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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 73

THURSDAY, 10 MAY 1984

- 1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
 - Mr Cadman, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Cross, Mr Drummond, Mr Hawker and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Humphreys, Mr Kent, Mr Mildren and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
 - Mr Cross, Mrs Darling and Mr Moore—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
 - Mr R. J. Brown and Mr Hand—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant breeders' rights in Australia be rejected.
 - Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
 - Mr D. M. Cameron and Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that no further action be taken in respect of territorial or local government in the Australian Capital Territory until the findings of the inquiry into ACT finances have been made public and a further referendum of electors has been held.
 - Mrs Child and Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.
 - Mr Groom and Mr Newman—from certain citizens praying that regulations amending the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations and Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regulations and the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action taken in relation to censorship matters.
 - Mrs Kelly and Mr Mountford—from certain citizens praying that the Sex Discrimination Bill be amended to prevent inconsistencies with the principles of justice and equality and that a conscience vote on the Bill be permitted to all Members of Parliament.
 - Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Major Airport Needs of Sydney Committee be endorsed and proposals for an airport at Scheyville, NSW, be rejected.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that when the redeveloped Brisbane Airport becomes operative, no jet aircraft use the crosswind runway and the curfew be maintained from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
 - Mrs Darling—from certain residents of Queensland praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

- Mr R. F. Edwards—from certain citizens praying that certain infertility treatments be included on the Commonwealth Rebate List.
- Mr Fife—from certain citizens praying that the present Australian flag, and The Queen, as head of state, be retained.
- Mr Hawker—from certain residents of Victoria praying that Victorian parent clubs be recognised as education auxiliaries and be exempted from bank account debits tax.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain parents representing government schools in New South Wales praying that an adequate general recurrent resource base for government schools be created and a planned program of improvements in government schools throughout the coming decade be ensured.
- Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that the decision to disallow provision for child care facilities in the extensions to the National Library of Australia be reversed.
- Mr Mildren—from certain electors of the Division of Ballarat praying that the Indonesian Government be approached to give assurances which will allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to undertake humanitarian work throughout the whole of East Timor.
- Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that the railway line between Victor Harbor and Adelaide remain open.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that proposed assets test legislation be abandoned and that action be taken to institute a retirement income policy which is fair and equitable.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.

Petitions received.

3 TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 [NO. 4]:
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 (Mr D. M. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

4 ACT SELF-GOVERNMENT—IMPLEMENTATION—REPORT OF TASK FORCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of steps to be taken in the implementation of self-government for the ACT, and presented the following papers:

ACT self-government—Implementation—Report of task force—

Advice to the Minister for Territories and Local Government, dated May 1984. Ministerial statement, 10 May 1984.

Mr Howe (Minister for Defence Support) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

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

5 TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 [NO. 4]:
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.

The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Dawkins	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford
Mr Beazley	Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Keating	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Dr Everingham	Mrs Kelly	Mr Reeves
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Free	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Fry	Mr Kerin	Mr Scott
Mr Brumby	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Gear	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Gorman	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Maher	Dr Theophanous
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Mrs Mayer	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young
Mrs Darling	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	,

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Mr Adermann	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock
Mr Blunt	Mr Groom	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Hall	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hicks*	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hodgman	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Howard	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hunt	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Connolly	Mr Katter	Mr Porter	
Mr Cowan	Mr Lusher	Mr Robinson	

* Tellers

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

It being past 12.45 p.m., the proceedings were interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of proceedings made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

6 PUBLIC HOSPITALS—MEDICARE: Mr Carlton, pursuant to notice, moved—That this House—

- (1) expresses its grave concern over the pressures put on public hospitals throughout Australia under the so-called "free public hospital" provisions of the Government's Medicare scheme, and because of the Health Minister's coercive measures against doctors practising in public hospitals, and
- (2) calls on the Government to abandon these aspects of the scheme.

Debate ensued.

Mr Free addressing the House-

It being 1.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 109, as amended by sessional order.

Ordered—That the time for the discussion of notice No. 1 be extended until 2 p.m.

Debate continued.

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

- 7 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 8 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Certain nitrogenous fertilizers (anti-dumping), dated 27 January 1984 (No. 337).

