

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 20

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 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 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:  
 Australian National University Act—Council of the Australian National University—Report for 1983—Part 2—Financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report and a statement by Senator Ryan, Minister for Education.  
 Commonwealth Schools Commission—Recommendations for 1986—Report, dated 12 April 1985.  
 Industries Assistance Commission—Interim report—Apples and pears, dated 24 March 1985 (No. 362).  
 Non-government Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Report for 1984.  
 United Nations—Conference on Disarmament—1984 Session—Geneva, 7 February to 31 August 1984—Report of Australian Delegation, together with statement by Mr Hayden, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4 **SECURITY OF WHARVES AND CONTAINERS—REPORT BY COMMONWEALTH-NEW SOUTH WALES JOINT TASK FORCE—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Young (Special Minister of State) presented the following paper:  
 Security of wharves and containers—Report by the Joint Commonwealth and New South Wales Task Force, dated 23 October 1984.  
 Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) 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.
- 5 **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS—PAPER—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Dawkins (Minister representing the Minister for Education) presented the following paper:  
 States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act—Statement of financial assistance granted to each State in 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.
- 6 **PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:  
 Mr Free, Mr Langmore and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

- Mr Kent, Mr Scott and Mr Staples—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 Cross and Mr Humphreys—from certain citizens praying that the Government reconsider its legislation relating to increased visa charges for overseas students and that certain other action be taken in support of overseas students.
- Mr Braithwaite—from certain residents of Queensland praying that no action be taken to change the national flag.
- Mr Cadman—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.
- Mr Cadman—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 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 T. A. Fischer—from certain residents of the Division of Farrer 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 Free—from certain citizens praying that the export of koalas be discontinued, their habitats be revegetated and funding be made available for research into koala diseases.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.
- Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.
- Mr Fife and Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the Omega base in Victoria be closed.
- Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the establishment of an Australian aerospace agency be supported.
- Mr Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the existing national flag remain sacrosanct.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in similar terms to the last preceding petition.
- Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying for the formation of one or more working parties committed to the development of an equitable and efficient taxation system.
- Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.
- Mr Staples—from certain citizens praying that there be no increase in State aid to private schools and that the primary obligation to government schools be reaffirmed.

Petitions received.

- 7 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 7 May 1985, unless Mr Speaker fixes an alternative day or hour of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT:** Mr 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 Hawke Government's attempt to cover up the consequences of its irresponsible economic management".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr Peacock addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

- 9 **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE:** Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:

22 April 1985—Message—

No. 29—Soil Conservation (Financial Assistance) 1985.

No. 30—Bounty (Injection-moulding Equipment) Amendment 1985.

- 10 **NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION BILL 1985:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 11 **STEVEDORING INDUSTRY LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Willis (Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stevedoring Industry Levy Act 1977*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 12 **NATIONAL CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the restructuring of the National Capital Development Commission, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

- 13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—LABORATORY DEVELOPMENT, CSIRO FLOREAT PARK LABORATORIES, PERTH:** 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: Laboratory development at CSIRO Floreat Park Laboratories, Perth.

Mr West presented plans in connection with the proposed work.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 **FIRST HOME OWNERS AMENDMENT 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 Hodgman who moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "whilst accepting

the need for overall budgetary cuts in Government spending, including in the First Home Owners Scheme, the House condemns the Government for—

- (1) introducing this Bill which amounts to a shameful dishonouring of an election pledge to maintain the First Home Owners Scheme, and
- (2) its arbitrary action in determining that the heaviest cuts would fall on the poorest and most needy members of the community”.

Debate continued.

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

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

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

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

\* 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.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 18, dated 18 April 1985, 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*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mrs Child reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), the House adopted the report.

Mr West, by leave, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 15 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 2 to 7, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
- 16 **REPRESENTATION AMENDMENT 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.  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.  
*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 19, dated 18 April 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.  
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.  
On the motion of Mr Beazley (Minister for Defence), the Bill was read a third time.
- 17 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Porter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 18 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (ROYALTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Royalty) Act 1967*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Porter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 19 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (REGISTRATION FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967*, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Porter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 20 **PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (RETENTION LEASE FEES) BILL 1985:** Mr Beazley (Minister representing the Minister for Resources and Energy) presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of fees in respect of retention leases under the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Beazley moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Porter), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 21 **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, the *Excise Act 1901* and certain other Acts, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Connolly), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

22 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise.

