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

No. 117—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and others.†

No. 431—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†

No. 432—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

No. 433—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 434—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

Nos. 435 to 437—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association and others.

No. 439—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 440—Professional Officers Association, Australian Public Service.†

Nos. 441 and 443—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†

- No. 444—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.†
 No. 445—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
 No. 446—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.†
 No. 447—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).†
 No. 448—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
 No. 449—Australian Staffing Assistance (Papua New Guinea) Association.
 No. 450—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 451—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.
 No. 452—Association of Draughting, Supervisory and Technical Employees and others.
 No. 453—United Firefighters' Union.
 No. 454—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.†
 No. 455—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.†
 No. 456—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.†
 Nos. 457 to 460—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia (Australian Public Service).
 No. 462—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
 No. 463—Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights Union and others.†
 No. 464—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.†
 No. 465—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.†
 Nos. 466 and 467—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
 No. 468—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 No. 469—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
 († Not accompanied by statement)
- Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Ordinances—1982—
 No. 78—Real Property (Amendment).
 No. 79—Registration of Deeds (Amendment).
 No. 80—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Amendment) (No. 2).
 No. 81—The Commercial Bank of Australia Limited (Merger).
 No. 82—The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited (Merger).
 Regulations—1982—
 No. 43 (Adoption of Children Ordinance).
 No. 44 (Building and Services Ordinance).
 No. 45 (Plumbers, Drainers and Gasfitters Board Ordinance).
 No. 46 (Juries Ordinance).
 Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 253.
 Superannuation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 235.
 Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1982, No. 234.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Armitage, Mr Bradfield, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Campbell, Mr Chapman, Mr Charles, Mr Dobie*, Dr Everingham*, Mr Fry, Mr Hurford, Mr Jacobi, Mr C. K. Jones, Sir Phillip Lynch*, Mr Morrison, Mr Porter, Mr Street and Mr Young.

* On leave

A. R. BROWNING,
 Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives