

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 74

TUESDAY, 29 MAY 1984

1 The House met, at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable Dr H. A. Jenkins) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the respective absences abroad of Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) and Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), Mr Bowen (Minister for Trade) was acting as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) was acting as Minister for Primary Industry and Mr Beazley (Minister for Aviation) was acting as Minister for Transport.

3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Member named and suspended:* Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Bennelong (Mr Howard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) for continuing to interject after having been warned by the Chair.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Bennelong be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 48

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.53 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

*Proposed dissent from Speaker's ruling:* Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) proposing to move dissent from Mr Speaker's ruling in naming the honourable Member for Bennelong—

*Speaker's ruling:* Mr Speaker ruled that the proposed motion of dissent was out of order as he had not made a ruling in naming the honourable Member for Bennelong.

*Dissent from ruling moved:* Mr Peacock moved—That the ruling be dissented from.

Debate ensued.

*Member named and suspended:* Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for O'Connor (Mr Tuckey) for not resuming his seat when directed by the Chair to do so.

Mr Young moved—That the honourable Member for O'Connor be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

## AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 46

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.37 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

*Member named and suspended:* Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Mitchell (Mr Cadman) for defying the Chair.

Mr Young moved—That the honourable Member for Mitchell be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

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

NOES, 45

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Newman	
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 3.45 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

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

*Closure:* Mr Young moved—That the question be now put.

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

And the question—That the ruling be dissented from—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (the Speaker, Dr Jenkins, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 44

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Peacock
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Porter
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Robinson
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Rocher
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McArthur	Mr Ruddock
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Shipton
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson

## NOES, 69

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Questions without notice concluded.

4 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Australian Capital Territory—Registrar of Co-operative Societies—Report for year 1982-83.

Christmas Island—Report for year 1981-82.

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for February 1984.

Non-wage incomes—The professions—Report by the Wages and Incomes Policy Division, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, outlining fee determination arrangements in 11 professions, dated March 1984.

5 COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION—TRIENNium 1985-87—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs) presented the following papers:

Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act—Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Triennium 1985-87—Report, dated April 1984, together with a statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education and Youth Affairs—

Summary—A program for growth.

Volume 1—

Part 1—Recommendations on guidelines.

Part 2—Appendixes.

Part 3—Advice of Universities Council.

Part 4—Advice of Advanced Education Council.

Part 5—Advice of Technical and Further Education Council.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the papers.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Sinclair—Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**6 SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) presented the following paper:

Broadcasting and Television Act—Special Broadcasting Service—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1982-83.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Hodgman), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**7 NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY—INTERIM COMMISSION—REPORT AND MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented the following paper:

National Occupational Health and Safety—Interim Commission—Report, dated 16 May 1984.

Mr Willis, by leave, made a ministerial statement in connection with the report, and presented the following paper:

National Occupational Health and Safety—Interim Commission—Report—Ministerial statement, 29 May 1984.

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

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

**8 PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Andrew, Mr J. J. Brown, Mr R. J. Brown, Ms Fatin, Mr Goodluck, Mrs Kelly, Mr Lusher, Mr Reeves and Mr Snow—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 be taken in relation to censorship matters.

Mr Blunt, Mr Cohen, Mr Fisher, Mr Maher, Mr Robinson, Mr Simmons and Mr Spender—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 R. J. Brown, Mr Charles, Mrs Child, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Connolly and Mr Maher—from certain citizens praying that the ban on the export of kangaroo products be re-applied.

Mr Blunt, Mr Carlton, Mr Mildren and Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying that the nation's total dependence on God the Creator in accordance with the Constitution and the standing orders of the House of Representatives be reaffirmed.

Mrs Child, Mr Kent, Mr Milton and Mr Steedman—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr Cowan, Mr Fisher, Mr Goodluck and Mrs Kelly—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.

Mr Hawker, Mr Maher, Mr Porter and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.

- Mr Blunt and 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.
- Mrs Child and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.
- Dr Everingham and Mr Hayden—from certain citizens praying that recurrent funding for government schools be increased and funding for special programs to assist primary school children with learning difficulties be provided, as promised.
- Mr Fry and Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr Hurford and Mr Scholes—from certain citizens praying that religious and human rights persecution in the Soviet Union be condemned.
- Mrs Kelly and Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that no military establishment be located in the Central Tablelands of New South Wales.
- Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of North Queensland praying that sufficient expenditure be allocated to raise the standard of the National Highway in North Queensland to Department of Transport standards.
- Mr J. J. Brown—from certain students of Catherine McAuley High School, Westmead, NSW, praying for assistance in extension of facilities at their school.
- Mr Cross—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Fisher—from certain electors of the Division of Mallee 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 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 citizens praying that the decision to disallow provision for child care facilities in the extensions to the National Library of Australia be reversed.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens praying that the traffic link between Coronation Drive and Kaye Place, Canberra, not be closed.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain citizens 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.
- Mrs Kelly—from certain parents representing government schools in New South Wales in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Maher—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.
- Mr Maher—from certain elected representatives and officers of local governments praying that the Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act be amended to provide a real term minimum guarantee to local government general revenue sharing arrangements.
- Mrs Mayer—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant breeders' rights in Australia be rejected.
- Mr O'Keefe—from certain citizens praying for the restoration of a continuous telephone service to subscribers on the Manobalai exchange at Wybong, NSW.
- Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.
- Mr West—from certain citizens praying that it be made obligatory for all doctors to bulk-bill pensioner patients.

