

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 28

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 1985

1 The House met, at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mrs Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION 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.

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

## AYES, 70

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 Bowen	Mr Gayler	Dr Klugman	Mr Scholes
Mr J. J. Brown	Mr Gear	Mr Lamb	Mr Scott
Mr R. J. Brown	Mr Gorman	Mr Langmore	Mr Simmons
Mr Brumby	Mr Grace	Mr Lee	Mr Snow
Mr Campbell	Mr Griffiths	Mr Lindsay	Mr Staples
Mr Charles	Mr Hand	Ms McHugh	Dr Theophanous
Dr Charlesworth	Mr Holding	Mr McLeay	Mr Tickner
Mr Chynoweth	Mr Hollis	Mr Maher	Mr Uren
Mr Cleeland	Mr Howe	Mr Martin	Mr West
Mr Cohen	Mr Humphreys*	Mrs Mayer	Mr Willis
Mr Cross	Mr Hurford	Mr A. A. Morris	Mr Wright
Mr Cunningham*	Mr Jacobi	Mr P. F. Morris	Mr Young
Mr Dubois	Mrs Jakobsen	Mr Mountford	
Mr Duffy	Mr Jones	Mr O'Keefe	

## NOES, 59

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—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, and agreed to, after debate.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr West (Minister for Housing and Construction), the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

**3 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) LEGISLATION 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.

Mr Gear addressing the House—

It being 12.45 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with sessional order 106A, and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.

**4 GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** Pursuant to the provisions of standing order 106, as amended by sessional order, the order of the day having being read—

Question proposed—That grievances be noted.

Debate ensued.

It being 2 p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with standing order 106, as amended by sessional order.

Question—That grievances be noted—put and passed.

**5 QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

**6 PAPER:** The following paper was presented:

Political exchange program—Australian Political Exchange Committee—Report for year 1983-84.

**7 CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Holding (Minister or Aboriginal Affairs) presented the following paper:

Central Land Council—4th Annual 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 PETITIONS:** The Clerk announced that the following Members had each lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Mr Beale, Mr Cunningham, Mr Griffiths, Mr Halverson, Mr Hawker, Mrs Mayer and Mr Reith—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.

Mr Baldwin, Mr Gorman, Mr Hall, Mr Saunderson and Mr Simmons—from certain citizens praying that sales tax be replaced by a broad based consumption tax with a uniform ad valorem rate.

Mr Baldwin and Mr Chynoweth—from certain citizens praying that efforts for nuclear disarmament be intensified, US military bases on Australian soil be removed and the Pacific and Indian Oceans be kept nuclear free.

Mr Cadman and Mr Drummond—from certain citizens praying that the Social Security and Repatriation Assets Test Abolition Bill be passed.

Mr Fife and Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying that the rights of private enterprise be protected and any inequitable additional taxes be rejected.

Mr P. S. Fisher and Mr T. A. Fischer—from certain citizens praying that sales tax be removed from all Australian produced wines and that certain other action be taken in support of grape producers.

Mr Cadman—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the words of the National Anthem be altered to recognise God.

Mr Goodluck—from certain citizens praying that the price of petrol be reduced by 3 cents per litre.

Mr Hawker—from certain citizens praying that the assets test on pensions be repealed.

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

Mr Hicks—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.

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

Mr Kent—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 Lloyd—from certain citizens praying that an impact study be undertaken with the dairy industry before any introduction of the proposed dairy industry plan.

Mr MacKellar—from certain citizens praying that a national park be set aside for wild horses and action be taken to ensure that killing of feral animals be undertaken in a humane manner.

Mr Macphee—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 Rocher—from certain citizens praying that the Australia Post agency at Joondanna, WA, continue to operate.

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 Slipper—from certain citizens praying that First Home Owners' Scheme payments be restored to their former level.

Mr Slipper—from certain citizens praying that family allowance payments be restored to their former level.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the Government reconsider the assets test.

Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that wild horses be protected from industry and indiscriminate slaughter.

Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that the decision to assist the testing of MX Peacemaker missiles be reversed and Australia's commitment to a nuclear free zone in the South Pacific be maintained.

Mr Tuckey—from certain citizens praying for the formation of one or more working parties committed to the development of an equitable and efficient taxation system.

Petitions received.

**9 MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—ASSENT TO BILL:** A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced informing the House that His Excellency, in the name of Her Majesty, had assented to the following Bill:  
15 May 1985—Message No. 33—Supported Accommodation Assistance 1985.

**10 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH:** The Acting Speaker informed the House that Mr MacKellar had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The

threat to Australian scientific research as a result of the Government's mismanagement".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—

Mr MacKellar addressed the House.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**11 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985:** Message No. 42, dated 14 May 1985, from the Senate was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the House a Bill for "*An Act to enact certain transitional provisions and make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the 'Customs Administration Act 1985'*".

