

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

MONDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 1985

- 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 absence through illness of Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), Mr Duffy (Minister for Communications) was acting as Minister for Territories.
- 3 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—
Paper: Mr Jones (Minister for Science) presented the following paper:
Carnarvon shopping centre WA—Issue of leases—Copy of circular letter from Wilson Tuckey, MP, dated 3 January 1985.
Questions without notice continued.
- 4 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:
 - Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act—Administrative Review Council—8th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.
 - Air Navigation Act—Department of Aviation—Report for year 1983-84 on the administration and operation of the Act and regulations and other matters concerning civil aviation.
 - Archives Act—
 - Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Report for period 6 to 30 June 1984.
 - Australian Archives—Report for period 6 to 30 June 1984.
 - Attorney-General's Department—Report for year 1983-84, including the report of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel for year 1983-84, pursuant to the Parliamentary Counsel Act.
 - Australia Council Act—Australia Council—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
 - Australian Bicentennial Road Development Trust Fund Act—Report on progress of the Australian Bicentennial Road Development Program, together with details of moneys paid into and out of the Road Fund, for year ending 30 June 1984.
 - Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee—Report for year 1983-84.
 - Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Act—Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
 - Australian Dried Fruits Corporation Act—Australian Dried Fruits Corporation—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

- Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs Act—Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs—5th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission (TAA)—39th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Australian National Railways Act—Australian National Railways Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Australian Overseas Projects Corporation Act—Australian Overseas Projects Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report for year 1983-84.
- Australian Shipping Commission Act—Australian Shipping Commission (Australian National Line)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act—Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—3rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for year 1983-84 (51st).
- Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Act—Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Commission—23rd Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1983-84.
- Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review of activities to 30 June 1984, including report by the Minister, pursuant to the Immigration (Education) Act, on the operation of the Act.
- Department of Trade—Report for year 1983-84.
- Department of Transport—Report for year 1983-84.
- Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—Report for year 1983-84.
- Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—37th Annual Report, for year 1983-84, together with statement by Mr Kerin, Minister for Primary Industry.
- Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act—6th Annual Report of the Supervising Scientist on the operation of the Act, for year 1983-84.
- Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Fisheries Act—Copy of amendment, dated 11 September 1984, to agreement between the Commonwealth and KKFC Pty Ltd, dated 2 July 1984.
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act—Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—8th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Health Insurance Commission Act—Health Insurance Commission—10th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- High Court of Australia Act—High Court of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Honey Industry Act—Australian Honey Board—21st Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.
- Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—10th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Museum of Australia Act—Museum of Australia—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—24th Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's report, for year 1983-84.

National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act—Director of Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1983-84.

Oilseeds Levy Collection and Research Act—Oilseeds Research Committee—Report for year 1983-84.

Pig Meat Promotion Act—Pig Meat Promotion Committee—9th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

Primary Industry Bank Act—

Primary Industry Bank of Australia Limited—6th Annual Report, for year 1983-84.

7th Report on the operation of Part II of the Act, dated 25 October 1984.

Public Service Act—Public Service Board—Report for year 1983-84.

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Interim report and statements of receipts and payments for year 1983-84.

Tobacco Industry Act—Report on the operation of the Act for year 1983-84.

5 DEPORTATION AND THE FAMILY—REPORT BY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following papers:

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Deportation and the family—Report on the complaints of Mrs M. Roth and Mr C. J. Booker, dated 27 September 1984 (No. 8), together with statement by Senator Evans, Attorney-General.

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 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Director of Public Prosecutions Act—Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for period 5 March to 30 June 1984.

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

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

7 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE SUPPORT—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence) presented the following paper:

Department of Defence Support—Report for year 1983-84.

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

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

8 AVIATION COST RECOVERY—REPORT OF INDEPENDENT INQUIRY—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Aviation) presented the following paper:

Aviation cost recovery—Report of independent inquiry, dated 22 November 1984.

