

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 1986

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

2 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** The House was informed that Mr Wright had notified his resignation from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

3 **MEMBERS' INTERESTS COMMITTEE—REPORT RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS—AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION:** The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the report of the Committee of Members' Interests relating to the registration requirements—

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That—

- (1) this House re-affirms the requirement for the registration and declaration of the interests of Members, their spouses and dependent children adopted by the House of Representatives on 9 October 1984 a.m.;
- (2) the following amendments be made to resolution (2) of the House of Representatives of 9 October 1984 a.m.:
  - (a) sub-paragraph (b) (ii) after "trustee" insert "(but not including a trustee of an estate where no beneficial interest is held by the Member, the Member's spouse or dependent children)";
  - (b) omit paragraph (d), substitute the following paragraph:  
"(d) registered directorships of companies;"
  - (c) omit paragraph (e), substitute the following paragraph:  
"(e) partnerships indicating the nature of the interests and the activities of the partnership;"
  - (d) paragraph (f) omit "(excluding short-term credit arrangements)";
  - (e) paragraph (i) omit "including collections, but";
  - (f) at the end of paragraph (k) add "provided that a gift received by a Member, the Member's spouse or dependent children from family members or personal friends in a purely personal capacity need not be registered unless the Member judges that an appearance of conflict of interest may be seen to exist";
  - (g) omit paragraph (m), substitute the following paragraph:  
"(m) membership of any organisation, and";
  - (h) at the end of the resolution add the following paragraph:  
"(n) any other interests where a conflict of interest with a Member's public duties could foreseeably arise or be seen to arise.";
- (3) the Committee of Members' Interests be required to determine a form for registration of interests by 10 April 1986;
- (4) each current Member of the House of Representatives be required to provide to the Registrar of Members' Interests by 30 June 1986 a statement

of the registrable interests of the Member, the Member's spouse and any children who are wholly or mainly dependent on the Member for support, as provided by the resolutions of 9 October 1984 a.m. as amended by this resolution", and

- (5) any Member of the House of Representatives who
- knowingly fails to provide a statement of registrable interests to the Registrar of Members' Interests by the due date;
  - knowingly fails to notify any alteration of those interests to the Registrar of Members' Interests within 28 days of the change occurring, or
  - knowingly provides false or misleading information to the Registrar of Members' Interests—
- shall be guilty of a serious contempt of the House of Representatives and shall be dealt with by the House accordingly.

Mr Spender moved, as an amendment—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to substituting the following words: "the preamble to the resolutions adopted by the House on 9 October 1984 a.m., relating to the declaration and registration of Members' interests be amended, by adding the following proviso: 'Provided that these requirements will not come into effect unless and until the Senate has adopted resolutions requiring Senators to meet similar requirements:'".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

AYES, 70

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

NOES, 60

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

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

#### 4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—GRIEVANCE DEBATE:

Mr Young (Leader of the House), by leave, moved—That so much of the

standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent order of the day No. 1, government business (Grievance debate), being called on and proceeding forthwith.

Question—put and passed.

5 **GRIEVANCE DEBATE:** The order of the day having been 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.

6 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice being asked—

*Member named and suspended:* Madam Speaker named the honourable Member for Bruce (Mr Aldred) for again interjecting after having been warned by the Chair.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the honourable Member for Bruce be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 75

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

NOES, 64

Mr Adermann	Mr Cowan	Mr Howard	Mr Robinson
Mr Aldred	Mr Dobie	Mr Hunt	Mr Rocher
Mr Andrew*	Mr Downer	Mr Katter	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 Fife	Mr MacKellar	Mr Sinclair
Mr Cadman	Mr T. A. Fischer	Mr McVeigh	Mr Slipper
Mr D. M. Cameron	Mr P. S. Fisher	Mr Macphee	Mr Smith
Mr E. C. Cameron	Mr Goodluck	Mr Miles	Mr Spender
Mr I. M. D. Cameron	Mr Hall	Mr Millar	Mrs Sullivan
Mr Carlton	Mr Halverson	Mr Moore	Mr Tuckey
Mr Cobb	Mr Hawker	Mr Nehl	Dr Watson
Mr Coleman	Mr Hicks*	Mr Peacock	Mr Webster
Mr Connolly	Mr Hodges	Mr Porter	Mr White
Mr Conquest	Mr Hodgman	Mr Reith	Mr Wilson

\* Tellers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 2.50 p.m. for 24 hours under standing order 305, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Questions without notice concluded.

7 **PAPERS:** The following papers were presented:

Australian Institute of Sport—Report for 1984-85.

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Report for 1984-85.

Criminology Research Act—Criminology Research Council—13th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act—Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 1984-85.

Department of Foreign Affairs—Report, including the activities of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau, for 1984-85.

Family Law Act—Family Law Council—Report for 1984-85.

National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—28th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

**8 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Australian Capital Territory Corporate Affairs Commission—5th Report, for 1984-85.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**9 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Criminology Research Act—Australian Institute of Criminology—Board of Management—13th Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**10 PASSPORTS ACT 1938—REPORT BY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Report No. 17—*Passports Act 1938*, dated 13 November 1985.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**11 COMMONWEALTH LEGAL AID COUNCIL—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Commonwealth Legal Aid Act—Commonwealth Legal Aid Council—Report for 1984-85.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**12 TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AUSTRALIA—REPORT BY AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Bowen (Attorney-General) presented the following paper:

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Report on telecommunications research and development in Australia, dated 27 November 1985.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

**13 PARLIAMENT HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY—REPORT—MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF PAPER:** Mr Scholes (Minister for Territories) presented the following paper:

Parliament House Construction Authority Act—Parliament House Construction Authority—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1984-85.