Petitions received.

**9 PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASSETS TEST PROPOSALS:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House 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 continuing uncertainty and alarm felt by Australia's elderly because of the Government's reactions to the latest proposals for an assets test".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock rising to address the House—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the business of the day be called on.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 66

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Peacock
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Katter	Mr Robinson
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Newman	Mr Wilson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

**10 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Morrison (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence:

Regional conflict and superpower rivalry in the Horn of Africa—Report, dated 4 April 1984.

Mr Morrison and Mr Coleman, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

**11 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORTS:** Mr Fife (Vice-Chairman) presented the following reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, together with the minutes of evidence:

Report relating to the redevelopment of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra, ACT (3rd report of 1984).

Report relating to the development of 7th Camp Hospital, Kapooka, NSW (4th report of 1984).

Report relating to the redevelopment of facilities at Darwin International Airport, NT (7th report of 1984).

- Report relating to the redevelopment of surgical and support facilities at the Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes, Qld (9th report of 1984).
- Report relating to the redevelopment of surgical and diagnostic facilities at Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, NSW (10th report of 1984).
- Supplementary report relating to the provision of navigational aids, Hydrographers Passage, Great Barrier Reef (11th report of 1984). (*Minutes of evidence not presented.*)
- Report relating to the development of RAAF Base, Tindal, NT (12th report of 1984).
- 12 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr Fry (Chairman) presented the following report from the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory:
- 2nd Report on the 82nd series of proposed variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs, together with copies of the minutes of proceedings.
- Ordered—That the report be printed.
- Mr Fry and Mr Ruddock, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.
- 13 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILLS:** Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bills:
- 15 May 1984—Message No. 147—Acts Interpretation Amendment 1984.
- 18 May 1984—Message—
- No. 148—
- Apple and Pear Levy Amendment 1984.
- Dried Fruits Levy Amendment 1984.
- No. 149—
- Fishing Legislation Amendment 1984.
- Customs Tariff Amendment 1984.
- 14 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—INSURANCE CONTRACTS BILL 1984:** Message No. 211, dated 9 May 1984, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to reform and modernise the law relating to certain contracts of insurance so that a fair balance is struck between the interests of insurers, insureds and other members of the public and so that the provisions included in such contracts, and the practices of insurers in relation to such contracts, operate fairly, and for related purposes*".
- Bill read a first time.
- Mr Bowen (Minister representing the Attorney-General) 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.
- 15 CUSTOMS TARIFF PROPOSALS NO. 6 (1984):** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce) moved Customs Tariff Proposals No. 6 (1984).
- Debate adjourned (Mr Hall), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 PAPER—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS:** Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) presented the following paper:
- Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of delegation led by the Hon. J. J. Brown, MP and Mr J. G. Mountford, MP, to Italy, Spain, Greece and Cyprus, October and November 1983.
- Mr J. J. Brown, Mr Mountford, Mr Kent and Mr Millar, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.



17 REFERENDUM (MACHINERY PROVISIONS) 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—

Mr Hall addressing the House—

*Absence of quorum:* Mr Ruddock called the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.

The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy Speaker at 8.05 p.m., in accordance with standing order 45, announced that she would take the Chair again at 8.15 p.m.

At 8.15 p.m., the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members was present.

Debate continued.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr Young (Special Minister of State), by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 3, after the definition of “mobile polling team member” insert the following definition:

“ ‘Northern Territory’ includes the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands;”.

Page 4, lines 37 and 38, omit “specified in a notice published under sub-section 79 (1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*”.

Page 4, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:

“(3) This Act extends to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 64

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

## NOES, 41

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 10, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr Hall moved the following amendment: Page 8, after sub-clause (3) add the following sub-clause:

“(4) No moneys shall be expended by the Commonwealth in respect of the presentation of the argument in favour of, or the argument against, a proposed law other than in respect of—

- (a) the publication of the pamphlet referred to in this section and any translation into other languages which may be authorised and advertised by the Electoral Commissioner; or
- (b) meeting travelling, accommodation or other ordinary expenses of Members of the Parliament, including Ministers, that are lawfully payable by the Commonwealth.”.

Debate continued.

Mr Ruddock addressing the committee—

It being 10.30 p.m.—Progress to be reported.

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The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

*Adjournment negated:* The question was accordingly proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Young requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negated.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*

Debate continued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

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The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said committee.

