

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 89

FRIDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 Kent, Ms McHugh, Mr Milton, Mr A. A. Morris and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Blunt, Mr Groom and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Blunt, Mr Milton and Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that there be no increases in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be re-affirmed.

Mr Cadman, Mr Drummond and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr Fife, Mr Fisher and Mr Lloyd—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

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

Dr Charlesworth, Mr Groom and Mr Rocher—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—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr O'Neil and Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that confectionery be exempt from sales tax.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to discontinue the mining and supply of uranium.

Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the proposed assets test legislation be abandoned and that action be taken to institute a retirement income policy which is fair and equitable.

Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that recurrent expenditure for technical and further education be increased.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain citizens praying that moves to change the Australian flag be resisted and any contemplated change be put to the Australian people by referendum.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of the district of Pioneer Valley, Qld, praying that the Government reverse its decision in respect of legislation concerning pornographic material.

Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Government refrain from ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Mr Cadman—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.

Mr Cadman—from certain residents of New South Wales praying that legislation be enacted to ban the advertising of alcohol from commercial television and radio.

Mr Connolly—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.

Mr Fisher—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.

Mr Groom—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken with respect to the classification and restriction of films, video tapes and printed material.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the decision to alter the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be abandoned.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.

Mr McArthur—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 McVeigh—from certain citizens praying that the ACT Classification of Publications Ordinance be repealed.

Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that the railway line between Victor Harbor and Adelaide remain open.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the situation concerning the investigation of Dr Martinick by the Department of Health be clarified and the Health Insurance Act be amended if necessary to ensure medical practitioners receive a fair and just hearing.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the recurrent grant to tertiary residential colleges be maintained.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that Medicare be reviewed.

Mr Scott—from certain citizens praying that the Government negotiate with the ACTU for taxation relief for lower and middle income earners and improvements to the social wage.

Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying that funding for the Personal Care Workers Study in Northcote, Vic., be continued without interruption.

Mr Willis—from certain citizens praying for the continuation of, and support for, existing Workers' Health Centres.

Petitions received.

**3 MIGRATION PROGRAMS AND WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the progress of migration programs and of details of his recent overseas visit, and presented the following papers:

Migration programs and World Population Conference—

Business migration program—Method of operation.

International Conference on Population, Mexico City, August 1984—Australia's national statement.

Ministerial statement, 7 September 1984.

Occupational shares system—Method of operation.

Selected characteristics of the population of Australia—Chart.

Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) moved—That the House take note of the papers.

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr J. J. Brown, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hodgman speaking for a period not exceeding 42 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate ensued.

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

**4 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1984-85—BUDGET DEBATE:** 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 Hawker rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr Baldwin	Mrs Darling	Mr Keating	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beddall	Mr Dawkins	Mrs Kelly	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Duffy	Mr Kent	Mr Scholes
Mr Blanchard	Dr Everingham	Mr Keogh	Mr Scott*
Dr Blewett	Ms Fatin	Mr Kerin	Mr Simmons
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Snow
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Mr Lindsay	Mr Steedman
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Ms McHugh	Mr Tickner
Mr Brumby	Mr Gorman	Mr McLeay	Mr Uren
Mr Campbell	Mr Hand	Mr Maher	Mr Wells
Mr Charles	Mr Holding	Mr Mildren	Mr West
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hollis	Mr Milton	Mr Willis
Mrs Child	Mr Howe	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Cross	Mr Jones	Mr Morrison	

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Mr Aldred	Mr Coleman	Mr Hodgman	Mr Porter
Mr Andrew	Mr Cowan	Mr Lloyd	Mr Rocher
Mr Blunt	Mr Dobie	Mr Lusher	Mr Ruddock
Mr Braithwaite	Mr Drummond	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McGauran	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr Fisher	Mr MacKellar	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Groom	Mr McVeigh	Mr Tuckey
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Macphee	Mr White
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Millar	Mr Wilson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hicks*	Mr O'Keefe	

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, and passed—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

*In the committee*

**Schedule 2—**

**Ordered—**That the proposed expenditures for the purposes and services in the Schedule be considered in the following order, either separately or together, as shown:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and	} together.
Department of the Special Minister of State	