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

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

- 9 **NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Dr Blewett (Minister for Health) presented the following paper:
 Medical Research Endowment Act—National Health and Medical Research Council—Report for 1983.
 Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper.
 Debate adjourned (Mr MacKellar), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 **CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING 1986—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT AND PAPERS—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPERS:** Mr Hurford (Minister Assisting the Treasurer), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of details concerning the conduct of the next census of population and housing in 1986, and presented the following papers:
 Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 18, together with explanatory statement.
 Census of population and housing 1986—
 Content and procedures—Paper by Australian Bureau of Statistics, dated February 1985.
 Ministerial statement, 25 February 1985.
 Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) moved—That the House take note of the papers.
 Debate ensued.
 Debate adjourned (Mr Griffiths), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
- Mr Cunningham, Mr P. S. Fisher, Mr Hawker, Mr Jones, Mr Kent, Mr McArthur and Mr Macphee—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
 - Mr Braithwaite, Mr Cadman, Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens in similar terms.
 - Mr Andrew—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the words of the National Anthem be altered to recognise God.
 - Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken to discontinue the mining and supply of uranium.
 - Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that chiropractic services be included in Medicare when it is introduced.
 - Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the laws which banned the entry and sale of hard-core and violent pornography be re-enacted.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.
 - Mr E. C. Cameron—from certain residents of the Division of Indi praying that young Australians who have undertaken employment while at school be eligible for Tertiary Education Assistance allowances.
 - Mr Kent—from certain citizens in the same terms as the last preceding petition.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that measures be taken to reduce the burden of imposed costs and regulation on Australian farmers.
 - Mr I. M. D. Cameron—from certain citizens praying that legislation be introduced to remove the requirement that open tenders be called for the Australian Bicentennial Authority road projects.
 - Mr Cowan—from certain citizens praying that the ordinance superseding the ACT Objectionable Publications Ordinance be disallowed and certain other action be taken in relation to censorship matters.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that the government show its support for the democratic decision of the majority of New Caledonians.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that an aircraft-free zone be created extending from the new runway at Brisbane Airport, across Bramble Bay to Bald Hills, Qld.

Mrs Darling—from certain citizens praying that vacant land intended for use by the army in the suburb of Banyo, Brisbane, be zoned as general parkland.

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

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

Mr Miles—from certain residents of Tasmania praying that the liquid petroleum gas subsidy to Tasmania be increased to compensate for Bass Strait freight charges.

Mr Porter—from certain residents of Waikerie and surrounds, SA, praying that Telecom fix uniform telephone charge rates throughout the Riverland region.

Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.

Mr Smith—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 Wilson—from certain citizens praying that the term of the Costigan Commission be extended, all necessary resources be provided to enable it to conclude its investigations and Parliament not be dissolved until its report has been fully debated by both Houses.

Petitions received.

- 12 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PUBLIC SERVICE DISPUTE:** The Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr Shack had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The extraordinary conduct of the Government in its handling of the public service dispute".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Shack addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 13 **DAYS AND HOURS OF SITTING AND BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—SESSIONAL ORDERS:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

Days and hours of meeting

Standing order 40 be amended to read—

40. Unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business—

(a) in the first sitting week, on—

Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

Thursday, at 10 a.m., and

Friday, at 10 a.m., and

(b) in the second sitting week, on—

Monday, at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, at 10 a.m., and

Thursday, at 10 a.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second week, the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday after the termination, unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting. The 4-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

Adjournment and next meeting

Standing order 48A be amended to read—

48A. At 10.15 p.m. on each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 7.15 p.m. on each Wednesday and at 3.45 p.m. on each Friday the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate. No amendment may be moved to this question:

Provided that—

- (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced;
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question;
- (c) a motion for the adjournment of the House may be moved by a Minister at an earlier hour;
- (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting; and
- (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House or committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted:

Provided further that, if at 11 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. on a Wednesday or at 4.30 p.m. on a Friday the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—

- (f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 11.10 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 4.40 p.m., as the case may be, to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 11.10 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 4.40 p.m., as the case may be, or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting, or
- (g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f), the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