Mr Young (Leader of the House) moved—That the House take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mr N. A. Brown—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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

Mr Blunt and Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Divisions of Richmond and Fisher, respectively, praying that means be sought for the protection of the people's interests to prevent Ayers Rock being handed over to an Aboriginal Land Council.

Mr R. J. Brown and Mr Tickner—from certain citizens praying that new initiatives be taken to encourage all member states of the United Nations to conclude a treaty banning all nuclear weapons tests and that certain other action be taken in relation to nuclear weapons tests.

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

Mr Milton and Mr Shipton—from certain citizens praying that the national flag not be changed except by a referendum.

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

Mr Blunt—from certain citizens praying that the 1985 tax proposals outlined in the Government's White Paper be rejected.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Blunt—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 Blunt—from certain residents of the Division of Richmond praying that the superannuation claim of the trade union movement be rejected and superannuation be allowed to develop without trade union domination.

Mr Conquest—from certain citizens praying that the importation and sale of hard core pornography and grossly obscene publications be prevented and that certain other action be taken in relation to censorship.

Mr Dobie—from certain citizens praying that the regulation requiring a licence fee to operate a marine band radio be rescinded.

Mr Downer—from certain citizens praying that the Kerin dairy plan be rejected.

Mr Duncan—from certain citizens praying that the tax threshold be raised to \$7500.

Mr Halverson—from certain citizens praying that prescribed drugs remain free to the aged.

Mr Hand—from certain ABC listeners and viewers praying that \$20 million be restored to the ABC's budget for 1985-86 and that certain other steps be taken to ensure that ABC services are maintained.

Mr Hurford—from certain residents of South Australia praying that the Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be rejected.

Mr Kent—from certain citizens praying that the decision to close the Enterprise Migrant Hostel, Vic., be reversed.

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 Keogh—from certain citizens praying that the findings of the Senate Select Committee on Animal Welfare on the export of live sheep from Australia be accepted.

Mr Keogh—from certain citizens praying that the tropical rainforests of north Queensland be nominated for inclusion in the world heritage list and certain other action be taken to conserve rainforests.

Ms McHugh—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 Milton—from certain citizens praying that any proposal to legislate for the establishment of plant variety rights in Australia be rejected.

Mr Peacock—from certain citizens praying that the imperial system of weights and measures be restored.

Mr Peacock—from certain members of the Swinburne Student Union praying that the charges imposed on and quota system for overseas students be abolished.

Mr Porter—from certain citizens praying that biological control of Paterson's Curse be implemented.

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

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher in the same terms as the last preceding petition.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that debate on the Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 be deferred for 12 months and that the Bill be circulated for 12 months for the widest possible debate, scrutiny and discussion.

Mr Ruddock—from certain citizens praying that there be no taxation on illness and no special taxation on those who seek to insure themselves against the cost of private health care.

Mr Shack—from certain citizens praying that the Flags Amendment Bill receive a speedy passage.

Mr Sharp—from certain citizens praying that the Illawarra region's only locally-based television station not be removed from VHF to UHF transmission.

Mr Sinclair—from certain residents of the City of Tamworth, NSW, and surrounding region praying that part of the Peel Barracks be released to establish a community centre.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the capital gains tax proposal be abandoned.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of Queensland praying that the right to work be acknowledged and protected and that certain other action be taken to protect workers.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the assets test be reconsidered.

Mr Slipper—from certain residents of the Division of Fisher praying that the total ban on entertainment expenses be abandoned and tax deductibility be allowed for legitimate and necessary expenses.

Petitions received.

- 15 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FINANCIAL CRISIS FACING FARMERS:** The House was informed that Mr Hunt (Deputy Leader of the National Party of Australia) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The Government's discrimination against rural Australians and its failure to adopt policies to reduce the crippling impact of the financial crisis facing farmers".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—  
Mr Hunt addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Discussion concluded.

- 16 **FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—STATEMENT NOTED:** Mr Hayden (Minister for Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice, moved—That the House take note of the statement relating to foreign policy made in the House by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 26 November 1985.  
Debate ensued.
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*Absence of quorum:* Mr Andrew called the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that a quorum of Members was not present.  
The bells having been rung, and a quorum not having been obtained within the prescribed time, the Deputy Speaker at 6.18 p.m., in accordance with standing order 45, announced that he would take the Chair again at 8 p.m.  
At 8 p.m., the Speaker resumed the Chair, and a quorum of Members was present.

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Debate continued.  
Question—put and passed.

- 17 **ADJOURNMENT:** It being 10.15 p.m.—The question was proposed—That the House do now adjourn.
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*Statement by Madam Speaker:* Madam Speaker informed the House of the forthcoming retirement of Mr Kevin Chapman, and, after referring to his contribution to Parliamentary broadcasting over many years, extended to him and his wife best wishes for the future.  
Mr Young (Leader of the House), Mr Howard (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Sinclair (Leader of the National Party of Australia) and Mr Macphee associated themselves with the remarks of Madam Speaker.

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Debate ensued.  
The House continuing to sit until 11 p.m.—Madam Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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**PAPERS:** The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 February 1986:

- Acts Interpretation Act—  
Order under sub-section 19BA (3), dated 12 December 1985.
  - Statements relating to extension of specified period for presentation of periodic report—Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 1984-85.
  - Export Control Act—Export Control (Orders) Regulations—Orders—1985—  
No. 12—Prescribed Goods (General) (Amendment).
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Burr, Mr Dawkins, Mr R. F. Edwards, Mr Griffiths, Mr Jull, Mr Maher and Mr P. F. Morris.

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**A. R. BROWNING**  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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