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**12 DAYS AND HOURS OF MEETING:** Mr Young (Leader of the House), pursuant to notice, moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of business on the following days and at the times specified:

Monday, 20 May, at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, 21 May, at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 22 May, at 10 a.m.

Thursday, 23 May, at 10 a.m.

Question—put and passed.

**13 AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION 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.

Ordered—That Mr J. J. Brown (Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism) be granted an extension of time.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 69

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

## NOES, 58

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—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.

On the motion of Mr J. J. Brown, by leave, the following amendments were made together:

- Clause 3, page 2, lines 4-8, omit proposed definitions of “securities” and “share”.
- Clause 11, page 4, line 29, after “committee” insert “established under sub-section 19 (1)”.
- Clause 34, page 12, lines 29 and 30, omit “, or, if a higher amount is prescribed, that higher amount”.
- Clause 40, page 14, line 28, omit paragraph (b), substitute the following paragraph:  
“(b) the Minister’s powers under paragraph 7 (1) (d), sub-section 9 (1), section 18 and paragraph 34 (a).”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

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

14 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) LEGISLATION 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. 34, dated 10 May 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

15 STATES GRANTS (TERtiARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) 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—

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 35, dated 10 May 1985, from His Excellency the Governor-General was announced recommending an appropriation of revenue and moneys for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Jones (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

**16 STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE—PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY) 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—  
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 36, dated 10 May 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 Jones (Minister for Science), the Bill was read a third time.

**17 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY:** Ordered—That orders of the day Nos. 7 and 8, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**18 BUDGET 1985-86—INITIAL EXPENDITURE SAVINGS MEASURES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:**

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Young (Leader of the House)—That the House take note of the paper (*presented on 14 May 1985*), viz.:

Budget 1985-86—Initial expenditure savings measures—Ministerial statement, 14 May 1985—

*Suspension of standing orders—Extended time for speech:* Mr Young, by leave, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Peacock (Leader of the Opposition) speaking for a period not exceeding 50 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

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

**19 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE:** A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:

16 May 1985—Message No. 49—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission 1985.

**20 POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS:** Ordered—That notice No. 2 and orders of the day Nos. 10 to 24, government business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

**21 MINISTERS OF STATE 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. 37, dated 10 May 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.

Mr Jones (Minister for Science) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

**22 AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

*Papers:* Mr Everingham, by leave, presented the following papers:

Defend the North—The case for the Alice Springs-Darwin Railway—Monograph by Desmond Ball, J. O. Langtry and J. D. Stevenson.

Extension of standard gauge rail service from Alice Springs to Darwin—Review of economic viability—Preliminary report by Canadian Pacific Consulting Service Ltd, Montreal, Canada, dated October 1984.

Transport services to the Northern Territory—Independent Economic Inquiry by Mr D. Hill, Chief Executive, State Rail Authority of New South Wales—

Report, dated 6 February 1984.

Evaluation of report by Northern Territory Government, dated February 1984.

Submission by Northern Territory Government, dated 11 November 1983—

Volume 1.

Volume 2—Freight forecasts, 1992.

Volume 3—Appendices.

Debate continued.

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

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 38, dated 10 May 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.

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*In the committee*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of Mr Lloyd, the following amendment was made, after debate: Clause 34, omit the clause, substitute the following clause:

**Moneys repaid to Commonwealth**

“34 (1) Any moneys repaid to the Commonwealth by a State, approved railway authority or approved organization under this Act shall be paid into the Fund.

“(2) Any moneys paid to the Commonwealth pursuant to paragraph 32 (1) (m) shall be deemed to be moneys repaid to the Commonwealth for the purposes of sub-section (1).”.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The House resumed; Mr Mountford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), by leave, the House adopted the report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

23 **AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION (ADDITIONAL CAPITAL) 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.

The House continuing to sit until after 12 midnight—

FRIDAY, 17 MAY 1985

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 71

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

## NOES, 56

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

## \* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

*Message from the Governor-General:* Message No. 39, dated 10 May 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 P. F. Morris (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time.

**24 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) 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 Shipton who moved, as an amendment—That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: “the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that—

- (1) ownership of the Uluru National Park is vested in the Northern Territory, subject to an adequate and appropriate area of freehold land being available for living areas for the Aboriginal community, and
- (2) the Agreement to be entered into between the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and the Land Council shall not come into effect until approved by the Parliament”.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr I. M. D. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**25 REPATRIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Mr Scholes (Acting Minister for Veterans' Affairs), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to repatriation and related matters.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Scholes 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.

**26 ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 2.22 a.m., adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 May 1985:

Defence Act—Determination—1985—No. 29—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and other allowances.

National Health Act—Principles formulated under sub-section 40AA (7)—Amendments, dated 13 May 1985.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Dr Blewett, Mrs Darling, Mr Dawkins, Mr Hayden, Mr Hodges, Dr Jenkins and Mr Mildren.

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