Routine of business

Standing order 101 be amended to read—

101. The House shall proceed on the days indicated with its ordinary business in the following routine:

Monday and Tuesday

1. Questions without notice. 2. Presentation of papers. 3. Ministerial statements, by leave. 4. Presentation of petitions. 5. Matter of public importance. 6. Notices and orders of the day.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

1. Notices and orders of the day. 2. Grievance debate or general business (*at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday only*). 3. Questions without notice (*at 2 p.m.*). 4. Presentation of papers. 5. Ministerial statements, by leave. 6. Presentation of petitions. 7. Matter of public importance. 8. Notices and orders of the day.

Question time

New standing order 101A be inserted—

101A. At approximately 12.45 p.m. on each Wednesday and Friday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that questions without notice can be called on at 2 p.m.:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and

- (c) The Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Precedence for government and general business

Standing order 104 be amended to read—

104. Unless otherwise ordered, government business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other business, except that on the sitting Thursday alternate to the sitting Thursday to which standing order 106 applies, general business shall have precedence of government business commencing at approximately 12.45 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House and forthwith call on questions without notice:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Grievance debate

Standing order 106 be amended to read—

106. Notwithstanding standing order 105, the first order of the day, government business, on each alternate sitting Thursday commencing with the first sitting Thursday after the Address in Reply to the Governor-General's Speech has been adopted shall be a question to be proposed by the Speaker "That grievances be noted" to which question any Member may address the House or move any amendment.

The order of the day shall stand postponed until 12.45 p.m. and, if consideration of the question has not been concluded at 2 p.m., the debate thereon shall be interrupted and the Speaker shall put any questions then before the House, and, after resolution of those questions, shall forthwith call on questions without notice.

General business and grievance debate

New standing order 106A be inserted—

106A. At approximately 12.45 p.m. on each Thursday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that general business or grievance debate, as the case may be, can be called on:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

General business—priority to notices

Standing order 109 be amended by omitting "for 2 hours after the meeting of the House" and substituting "until 1.45 p.m.".

Matter of public importance

Standing order 107 be amended by omitting "at least one hour before the time fixed for the meeting of the House" and substituting "not later than 12 noon on each sitting day".

Notices of motion

Standing orders 133, 135 and 139 be amended to read—

133. Notice of motion shall be given by a Member by delivering a fair copy of its terms to the Clerk at the Table. The notice must be signed by the Member and seconder and show the day proposed for moving the motion.

A notice of motion which expresses a censure of, or want of confidence in the Government, or a censure of any Member, shall be reported to the House by the Clerk at the first convenient opportunity.

135. Subject to the provisions of standing orders 105, 133 and 211 the notices shall be entered by the Clerk on the Notice Paper, in priority of orders of the day, in the order in which they were received:

Provided that—

- (a) general business notices received on the first day of meeting of a new session shall be entered on the Notice Paper in such an order that, as far as possible, priority shall alternate between Opposition and Government Members, and
- (b) 2 notices received from the same Member shall not be placed consecutively in priority of a notice received from another Member during the same sitting.

139. A Member who has given a notice of motion may alter its terms by notifying the Clerk in writing within such time as will enable the alteration to be made in the Notice Paper.

Initiation of bills

Standing order 211 be amended to read—

- 221. (a) A bill (unless received from the Senate) shall be initiated by a motion for leave to bring in a bill specifying its title, by an order of the House, on the calling on of a notice of presentation, or in accordance with the provisions of standing order 291.
- (b) Notice of intention to present a bill shall be given by a Member by delivering a copy of its terms to the Clerk at the Table.
- (c) A notice of intention to present a bill shall specify its title and the day for presentation, and shall be signed by the Member and, at least, one other Member.
- (d) The standing orders shall, to the necessary extent, be applied and read as if a notice of presentation were a notice of motion.

Divisions and quorums

In all standing orders, except standing order 200A, relating to the taking of a division or the counting of the House or committee for quorum purposes, any reference to 2 minutes be omitted and 3 minutes substituted.

Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “, unless otherwise ordered, the following amendments to the standing orders be adopted for the remainder of this session:

Days and hours of meeting

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 - Tuesday, at 2 p.m.
 - Wednesday, at 10 a.m.
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 - Friday, at 10 a.m., and
 - (b) in the second sitting week, on—
 - Monday, at 2 p.m.
 - Tuesday, at 2 p.m.
 - Wednesday, at 10 a.m., and
 - Thursday, at 10 a.m.

From the termination of the last sitting in the second week, the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday after that termination, unless Mr Speaker shall, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an alternative day or hour of meeting. The 4-weekly cycle will then be repeated.

Adjournment and next meeting

Standing order 48A be amended to read—

48A. At 10.30 p.m. on each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. on each Wednesday and at 4 p.m. on each Friday the Speaker shall propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate; if

the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress and upon such report being made the Speaker shall forthwith propose the question—That the House do now adjourn—which question shall be open to debate. No amendment may be moved to this question:

Provided that—

- (a) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced;
- (b) if, on the question—That the House do now adjourn—being proposed, a Minister requires the question to be put forthwith without debate, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question;
- (c) a motion for the adjournment of the House may be moved by a Minister at an earlier hour;
- (d) any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of the adjournment shall be set down on the Notice Paper for the next sitting; and
- (e) if the question—That the House do now adjourn—is negatived, the House or committee shall resume the proceedings at the point at which they had been interrupted:

Provided further that, if at 11 p.m. on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. on a Wednesday or at 4.30 p.m. on a Friday the question before the House is—That the House do now adjourn—the Speaker shall interrupt the debate, at which time—

- (f) a Minister may require that the debate be extended until 11.10 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 4.40 p.m., as the case may be, to enable Ministers to speak in reply to matters raised in the preceding adjournment debate; at 11.10 p.m., 8.10 p.m. or 4.40 p.m., as the case may be, or upon the earlier cessation of the debate, the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting, or
- (g) if no action is taken by a Minister under paragraph (f), the Speaker shall forthwith adjourn the House until the time of its next meeting.

Routine of business

Standing order 101 be amended to read—

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1. Questions without notice. 2. Giving notices (*for a maximum period of 10 minutes*). 3. Presentation of papers. 4. Ministerial statements, by leave. 5. Presentation of petitions. 6. Matter of public importance. 7. Notices and orders of the day. 8. Statements by Members (*at 8 p.m.*). 9. Notices and orders of the day.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

1. Giving notices (*for a maximum period of 10 minutes*). 2. Statements by Members. 3. Notices and orders of the day. 4. Grievance debate or general business (*at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday only*). 5. Questions without notice (*at 2 p.m.*). 6. Presentation of papers. 7. Ministerial statements, by leave. 8. Presentation of petitions. 9. Matter of public importance. 10. Notices and orders of the day.

Question time

New standing order 101A be inserted—

101A. At approximately 12.45 p.m. on each Wednesday and Friday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that questions without notice can be called on at 2 p.m.:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Statements by Members

New standing order 101B be inserted—

101B. (1) At the times indicated in standing order 101, a Member, other than a Minister or an Assistant Minister, may be called by the Chair to make a statement for a period not exceeding 90 seconds. The period allowed for these statements shall not exceed 12 minutes.

(2) At approximately 6.30 p.m. on each Monday and Tuesday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that statements by Members can be called on at 8 p.m.:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Precedence for government and general business

Standing order 104 be amended to read—

104. Unless otherwise ordered, government business shall, on each day of sitting, have precedence of all other business, except that on the sitting Thursday alternate to the sitting Thursday to which standing order 106 applies, general business shall have precedence of government business commencing at approximately 12.45 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House and forthwith call on questions without notice:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

Grievance debate

Standing order 106 be amended to read—

106. Notwithstanding standing order 105, the first order of the day, government business, on each alternate sitting Thursday commencing with the first sitting Thursday after the Address in Reply to the Governor-General's Speech has been adopted shall be a question to be proposed by the Speaker "That grievances be noted" to which question any Member may address the House or move any amendment.

The order of the day shall stand postponed until 12.45 p.m. and, if consideration of the question has not been concluded at 2 p.m., the debate thereon shall be interrupted and the Speaker shall put any questions then before the House, and, after resolution of those questions, shall forthwith call on questions without notice.

General business and grievance debate

New standing order 106A be inserted—

106A. At approximately 12.45 p.m. on each Thursday the Speaker shall interrupt the business before the House in order that general business or grievance debate, as the case may be, can be called on:

Provided that—

- (a) if the House is in committee at the time stated, the Chairman shall report progress;
- (b) if a division is in progress at the time fixed for interruption, the division shall be completed and the result announced, and
- (c) the Speaker shall fix the time for the resumption of the debate on any business under discussion and not disposed of at the time of interruption.

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Standing order 109 be amended by omitting “for 2 hours after the meeting of the House” and substituting “until 1.45 p.m.”.

Matter of public importance

Standing order 107 be amended by omitting “at least one hour before the time fixed for the meeting of the House” and substituting “not later than 12 noon on each sitting day”.

Divisions and quorums

In all standing orders, except standing order 200A, relating to the taking of a division or the counting of the House or committee for quorum purposes, any reference to 2 minutes be omitted and 3 minutes substituted.”.

Debate continued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

Closure: Mr Young 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)—

AYES, 75

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Mountford
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Price
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Punch
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Saunderson
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mrs Darling	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	Mr Young
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Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Rocher
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Ruddock
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Shack
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Sharp
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Shipton
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Sinclair
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Everingham	Mr McGauran	Mr Slipper
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Smith
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Spender
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mrs Sullivan
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mr Tuckey
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Dr Watson
Mr Carlton	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Mr Webster
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Reith	
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Robinson	

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—being accordingly put—

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

AYES, 75

Mr Baldwin	Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris
Mr Beddall	Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Mountford
Mr Bilney	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Keefe
Mr Blanchard	Ms Fatin	Mr Kent	Mr O'Neil
Dr Blewett	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Keogh	Mr Price
Mr Bowen	Mr Free	Mr Kerin	Mr Punch
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Saunderson
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr Campbell	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Charles	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mrs Child	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Cleeland	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Cohen	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cross	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—SALES TAX BILLS: Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in relation to the proceedings on any sales tax bills, so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent—

- (a) the presentation and the first readings of the bills together;
- (b) one motion being moved and one question being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage, and the third readings, of all the bills together, and
- (c) the consideration of all the bills as a whole together in a committee of the whole.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

15 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: Mrs Jakobsen presented the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, prepared by the committee appointed on 21 February 1985, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Mrs Jakobsen moved—That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Dubois seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

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

16 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION—30TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE—REPORT OF DELEGATION FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BRANCH—STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS: Mr Wilson, by leave, presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—30th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Isle of Man, September-October 1984—Report of Delegation from Commonwealth of Australia Branch.

Mr Wilson, Mr Blanchard and Mr Millar, by leave, made statements in connection with the report.

17 ADJOURNMENT: It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 February 1985:

Acts Interpretation Act—

Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic reports—

Anglo-Australian Telescope Board, report for year 1983-84.

Australian Atomic Energy Commission, report for year 1983-84.

Australian Capital Territory Building and Construction Industry Long Service Leave Board, report for year 1983-84.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, report for year 1983-84.

Statement relating to failure to furnish periodic report within specified period—Capital Territory Health Commission, report for year 1983-84.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for disclosure of list of names and addresses—1985—No. 1—Manufacturing establishments for Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 11.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 12.

Departure Tax Collection Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 8.

Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 13.

Pig Slaughter Levy Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 10.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 7.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1985—

No. 2—Motor Traffic (Amendment).

No. 3—Health Services.

Torres Strait Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985, No. 9.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Brumby, Mr Duncan and Mr Scholes.

D. M. BLAKE

Clerk of the House of Representatives