Bill read a first time.

Mr P. F. Morris moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

23 **APPOINTMENTS TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY—**  
**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of appointments to the Parliament House Construction Authority.

*Adjournment negatived:* It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) requiring the question to be put forthwith without debate—

Question—put and negatived.

Mr Ruddock, by leave, also made a statement in connection with the matter.

24 **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT:** Mr Brumby (Chairman) presented the 2nd Report from the Publications Committee (sitting in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate). The report is as follows:

#### 2ND REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the Senate.

The joint committee, having considered petitions and papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the committee, and papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Archives Act—Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Annual Report (1st) for period 6 to 30 June 1984.

Australian Bicentennial Authority Act—Australian Bicentennial Authority—Annual Report (4th) 1983-84.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority—Annual Report (21st) 1983-84.

Australian Heritage Commission Act—Australian Heritage Commission—Annual Report (8th) 1983-84.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Annual Report 1983-84.

Chicken Meat Research Act—Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee—Annual Report (15th) 1983-84.

Commonwealth Electoral Act—Redistribution of Electoral Divisions, 1984—

Determinations by the augmented Electoral Commissions (Volume I) for the States of—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Maps of the proposed and final Electoral Divisions and microfiche of suggestions, comments and objections relating to the redistribution (Volume II) of the States of—

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Victoria.

## Western Australia.

Determinations by the augmented Electoral Commissions, together with maps of proposed and final Electoral Divisions and microfiche of suggestions, comments and objections relating to the redistribution of—

Australian Capital Territory.  
Tasmania.

Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on tax sharing relativities 1985, dated 30 March 1985—  
Volume 1—Main report.

Volume 2—Appendixes and consultants' reports.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Annual Report (9th) 1983-84.

Family Law Council—Administration of Family Law in Australia—Report to the Attorney-General, dated 28 February 1985.

Fishing Industry Act—Annual Report (28th) 1983-84.

Foreign Investment Review Board—Annual Report 1983-84.

Housing Industry—Indicative Planning Council for the Housing Industry—Short-term Prospects Report, dated 19 March 1985.

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—  
Report No. 9—Queensland *Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984*, dated 9 January 1985.

Report No. 10—The Human Rights of Australian-born Children: A Report on the Complaint of Mr and Mrs R. C. Au Yeung, dated 18 January 1985.

Report No. 11—Human Rights of the Terminally Ill: The Right of Terminally Ill Patients to have Access to Heroin for Painkilling Purposes, dated 4 March 1985.

Report No. 12—Queensland *Electricity (Continuity of Supply) Act 1985*, dated 29 March 1985.

Industries Assistance Commission—Chemicals and Plastics Industries—Interim Report on End-Use Under Security By-Laws, dated 15 March 1985 (No. 361).

Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—Report of an investigation of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme, dated 29 March 1985—  
Volume 1.

Volume 2—Shipment of wheat to Tasmania.

Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Annual Report (10th) 1983-84.

National Aboriginal Conference—The Role of the Conference—Report by H. C. Coombs, dated 1 May 1984.

National Gallery Act—Australian National Gallery—Annual Report 1983-84.

Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction Authority—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84.

Pig Industry Research Act—Australian Pig Industry Research Committee—Annual Report 1983-84.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Annual Report (35th) 1983-84.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee Act—Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Annual Report 1983-84.

Sugar Agreement Act—Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee—Annual Report 1983-84.

Wheat Research Act—Annual Report 1983-84 by the Minister for Primary Industry.

The joint committee also recommends the printing of a corrigendum to be inserted in the following parliamentary paper:

Drug trafficking—Royal Commission of Inquiry—Report, dated 25 February 1983 (Parliamentary Paper No. 41 of 1983).

J. M. BRUMBY

Chairman

23 April 1985

Mr Brumby, by leave, moved—That the report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

25 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 10.58 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, 7 May 1985, at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 April 1985:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposal for disclosure of information—1985—No. 3—Provision of classification codes to the Queensland Industry and Commerce Training Commission.

Defence Act—Determinations—1985—

No. 21—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.

No. 22—Travelling Allowance and other allowances.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Carlton, Mr Hodges, Mr Holding, Mr Hurford, Mr Jones, Mr Keating, Mr Macphee and Mr Shack.

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**D. M. BLAKE**

Clerk of the House of Representatives