Department of Foreign Affairs.  
 Department of Defence, and  
 Department of Defence Support } together.  
 Department of Trade, and  
 Department of Resources and Energy } together.  
 Department of Transport, and  
 Department of Aviation } together.  
 Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.  
 Department of Education and Youth Affairs.  
 Department of the Treasury,  
 Department of Finance, and  
 Advance to the Minister for Finance } together.  
 Department of Home Affairs and Environment,  
 Department of Territories and Local Government, and  
 Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism } together.  
 Department of Communications.  
 Department of Administrative Services, and  
 Department of Housing and Construction } together.  
 Department of Primary Industry.  
 Department of Industry and Commerce, and  
 Department of Science and Technology } together.  
 Department of Social Security,  
 Department of Health, and  
 Department of Veteran's Affairs } together.  
 Attorney-General's Department.  
 Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, and  
 Department of Aboriginal Affairs } together.

Proposed expenditures—

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$83,056,000—

Department of the Special Minister of State, \$269,763,000—

together—

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

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

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

- 5 **INCOME TAX (RATES) AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax (Rates) Act 1982*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 6 **INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) BILL 1984:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax upon incomes, other than incomes of companies, corporate unit trusts, superannuation funds and certain other trusts.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 7 **INCOME TAX (COMPANIES, CORPORATE UNIT TRUSTS AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 1984:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a tax

upon incomes of companies, corporate unit trusts, superannuation funds and certain other trusts.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 8 **MEDICARE LEVY BILL 1984:** Mr Keating (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a Medicare levy upon certain incomes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 9 **STATES (WORKS AND HOUSING) ASSISTANCE BILL 1984:** Mr Keating (Treasurer), for Mr Hurford (Minister for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance to the States in connection with expenditure of a capital nature, to make loans to the States and the Northern Territory for public housing and to authorize the borrowing of certain moneys by the Commonwealth.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 10 **OVERSEAS STUDENTS CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1984:** Mr West (Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Overseas Students Charge Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 **REPATRIATION 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—

Mr Ruddock addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 101A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

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

- 13 **PAPERS:** Mr Speaker presented the following papers:

Budget speech and reply, 1984—Basis of television coverage.

Public Service Act—Joint House Department—Report for year 1983-84.

- 14 **AUSTRALIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION—REVIEW OF MATTERS AFFECTING TELECOM—PAPERS—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following papers:

Australian Telecommunications Commission—Review of matters affecting the Australian Telecommunications Commission (Telecom)—

Report, dated June 1984.

Statement by Mr Young, Special Minister of State.

Mr Young, by leave, moved—That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of the Report of a review of matters affecting the Australian Telecommunications Commission.

Question—put and passed

Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) 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.

**15 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH LABORATORY—FUTURE OPERATION—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Jones (Minister for Science and Technology) presented the following papers:

Australian National Animal Health Laboratory (AN AHL)—Future operation—Report to the Ministerial Committee on AN AHL by the Advisory Committee on AN AHL—

Government response to recommendations including Government response to recommendations in the report of 16 December 1982 by the Australian Science and Technology Council on Australian National Animal Health Laboratory—The use of live exotic pathogens.

Report, dated 29 February 1984.

Statement by Mr Jones, Minister for Science and Technology.

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.

**16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Macphee had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, “The Government’s betrayal of the unemployed, particularly the young”.

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Macphee addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Cowan presented the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report relating to the construction of Commonwealth and Family Courts, Perth (14th report of 1984), together with minutes of evidence.

**18 REPATRIATION 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—

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howe—Minister for Defence Support), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**19 MEMBER NAMED:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister), by indulgence of the Chair, having added to an answer to a question without notice asked earlier this day, and Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) having sought indulgence to reply—

Mr Speaker named the honourable Member for Kooyong (Mr Peacock) for defying the Chair.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) having addressed the Chair, the naming of the honourable Member was not proceeded with.

**20 REPATRIATION 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—

Mr Lindsay addressing the House—

**21 ADJOURNMENT:** It being 4 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 4.30 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next at 2 p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Adermann, Mr Beazley, Mr Chynoweth, Mr Cunningham, Dr H. R. Edwards, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Griffiths, Mr Hayden, Mr Hunt, Mr Jacobi, Mr Katter, Mrs Mayer, Mr Moore, Mr Mountford, Mr Newman, Mr Reeves, Mr Robinson, Mr Saunderson, Mr Staples and Dr Theophanous.

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**D. M. BLAKE**  
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