18 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 103:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That standing order 103 (11 o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **REFERENDUM (MACHINERY PROVISIONS) BILL 1984:** The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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*In the committee*

Clause 11—

Consideration resumed of the clause and of the amendment moved by Mr Hall (*see* page 672).

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 40

Mr Adermann	Mr Connolly	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Drummond	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson
Mr Blunt	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fife	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Burr	Mr Fisher	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Wilson

NOES, 63

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

\* Tellers

And so it was negatived.

Clause 11 agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Young (Special Minister of State), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

- 20 **COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL LEGISLATION 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—

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Young (Special Minister of State), the Bill was read a third time.

- 21 **COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS SELF-DETERMINATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) 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.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 150, dated 28 May 1984, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 3 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

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

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Mr Adermann	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Blunt	Mr Fife	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Fisher	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Macphee	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron *	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hicks *	Mr O'Keefe	Mr Wilson
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter	
Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Robinson	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The committee continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

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Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr Uren (Minister for Territories and Local Government), the clause was omitted, and the following clause substituted, after debate:

**Interpretation**

“4. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after the definition of ‘Justice of the Peace’ the following definition:

“‘Northern Territory’ includes the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands;’  
and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:

‘(6) This Act extends to the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.’”

Clause 5 omitted, after debate.

Clauses 6 and 7, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 8 to 20, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clauses 21 and 22, by leave, taken together, and agreed to, after debate.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Millar reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr Uren, by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**22 PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM 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—

*Statement by Minister and paper:* Mr Dawkins (Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Public Service Matters), by leave, made a statement relating to the financial impact of the Public Service reform Bills and proposed Government amendments to the Bills and, by leave, presented the following paper:

Public Service reform Bills—Financial impact statement.

Debate resumed.

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

**23 ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Dawkins (Minister for Finance) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 1.02 a.m., adjourned until this day at 10 a.m.

**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 29 May 1984:

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 77.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for collection of information—1984—No. 4—Transport industry surveys 1983-84.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Order—1984—M21/84—Amendment to M12/83—1984 Performance.

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 81.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 79.

Defence Act—

Determinations—1984—

No. 9—Transport Allowance.

No. 15—Ceremonial Duties Allowance and other allowances.

No. 16—Outfit Allowance in Lieu of Issue of Uniforms.

No. 17—Special Allowance for Medical Officers and Dental Officers and another allowance.

No. 18—Outfit Allowance.

No. 19—Outfit (Relacing of Uniform) Allowance.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 76, 78.

Defence Amendment Act—Interim Determinations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91.

Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulation—1984—No. 2—Meat Orders (Amendment No. 2).

Financial Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 87.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 85.

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

National Health Act—Principles, dated 2 May 1984, formulated under—

Sub-section 39A (6).

Sub-section 40AA (3C).

Sub-section 40AA (7).

Navigation Act—Navigation (Orders) Regulations—1984—

No. 3—Marine Orders, Part 3.

No. 4—Marine Orders, Part 4.

No. 5—Marine Orders, Part 5.

No. 6—Marine Orders, Part 28.

Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Principles, dated 2 May 1984, formulated under—

Sub-section 3A (6).

Sub-section 4 (3C).

Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—By-laws—Postal—1984—Amendment No. 2.

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General fixing the dates on which the following Parts and sections of Acts shall come into operation—

*Companies and Securities Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act (No. 1) 1984—Parts II-IV—28 May 1984.*

*Health Legislation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1983—Section 34, sub-sections 35 (3), (9), (10) and (11), 36 (2), and 38 (2), section 48, sub-sections 50 (2), 54 (2) and 55 (2), section 60, sub-sections 61 (3), (8), (9) and (10), 62 (2), 66 (2), 69 (2) and (3) and 72 (2) and section 74—23 May 1984.*

Public Service Act—

Appointments—Department—

Employment and Industrial Relations—Coyne, L. S.

Social Security—Baker, R. L. A.

Determinations—1984—Nos. 9, 11, 15.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1984, Nos. 80, 83, 86.

Remuneration and Allowances Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 84.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Determinations—

Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance—Listing fees for purposes of the Ordinance, dated 4 May 1984.

National Memorials Ordinance—Naming Divisions of the Australian Capital Territory, dated 2 May 1984.

Ordinances—1984—

No. 12—Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) (Amendment).

No. 13—Medical Practitioners Registration (Amendment).

No. 14—Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment).

No. 15—Motor Traffic (Amendment) (No. 2).

Regulations—1984—

No. 8 (Long Service Leave (Building and Construction Industry) Ordinance).

No. 9 (Medical Practitioners Registration Ordinance).

No. 10 (Cemeteries Ordinance).

Variations of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated—  
15 May 1984.

21 May 1984.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States of New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia, dated 14 May 1984.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts)—Amendment No. 44.

Telecommunications (Community Calls)—Amendment No. 36.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1984, No. 82.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Campbell, Mr Dobie, Mr Hayden, Mr Kerin and Mr Mildren.

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**D. M. BLAKE**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives