

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 8

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 1985

- 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 **NUGAN HAND GROUP—INTERIM REPORT NO. 2 OF ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—PUBLICATION OF PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:
 Nugan Hand group—Interim Report No. 2 of Royal Commission of Inquiry on Commonwealth terms of reference (b), (c) and (d), dated 12 December 1984.
- Mr Young, by leave, moved—
- (1) That this House, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Papers Act 1908*, authorises the publication of Interim Report No. 2, dated December 1984, of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the activities of the Nugan Hand group, and
- (2) That the report be printed.
- Question—put and passed.
- Mr Cohen (Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment) 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.
- 3 **SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1985:** 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 by Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the sugar industry and the communities dependent on the industry face a serious economic downturn due to the failure of the Government to honour its pre-election promises to assist the depressed sugar industry”.
- Debate continued.
- Ordered—That Mr Braithwaite be granted an extension of time.
- Debate continued.
- Paper:* Mrs Sullivan, by leave, presented the following paper:
 Sugar Agreement Bill 1985—Debate in Senate—Copy of letter, dated 11 March 1985, from Mr J. Desmarchelier, General Secretary, Proprietary Sugar Millers' Association Pty Ltd to Senator Macklin.
- Debate continued.
- Mr Conquest 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.
- 4 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

5 PAPERS: The following papers were presented:

Department of Communications—Report for year 1983-84.

Department of Home Affairs and Environment—Report for year 1983-84.

Economic Planning Advisory Council Act—Economic Planning Advisory Council—Report for year 1983-84.

Finance—Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements for October, November and December 1984 and January 1985.

Immigration (Education) Act—Child migrant education—Report for year 1983-84.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Empty gelatin capsules, dated 7 December 1984 (No. 355).

Rougher headed timber, dated 22 February 1985 (No. 358).

Vegetables and vegetable products—Interim report on frozen peas, dated 15 February 1985 (No. 357).

National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Council—Report for year 1983-84, including the report by the Minister pursuant to the Coal Research Assistance Act.

6 SPECIAL PROSECUTOR R. V. GYLES—FINAL REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER: Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Special Prosecutors Act—Special Prosecutor R. V. Gyles, QC—Final report, for period 1 July to 21 September 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.

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

Mr Beale, Mr E. C. Cameron, Mr Cunningham and Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

Mr E. C. Cameron and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens in similar terms.

Mr Baldwin—from certain citizens praying that all US military bases on Australian territory be removed.

Mr Blanchard—from certain citizens praying that the recommendations of the House of Representatives Expenditure Committee concerning Telecom's zonal charging policies be implemented.

Mr Blanchard—from certain residents of Western Australia praying that the customs regulation prohibiting the importation of obscene, indecent or blasphemous materials be restored.

Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.

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 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.

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 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.

Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain citizens praying that certain action be taken against the importation and distribution of pornographic and obscene materials, and entitlements of de facto spouses of Parliamentarians and homosexual partners of ABC employees.

Mr P. S. Fisher—from certain citizens praying that measures be taken to reduce the burden of imposed costs and regulation on Australian farmers.

Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that requests for export permits covering mineral sand products from Moreton Island, Qld, be refused.

Mr Milton—from certain citizens praying that the Government support the stand taken by the New Zealand Government on nuclear vessels and that the policy of developing zones of peace and nuclear free zones in the Indian and Pacific Oceans be implemented.

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

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

Mr Miles—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.

Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying for Commonwealth and State co-operation and financial commitment in making certain aircraft available for fighting bushfires in New South Wales.

Petitions received.

- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAX REFORM:** Mr Speaker informed the House that Mr Howard (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The damage already done to the cause of genuine tax reform by the factionalism within the Government".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Howard addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
19 March 1985—Message No. 13—Quarantine Amendment 1985.

- 10 **POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That order of the day No. 2 and notices Nos. 1 and 2, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

- 11 **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION) BILL 1985:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the making by Australia of a special contribution to the International Development Association.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 **EXTRADITION (COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Extradition (Commonwealth Countries) Act 1966*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 **EXTRADITION (FOREIGN STATES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 14 **AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy 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 MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK LEGISLATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make certain amendments and enact certain transitional provisions in consequence of the enactment of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 16 **LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 17 **LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 18 **SOIL CONSERVATION (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1985:** Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant financial assistance in connection with projects relating to soil conservation and to establish a National Soil Conservation Program Fund, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr Hunt—Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 19 **BOUNTY (INJECTION-MOULDING EQUIPMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Jones (Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment) Act 1979*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 20 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING FACILITY, HMAS STIRLING, GARDEN ISLAND, WA:** Mr West (Minister

for Housing and Construction), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Construction of a submarine escape training facility, HMAS Stirling, Garden Island, WA.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE: Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), by leave, moved—That Mr Adermann, Mr N. A. Brown, Mr D. M. Cameron, Mr Kent, Dr Klugman, Mr Lindsay and Mr Maher be members of the Committee of Members' Interests.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1985: 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia), viz.*—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the House is of the opinion that the sugar industry and the communities dependent on the industry face a serious economic downturn due to the failure of the Government to honour its pre-election promises to assist the depressed sugar industry"—

Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (the Deputy Speaker, Mrs Child, in the Chair)—

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Mr Baldwin	Mr Duncan	Mrs Kelly	Mr O'Neil
Mr Beazley	Mr R. F. Edwards	Mr Kent	Mr Price
Mr Beddall	Ms Fatin	Mr Keogh	Mr Punch
Mr Bilney	Mr Fitzgibbon	Mr Kerin	Mr Saunderson
Mr Blanchard	Mr Free	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr Bowen	Mr Gayler	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Brumby	Mr Grace	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Hayden	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cleeland	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cohen	Mr Hurford	Mr Mildren	Mr Wright
Mr Cross	Mr Jacobi	Mr Milton	Mr Young
Mr Cunningham*	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr A. A. Morris	
Mr Dubois	Mr Jones	Mr P. F. Morris	
Mr Duffy	Mr Keating	Mr Mountford	

NOES, 60

Mr Adermann	Mr Conquest	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Cowan	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew	Mr Dobie	Mr Jull	Mr Ruddock
Mr Beale	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	Mr Shack
Mr Blunt	Mr Drummond	Mr Lloyd	Mr Sharp
Mr Braithwaite	Dr H. R. Edwards	Mr McArthur	Mr Shipton
Mr N. A. Brown	Mr Everingham	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Burr	Mr Fife	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr E. C. Cameron*	Mr Halverson	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hawker	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Hicks*	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	Mr White

* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Kerin (Minister for Primary Industry), the Bill was read a third time.

- 23 **MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Bowen addressing the House—

Adjournment negatived: It being 7.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

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

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Bowen continued his speech.

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

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Mr N. A. Brown moved the following amendment: Clause 15, page 5, omit proposed sub-section (4), substitute the following sub-section:

“(4) Nothing in this Act shall prevent a person, not being a minister of religion, who is authorized under sub-section (2) to solemnize marriages, from contracting with the parties to an intended marriage for the payment, for the solemnization of that marriage by that person, of a fee that exceeds the fee prescribed by regulations made under section 120 that is applicable to the solemnization of that marriage by that person.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Rocher reported accordingly.

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

- 24 **ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and nominations of Members to be members of the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform:

Senators Sir John Carrick, Harradine, Macklin, R. F. Ray and Richardson had been appointed by the Senate.

Mrs Jakobsen, Mr Lamb, Mr Lee and Mr Scott had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr MacKellar had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Blunt had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

- 25 **VIDEO MATERIAL—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE:** Mr Speaker informed the House of the following appointments of Senators and nominations of Members to be members of the Joint Select Committee on Video Material:

Senators Elstob, Harradine, Walters and Zakharov had been appointed by the Senate.

Mr Charles, Mrs Jakobsen and Dr Klugman had been nominated by the Government Whip, Mr Jull had been nominated by the Opposition Whip and Mr Adermann had been nominated by the National Party Whip.

26 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The House continuing to sit until 8 p.m.—Mr Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 20 March 1985:
Defence Act—Determination—1985—No. 11—Reserve Allowance and
Recreation Leave Bonus.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Darling, Mr Dawkins, Mr Hollis, Mr McGauran and Mr Wilson.

D. M. BLAKE
Clerk of the House of Representatives