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—April 1984— Determinations—

1984/5—Ministers of State.

1984/6—Office Holders of the Parliament.

1984/7—Members of the Parliament.

1984/8—Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.

1984/9—Travelling Allowance within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders and Members of the Parliament, and Entitlements of Members of the Parliament.

1984/10—Holders of Offices in the First Division of the Australian Public Service and others.

1984/11—Members and Office Holders of the Norfolk Island Legislative Assembly.

Reports-

1984/1—Ministers of State.

1984/2-Judges.

1984/3—President and Members, Inter-State Commission.

Statement.

9 HOMELESSNESS—A CAPITAL PROBLEM—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government) presented the following paper: Homelessness—A capital problem—Report of a committee of inquiry into

Homelessness—A capital problem—Report of a committee of inquiry into homelessness and inadequate housing in the ACT and surrounding regions, dated January 1984.

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved-

(1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers*Act 1908, authorises the publication of the report of a committee of inquiry into homelessness and inadequate housing in the ACT and surrounding regions, and

(2) That the report be printed.

Question—put and passed.

Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) moved—That the House take note of the paper.

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

10 WILLIAMSTOWN DOCKYARD—COMMITMENT TO CONTINUATION OF REFORMS—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Howe (Minister for Defence Support) presented the following papers:

Williamstown Dockyard—Commitment to continuation of reforms—

Main points of agreements and memorandum of understanding—November 1983.

Statement by Mr Howe, Minister for Defence Support.

Statement to Government signed by representatives of the Department of Defence Support and the Williamstown Dockyard workforce.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

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

11 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXATION CUTS: Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The misleading expectations being created by the Government regarding taxation cuts in the forthcoming Budget".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

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

Tax rises due to Government decisions—Estimates for 1983-84 and 1984-85.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 12 IMMIGRATION POLICY—FACTS AND IMPLICATIONS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the facts and implications of the Government's immigration policies.
 - Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
- 13 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—7TH REPORT—STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Dr Theophanous (Chairman) presented the 7th Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

7TH 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 Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1982.

Part 1—Report.

Part 2—Financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Technological Change Committee—Report—Technology and Handicapped People, dated 14 March 1984.

Central Land Council—Annual Report (3rd), together with audited financial statements, for year 1982-83.

Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Reports—

Commonwealth Standards for Australian Schools.

Funding Policies for Australian Schools.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Annual Report (27th) of President, for year ended 13 August 1983.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Annual Report (8th), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Family Law Act—Family Law (Institute of Family Studies)
Regulations—Institute of Family Studies—Annual Report (3rd) by the
Board of Management, for year 1982-83.

Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report (38th), for 1983

Museum of Australia Act—Museum of Australia—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Overseas Professional Qualifications—Report (15th) of the Committee on Overseas Professional Qualifications to the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs (Mr West), dated December 1983.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Determinations-

1983/7—Allowances payable to Ministers of State.

1983/8—Additional salaries and allowances of Office Holders of the Parliament.

1983/9—Salaries and allowances of Members of the Parliament.

1983/10—Maximum amounts reimbursable to Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of State.

1983/11—Travelling allowances within Australia—Ministers, Office Holders and Members of Parliament.

Reports-

1983/1—Salaries payable to Ministers of State.

1983/2—Remuneration payable to Judges.

Statement.

Superannuation Act—

Commissioner for Superannuation—Annual Report, for year 1982-83.

Superannuation Fund Investment Trust—

Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

Further Report of the Auditor-General's pursuant to sub-section 161 (2) of the Act.

Report of Inquiry into the Superannuation Fund Investment Trust by Mr J. V. Monaghan, Commissioner, Australian Public Service Board, dated 30 March 1984.

Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Annual Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1982-83.

A. THEOPHANOUS

Chairman

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Dr Theophanous, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

Dr Theophanous, by leave, made a statement relating to the increased incidence of corrections and alterations being made to annual reports by departments and authorities.

14 EXPENDITURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr McLeay (Chairman) presented the following report from the Standing Committee on Expenditure:

Payments to athletes and teams who did not participate at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, dated May 1984, together with copies of the minutes of proceedings, the transcript of evidence and documents authorised for publication.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

Mr McLeay and Mr Lusher, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

15 TAXATION (UNPAID COMPANY TAX) ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 [NO. 4]:
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of proceedings on the Bill—
The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Clauses 1 to 10, by leave, take together, and debated. Question—That the clauses be agreed to—put.

The committee divided (the Chairman, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

AYES, 65

Mr Baldwin	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr Reeves
Mr Beazley	Dr Everingham	Mr Kent	Mr Saunderson
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Scholes
Mr Bilney	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Scott
Mr Blanchard	Mr Fry	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Mr Steedman
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr McLeay	Dr Theophanous
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Maher	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hand	Mrs Mayer	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr Mildren	Mr Wells
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Milton	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Hurford	Mr Morrison	Mr Young
Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Mountford	•
Mr Dawkins	Mr Jones	Mr O'Neil	
Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Punch	

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Mr Adermann	Mr Carlton	Mr Lusher	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Coleman	Mr McArthur	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Connolly	Mr McGauran	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Howard	Mr Porter	

^{*} Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16 DIVIDEND RECOUPMENT TAX BILL 1983 [NO. 2]: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

- 17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY: Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 3 to 5, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 18 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to representation in the Parliament, Parliamentary elections and related matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

19 POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: Ordered—That notice No. 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

20 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

21 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY POLICY COUNCIL BILL 1984: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Policy Council.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

22 AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK INDUSTRY SELECTION COMMITTEE BILL 1984: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a committee to nominate persons for appointment as members of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

23 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

24 LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

25 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Collection Act 1964.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

26 LIFE INSURANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Life Insurance Act 1945 consequent upon the enactment of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

27 INSURANCE (AGENTS AND BROKERS) BILL 1984: Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to insurance intermediaries.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

28 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Young (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to certain remuneration and allowances.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

29 SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984: Mr Jones (Acting Minister representing the Minister for Social Security), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to social security, repatriation and related matters.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

30 STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL (NO. 1) 1984: Mr Duffy (Acting Minister representing the Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make various amendments of the statute law of the Commonwealth, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 31 BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—JOINT COMMITTEE: Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications), for Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—
 - (1) That, for the purposes related to the inquiry into the televising and radio broadcasting of proceedings of both Houses of Parliament and their committees:
 - (a) the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings have power—
 - (i) to appoint a sub-committee consisting of 2 or more Senators and 2 or more Members of the House of Representatives, 2 members of the sub-committee to form a quorum of the sub-committee;
 - (ii) to appoint the chairman of any sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and at any time when the chairman of sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee present shall elect another member of that sub-committee to perform the duties of chairman at that meeting, and
 - (iii) to refer to such a sub-committee any matter into which the committee is instructed to inquire;
 - (b) any sub-committee appointed by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings have power—
 - (i) to send for persons, papers and records, and
 - (ii) to authorise publication of any evidence given before it, or any information obtained in the course of its inquiry, or any document presented to it, and

- (c) the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings or any sub-committee appointed by the committee have power to move from place to place.
- (2) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, insofar as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (3) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting its concurrence.

Question—put and passed.

32 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AMENDMENT BILL 1984: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 209

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act 1982'", 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.

D. MCCLELLAND

President

The Senate,

Canberra, 10 May 1984

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

33 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—ROADS GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 1984: The following message from the Senate was reported:

Message No. 210

Mr Speaker,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section 24 of the 'Roads Grants Act 1981'", 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.

D. MCCLELLAND

President

The Senate,

Canberra, 10 May 1984

Ordered—That the amendments be taken into consideration, in committee of the whole House, at a later hour this day.

34 COMMONWEALTH BANKS AMENDMENT BILL 1984: 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.

Mr Baldwin addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 10.30 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Message from the Governor-General: Message No. 146, dated 7 May 1984, 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 Hurford, the Bill was read a third time.

35 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 29 May 1984, at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 10 May 1984:

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 73, 74, 75.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Australian War Memorial—Aitken, P. W.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Aldred, Dr Blewett, Mr Bowen, Mr Dobie, Mr Drummond, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr Fisher, Mr Hayden, Mr Lloyd and Mr Simmons.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives